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"Well, this is one way to see the world," says Kristie Whitford, a student in Lisa Young's class at Amisk Community school in Beaver Lake. For more class pictures, please see page 31.

Lesser Slave Lake regional council signs \$108 M pact

By Amy Santoro
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council is celebrating after inking a \$108 million agreement last week with Ottawa.

The multi-year transfer agreement, which covers a five-year period — 1990 to 1995 — is the largest such agreement negotiated to date in Canada.

Council Grand Chief Robert Horseman in an interview said the agreement is a big step toward self-government.

"We've shown them Indians can run their own policies. We can do whatever we put our minds to. There's nothing holding us back," said Horseman.

Unlike other payments the council has received, the agreement gives decision-making responsibility entirely to the regional council, said Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon, who signed it at Driftpile Oct. 19.

Horseman said he's pleased with the final outcome of the deal which took six years to complete. "I feel great. We finally got what we wanted which is more flexibility. We won't be treated like little kids anymore by having to ask Indian affairs for permission to do something."

The council will continue to provide programs and services like education, housing, roads and social assistance, but the agreement allows the nine-band council to transfer the money between programs as well as reshape them without first consulting Indian affairs.

Siddon said the council has proven its ability to deliver department programs and services effectively since 1979, when the nine bands formed the council to manage the regional office of Indian affairs at High Prairie.

The agreement provides the regional council with as much authority as possible under existing legislation.

"This agreement allows the regional council to be held accountable to its member band councils and their memberships for the financing of their community programs," said Siddon.

"The agreement is an example of an ongoing commitment in the day-to-day affairs of Native communities. Responsibility for decision-making will rest entirely with the regional council," he said.

The nine Indian bands include Driftpile, Duncan's, Grouard, Horse Lake, Sawridge, Sturgeon Lake, Sucker Creek, Swan River and Whitefish Lake.

Mismanagement alleged at Sturgeon Lake

By Amy Santoro
Windspeaker Staff Writer

STURGEON LAKE, ALTA.

Sturgeon Lake Chief Ron Sunshine says six women band members demanding an investigation of the band's financial affairs are on a "witch-hunt."

The women arrived in Edmonton Oct. 14 on a 350-km protest march from the reserve to protest what they called the council's mismanagement of band funds, said the group's spokesperson, Cecilia Soto. They began their walk Sept. 22.

Soto said mismanagement of funds by the council left it with a \$1.5 million deficit. At an Oct. 18 news conference Soto pointed to a real estate venture in which the band sold a piece of property to a Valleyview man for \$30,000. The band, said Soto holding the certificate of title, bought the land for \$64,000.

"We didn't even know it had

Protesters 'on a witch-hunt,' says chief

been sold. At all the band meetings it appeared as an asset on the financial statements."

But Sunshine said there is no basis for the group's allegations.

"All band business has been conducted in accordance with the Indian Act," he said. "Our audits show nothing wrong and Indian affairs has never accused us of wrongdoing, so the women don't have substantial evidence."

"We run on an agenda and we get elected on that agenda. These people just want to challenge the current leadership so they can take power. It's a witch-hunt."

He denied the band is in a deficit position, because "there is additional money coming in."

Sunshine confirmed the piece of land had been sold, but added that it was "a 15-year conditional sale in which the band had first

right to buy it back."

He refused to comment, however on why the land still appears in the financial books as an asset.

"The land they're talking about is old news, it was sold five years ago. Besides it wasn't reserve land."

Indian affairs will investigate the group's accusations and coordinate a meeting between the protesters and the band council. Ken Kirby, director of Indian services for the Alberta region, said the review should take three weeks to complete.

"An audit of band finances has just been received and we're analyzing it. They (the protesters) have strong views. Hopefully after we finish our



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Chief Ronald Sunshine

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Rocky Mountain Crees evicted, fight continues

By Amy Santoro
Windspeaker Staff Writer

JASPER NATIONAL PARK

The Rocky Mountain Cree say they'll continue to press their claim to compensation, although they've been evicted from Jasper National Park.

They had camped just inside the east gate of the park until Oct. 13 when park wardens evicted them and charged three men with illegal camping. The group had been camping inside Jasper for over a month passing out leaflets explaining their claim. They said they were not fairly compensated for giving up their residence and use of the park for hunting, fishing and trapping.

But Ian Rutherford, acting assistant deputy minister of the Canadian Parks Services, said the case is "closed. As far as we can determine there is no evidence for their claim. Our advisors were unable to uncover any evidence they were not properly compensated. There is no documentation so they have no legal basis at all."

The group's spokesman, Lester Howse, said the Cree will continue their fight and will meet

next week to discuss the possibility of taking the matter to the Supreme Court of Canada.

He said the legal system has been used against them and "we will go ahead with occupying the land. We will not be removed anymore."

The demand for a commission of inquiry into the land claim was rejected in a letter from Ottawa to Chief Charlie Desjarlais of the Rocky Mountain Cree.

Michael Audy, the park's assistant superintendent, said the park tolerated the encampment because there may have been some validity to the claim. "But since Ottawa decided on the basis of historical information the Crown had met its obligations, there was no further need for us to tolerate their illegal activity."

Compensation ranging from \$300 to \$2,000 was paid to six Native families who lived in the park before its creation in 1909, said Audy. Because they did not hold title to the land, the money was for improvements to the land.

Howse, however pointed to a letter his elders say gave them the right to settle anywhere on Crown land without being bothered. But Audy said the govern-



Rocky Mountain Cree Indians at their camp before they were evicted

Rudy Haugeneder

ment's legal advisors have been unable to locate that letter.

The three men charged were the only protesters present at the

site when wardens arrived with the response from Ottawa, said Audy. Howse, Chief Desjarlais and Kenny Desjarlais were or-

dered to appear in court Dec. 4 on charges of illegal camping. The maximum fine if convicted is \$2,000.

Sturgeon open to C-31s, claims chief

By Amy Santoro
Windspeaker Staff Writer

STURGEON LAKE, ALTA.

The chief of the Sturgeon Lake band says Indians who have

regained their status aren't being barred from joining the band.

Ronald Sunshine claimed he was misquoted in a recent newspaper story which said reinstated Indians weren't being permitted to join the Valleyview

area reserve.

"They're not barred from the band. We're working together to get the situation resolved quickly."

But Sunshine said the band will not apply for the \$30,000 to

\$40,000 per family in housing guaranteed by the federal government for reinstated Indians until he figures out exactly how many people he's dealing with and until more land is provided.

Sunshine said the band has

commissioned a study to determine how many Natives want to move to the reserve and how much additional land will be needed.

Since Bill C-31 was passed in 1985 about 600 of Sturgeon Lake's 1,307 members have regained their status. About 100 families, who lost their status through marriage but regained it under Bill C-31, want to live on the reserve.

Darlene Desjarlais, a non-Native whose husband Randy has regained his status, said Sturgeon Lake is denying some reinstated Indians the right to live on the reserve.

"The chief thinks he can ignore us but we won't let him. We deserve all the same rights other band members have."

Shirley Plante, a Bill C-31 Indian, said money has been allocated for reinstated Indians by Ottawa and she wants Sunshine to use that money for its intended purpose.

Doris Ronnenberg, president of the Native Council of Canada (Alberta Division), said the chief is not "playing it straight." She said a recent land claim settlement provided land specifically for Sturgeon Lake's Bill C-31 Indians.

Ronnenberg, who works closely with Bill C-31 Indians, added that all people reinstated through Bill C-31 were automatically added to the band list.

"What list does Sunshine need to make? He knows exactly how many C-31s he's dealing with and he has the land to accommodate them, so what's the problem? He's simply not facing the legal realities of the situation."

Indian affairs spokesman Ken Kirby said enough land was allocated under the land claim to meet the needs of the C-31 Indians.

He said the department will investigate the group's remaining concerns about the band's approach to Bill C-31 Indians.

Unanswered Al-Pac questions nag chief

By Amy Santoro
Windspeaker Staff Writer

FORT CHIPEWYAN, ALTA.

The fight to stop the proposed Alberta-Pacific pulp mill is not over yet, says the chief of the Cree band at Fort Chipewyan.

Archie Waquan says although a decision on the \$1.3 billion pulp mill has been delayed, the Athabasca mill will probably be approved without answers to a lot of questions.

"The delay doesn't mean much because they (the government) still don't know the eventual impact on the river systems. Even if they find the mill won't pollute the river, what happens in the future if they are wrong? It's questions like that there are still no answers to."

Waquan is also concerned about Al-Pac's Forest Management Agreement (FMA). He says the Alberta government is giving away large tracts of land without understanding what the environmental impact on the land and the people living in the area will be.

The government may delay its decision on the mill until November. A three-man scientific review panel presented its report to the government Oct. 1. Environment Minister Ralph Klein said at that time he expected a decision by mid-October.

A spokesman for the group, Citizens for Responsible Northern Development, says the province is delaying its decision be-

'Al-Pac will be able to close off the land to Natives and they'll be considered squatters on Crown land,' says activist Mitch Bronaugh

cause the scientific review panel's report contains material, which will make it difficult for the project to go ahead. Mitch Bronaugh says the government is trying to figure out its options.

But, says Bronaugh, if the proposed mill is built, it will be a great threat to Natives in the area. He says Al-Pac's proposed 100,000 square kilometre FMA will have a severe impact on Native land claims.

"Al-Pac will be able to close off the land to Natives and they'll be considered as squatters on Crown land. The government is giving away land that rightfully belongs to Indians."

The Fort MacKay and Athabasca Chipewyan bands are also concerned about how the proposed mill will affect their traditional way of life.

The Al-Pac project was first announced in December 1988. In the spring of 1990 an environmental review panel, which was established with pressure from numerous environmental and Native groups, recommended it be delayed because of concerns about water quality in the Athabasca River. The company then

decided to change the technology it proposed to use. That new technology was subject to three days of public hearings last month.

Bronaugh and Waquan agree

the government will make Al-Pac the lord and master of 11 per cent of Alberta if it decides to go ahead with the mill. Bronaugh, who is working closely with Natives in the Athabasca region on the Al-Pac issue, says neither the province nor Natives will benefit from the proposed development.

"Albertans and especially Natives will have to give up what is theirs in order for this to go through. I think the government is realizing this and they might be learning about what it's like to be an Indian," he says.

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review they can sit down and find some solutions," he said.

But Soto is not satisfied with a review. She wants a full investigation into their concerns and is demanding to meet with Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon.

"Too many things are happening behind closed doors. We want to know how our money is being spent. We want to see Siddon. We want him to do a full-blown investigation not just an analysis," she said.

Sunshine said he has offered to open the band's financial statements to the group, which initially began its protest in March with a sit-in at band offices. But Soto denies such an

offer was made.

"What's he talking about? We've asked him how many times to see the books and he hollers at us and says the information is confidential. But that's not true because any band member can look at the ledgers and journals."

The group, which ranges in age from 36 to 70, says it will not stop until "this mess is cleaned up."

"There's mismanagement, squandering and who knows what else with the money that belongs to us, our children and grandchildren? We won't give up until we find out what's going on," said Soto.

News

Desmeules calls for Metis-run justice system

By Amy Santoro
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

"Metis should be involved in all aspects of criminal justice as an important step toward self-government," says the president of the Metis Nation of Alberta.

The existing system is administered by people who do not understand the Metis culture," said Larry Desmeules in his organization's submission Oct. 22 to the task force on the criminal justice system and its impact on Indian and Metis people.

"We want the government to redirect existing dollars to help us establish our own justice sys-

tem which could co-exist comfortably within the mainstream system," he said.

The key issue is to reform the process, he said.

"Once we've got the process in place, then we can really make some change. There must be change," he continued, "because too many of our people are being put in jail without hope for having a sense of belonging to a community when they come out."

He said a Metis-run justice system would include Metis correctional services, police and judges.

"The Metis people are part of the problem so they must also be part of the solution and be given

the opportunity and resources to regain responsibility for, and control of, their own lives as individuals, families, communities and as a nation," he said.

Task force chairman Justice Allan Cawsey asked how a separate Metis justice system would fit into the urban areas outside Metis settlements.

Desmeules said his group does not have a suggestion for that issue yet but he said the Metis Nation was willing to work with the task force to develop a plan.

About 4,000 of Alberta's 65,000 Metis live on Metis settlements with the rest living in towns and cities.

Desmeules told the task force,

which was established in Jan. 1990 by the provincial and federal governments, that his people are tired of being an "economic base for the status quo which perpetuates and guards a system that works well for them but it's not so hot for us."

Native people represent about 4 per cent of the Alberta population yet make up 30 per cent of the population of correctional institutions.

"We could spend all of this day and many more citing tragic examples of the failure of the current system. Libraries and filing cabinets are full of such documentation from previous studies — studies that would appear to have resulted in little change,"

says Desmeules.

Desmeules stressed he wants to "get down to the nuts and bolts to negotiate a way to achieve Metis control over their own justice system."

He said his organization hopes the task force is "not just an exercise in public relations."

The task force was set up to identify problems and propose solutions to ensure Indian and Metis people receive fair treatment within Alberta's criminal justice system.

But Desmeules told reporters later he doubts whether anything substantial will be accomplished through the task force, which is due to release its findings Dec. 31.

Enoch election invalid, says Indian Affairs

By Amy Santoro
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ENOCH CREE NATION,
ALTA.

The department of Indian Affairs has declared invalid the May 29 election victory of Enoch Cree Nation Chief Jerome Morin.

The victories of Morin and three band councillors are being set aside because of discrepancies in the election, said Skip Everall, head of band governance for Indian affairs.

"There were seven ineligible

Department accused of having conflict of interest

voters, four of whom don't live on the reserve, whose votes could have affected the outcome. The chief won by only three votes and three councillors won by less than a seven vote spread, so that it's possible those not entitled to cast a ballot voted for them."

The department conducted its review after two band members launched an appeal questioning the validity of the election.

Band lawyer Leighton Decore

said the department's conclusions are illogical.

"How can you know for sure whether those people voted for the chief and the other three band council members?"

Decore said the department has "a vested interest in getting rid of the chief and the three councillors and the government wants to cause dissension within a very powerful band."

Morin, who could not be reached for comment, recently

launched a \$100 million land claim and a \$450 million lawsuit against the government for negligence with respect to the handling of Enoch's oil revenues.

"How can you expect the government to be fair to a band that's attacking them legally and politically?"

Gurston Dacks, professor of political science at the University of Alberta, agreed saying election difficulties should be taken out of the hands of Indian affairs.

"If discrepancies are found in an election, it should be taken to the courts where all evidence is in full view, rather than having the government make an administration decision where there's all sorts of possibilities for conflicts of interest."

Decore said the chief will continue to assist and advise the band, located west of Edmonton, but he will not vote along with the six remaining councillors.

Lubicons preparing for 'action on the ground'

By Amy Santoro
Windspeaker Staff Writer

PEACE RIVER, ALTA.

The Lubicon Lake Indian Band is preparing for direct action "on the ground" to protect its traditional land, says Lubicon advisor Fred Lennarson.

He says the band has no other option because it faces destruction as a society.

Lennarson says the Lubicons hope to avoid violence "but when you have morons on the other side someone is liable to get hurt."

"We have to do something. The government is waiting to see if we have any capability left," he

says.

Chief Bernard Ominayak would not release details of the plan saying it would jeopardize the band's position.

Daishowa Canada, whose Forest Management Agreement (FMA) lies within the band's land claim, announced it would postpone logging in the area until at least next year. But a subsidiary, Brewster Construction of Red Earth, along with Boucher Brothers Lumber of Nampa, are both scheduled to start logging on the disputed land as soon as the land freezes in mid-November — and that is what has the chief concerned.

"If we allow them to clear-cut, we may as well sign our death

certificates," says Ominayak. "We won't let anything happen until our claim is settled."

But Ominayak says he does not hold out much hope for a negotiated settlement with the current Conservative governments. Negotiations broke down with the federal government in January 1989 and talks with the province broke off in June 1990. When the provincial government and the Lubicons could not agree on a draft settlement, the province suggested the Lubicons support an independent three-person tribunal as proposed by Premier Don Getty in 1988. But that attempt failed when the parties disagreed on the members of the tribunal.

Ominayak says the only reason the government suggested arbitration was to prevent the Lubicons from taking action by giving them some hope of a settlement.

He says if both levels of government had the political will to negotiate, "we could have this matter resolved, but the governments aren't going out of their way to understand our position."

Bob Hawkesworth, Alberta New Democrat Native affairs critic, says the government "is in bed with Daishowa and will do what it takes to keep the company satisfied."

The 4,000 square mile Lubicon land claim lies within the pulp



Chief Ominayak

mill company's FMA, which puts Daishowa's source of timber at stake.

Native support group branching out

By Amy Santoro
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EDMONTON

"We've raised the level of awareness for Native issues in Edmonton. It's important those who don't belong to the Native community show their support," says one of the founders of Friends of First Nations. "We must show the government we're not going to be indifferent to the fate of aboriginal Canadians."

Leo Campos says that through the formation of the group, formerly known as Citizens Against Genocide, the federal government has been shown there are many Edmontonians who are sensitive to aboriginal rights.

"We can do something concrete on a local level to change the status quo that's been subjugating Natives and all Canadian

'We can do something concrete on a local level to change the status quo that's been subjugating Natives.'

minorities."

Campos says that both the federal and Alberta governments have no intention of allowing Native self-government to take place.

"The two levels of government will never dismantle the current system of dependence. The final decision will always rest with the minister of Indian affairs."

Economics is at the heart of most disputes between the gov-

ernment and Natives, says Campos. He says the interests of major corporations take priority over Native concerns for the government.

Campos, a former Chilean, says it is time Canadians show national solidarity and that it is no longer necessary to look internationally to find injustice.

"We don't have to go to Nicaragua or South Africa to find unfairness and poverty. Just look at Canada's record of dealing

with minorities, whether they be Natives, ethnics or women. There's injustice in our own backyard."

Friends of the First Nations is an Edmonton-based working group which initially developed out of the Mohawk standoffs in Quebec. Campos says the group underwent a name change to reflect the shifting focus of the organization.

"Since the Mohawk crisis has settled down, the group will play more of a supportive role to all Natives. We in no way speak for the bands, we try to help them."

Campos says the group came together the evening of Aug. 20 when he and three friends were discussing how they could respond to the Mohawk standoffs in Quebec.

"We gathered about 15 other Edmontonians who were also concerned about social justice. We met that night and formed Citizens Against Genocide."

Nine days after its formation the group organized a rally on the High Level Bridge.

Sixty people participated in handing out pamphlets to motorists during the busy drive home time.

On Sept. 1 after the Canadian Army moved in on the Mohawks, Citizens Against Genocide rallied again. This time 400 people showed up in front of Canada Place, where the federal Indian affairs office is located, to show disdain for the federal government's action.

The 35-member group, which consists mostly of non-Natives concerned about aboriginal rights, is in the midst of planning a series of workshops, films, art displays and musical performances as an educational package for non-Natives.

"The struggle is not limited to Natives. It's a struggle of all Canadians who respect and demand social justice."

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Road to justice not paved with 20-second clips

By Keith Matthew

I am really trying hard to find something good to write about Oka. Nothing comes to mind. It seems to me the federal and provincial governments escalated events to justify their jackboot tactics. 'Law and order must be maintained,' say government officials.

The televised images of Mohawks fist fighting with the Canadian Army is a gross miscarriage of justice.

Most of the major media outlets fail to portray the Mohawks as feeling, caring individuals, who are fighting for First Nations' rightful place in Canadian society. Instead we have images of Mohawks carrying submachine guns striking menacing poses.

For the most part probably not all Mohawks carry semi-automatic weapons around their houses as part of their daily routine. On the other hand images of peaceful, moderate Mohawks within the confines of newspapers, television and radio don't make for good copy. Hence, no stories about them appear to contradict these images, which help sell a lot of advertising by attracting more readers.

Headlines in major dailies across Canada scream out headlines which serve to inflame the public: "Soldiers Beaten by Angry Indians" or "Shots, Gas End Attack."

These violent images play well into the hands of press hungry politicians, who talk in 20-second sound bites designed to simplify issues into law and order, good guy versus bad guy issues.

The Mohawk people and First Nations across Canada are asking for movement from the federal government on century-old questions of sovereignty. The tactics of the federal government over the last 100 years has been to stonewall Native people in their attempts at throwing off the colonial chains of legislation in the form of the Indian Act.

The latest unrest is a sign First Nations will no longer accept promises in return for quiescence. By the force of our actions we have turned a new page in Canada's history book. No matter what the public or non-Native politicians think about our struggles to reconstruct our position in Canadian society, we will continue to fight with everything at our disposal.

Recent editorials in the provincial dailies seemed to scold Native people for their actions and tried to tell us we are losing public support when we carry arms for the Native cause. What they seem to forget is we are not running for public office when we conduct these protests. It does not matter a heck of a lot if Canadians don't support these actions.

We never had the support of Canadians in the first place. If we did have their support, they would have pressured politicians to settle this through negotiations instead of at the end of a gun barrel.

We have nowhere to run. This issue will not die over the years. In fact, if nothing is done at this time it will serve notice to the First Nations that more has to be done to further the cause.

The responsibility for Oka lies at the feet of politicians who have ignored us over the years and have done nothing to revamp the totally repressive Indian Act. It also lies at the feet of the Canadian public who remain blissfully ignorant of our situation.

(Matthew is the managing editor of Kahtou, a monthly Native newspaper published in British Columbia by the Native Communications Society of British Columbia. The above column appeared in the October issue.)



Plot to crush Natives backfired

Dear Editor:

As soon as the Meech Lake deal died people across Canada began to sing the praises of Elijah Harper. Thanks to his courage, stamina and intelligence and the moral support he received from all Native people, especially the outstanding Indian chiefs of Manitoba, that remarkable feat was accomplished.

During the television coverage of the Meech Lake deal I was reminded of Louis Riel, the great leader of my ancestors, whenever I saw Elijah Harper on television. Riel had fought the Conservative government of John A. Macdonald in an attempt to gain justice, democracy and freedom for Native people while Elijah Harper fought the Conservative government of Brian Mulroney to gain the same rights.

Therefore, it was appropriate that Elijah Harper and the well-qualified Indian chiefs of Manitoba soundly defeated Mulroney and his top Conservative guns in Winnipeg, the birthplace, home, battleground and grave site of Louis Riel. The battle for reform will be won by all Native people who want to be free, provided we remain united and don't allow government politicians to divide and conquer us. If we can do that we can achieve any goal we wish.

In 1869 at Red River, Riel was determined to gain basic human rights for Native people from the government of John A. Macdonald. The only reply Riel and his followers received to their army requests for redress to grievances was the punitive Canadian Army sent to Red River by Macdonald.

In 1885 in Saskatchewan, Riel and his followers led a resistance against Macdonald's government when all their requests for redress were once more ignored. This time the prime minister sent the North West Mounted Police and nearly 1,000 well-armed and well-equipped soldiers of the Canadian Army to Saskatchewan to destroy the little band of 56 Metis fighters, armed only with muzzle-loading guns and very little powder.

When the Metis conceded, Louis Riel was hanged by the vengeful Conservative prime minister.

Today we have another Conservative federal government and another vengeful prime minister. As soon as the Meech Lake deal died, the Surete du Quebec made a vicious attack on the Mohawks at Kanesatake on orders from Prime Minister Mulroney and Premier Bourassa

and with the help of Tom Siddon, minister of Indian affairs.

Later these men sent the RCMP and a punitive Canadian Army, consisting of 1,000 soldiers, armed with jet fighters, helicopters and tanks to the Mohawk reserve in an attempt to break the morale of the 200 Mohawks behind the barricades and to put them into disarray.

The Mohawks had not broken the law. They were merely protecting their property, which they have every right to do. Is it any wonder the Mohawks were armed in preparation for another possible vicious raid by the Surete du Quebec or the Canadian Army?

The Mohawks have been waiting patiently for many years to have their land claims settled. That patience ran out when the mayor of Oka seized land claimed by the Mohawks. This action resulted in Indians across Canada offering their support to the Mohawks and to begin demanding that the 1,000 long outstanding land claims be settled.

It was the Meech Lake deal that brought about a change in the Indians. When they discovered for the fifth time since 1882 their rights had been omitted from Canada's Constitution they were rightfully furious and will not be satisfied until their rights have been given to them by the federal government.

It is not the Mohawks who have broken any law. Rather it is Mulroney, Bourassa and Siddon who have broken the law. They are refusing to take care of the interests of the Indians as prescribed in Canada's Constitution. Evidently Mulroney, Bourassa and Siddon have forgotten how well their ancestors were treated by the Mohawks and other Indians when they came to North America. Had it not been for the care they had received from the Indians, they would not have survived the first winter on this continent. They and other individuals and businesses haven't given thanks to Native people for the wealth they have accumulated from the land stolen from the Indians and Metis — a practice of theft made legitimate by federal governments. In fact the present federal government is stealing the little bit of land the Indians still own.

In spite of their ill treatment Indians have always wanted to be an accepted part of Canadian and American society, depending on which side of the international boundary they lived. That desire was well expressed by Native people demonstrating

their great fighting ability when they fought courageously for their homelands in the American Revolution, the War of 1812 and the First and Second World Wars. Although the Indians had enlisted — they weren't conscripted — their heroic deeds were overlooked by Canada and the Canadian Army when they returned home, while other soldiers received honors and awards.

Since Mulroney, Bourassa and Siddon have broken the law, they must be replaced as soon as possible. It will not be difficult to find good replacements for them. Native people are continually producing highly intelligent, eloquent statesmen, who have found it necessary to learn the system in order to survive and they have learned it exceptionally well. Furthermore, Indian people still retain the love for Mother Earth and devotion to the Creator that began when God gave North America to our ancestors.

The Indians, having taken exceptionally good care of this continent for many thousands of years, have a great knowledge of this land, something immigrants do not have. Now that Mother Earth is sick because of the abuse she has received from greedy men plundering her, in search of wealth, the Indians are eager to assist others in healing her and God's creatures. Yet these same fine people, particularly the Mohawks, have been labelled criminals, murderers, and terrorists by Mulroney, Bourassa and Siddon.

Having made these outrageous charges, these federal politicians somehow feel justified in torturing the Mohawks in the same inhumane manner other dictators like those in Third World countries treat their own citizens.

This summer's events have proven that Mulroney's plot to crush the Indians, while he goes on with his plans for Canada, have backfired. He has found out Indians are strong people — physically, mentally and spiritually. And they are here to stay. During the summer they demonstrated they are well on their way to becoming world leaders as predicted by the Hopi Indians in the mid-1800s.

As we have seen, the Mohawks, members of the great Iroquoian Confederation, who were an inspiration to all of us, have made a giant step towards fulfilling that prediction.

Mary M. Lee
Calgary

Your Letters

Native people may have to borrow some IRA tactics

Dear Editor:

I'm a member of the P.A. Native Awareness Group at Saskatchewan Penitentiary. We are not allowed to use the name Native Brotherhood as apparently this has militant overtones for the authorities. Also for the same petty reasons they do not allow us to wear red headbands. As far as I'm aware this is the only prison in Canada acting in such a petty and spiteful way against Native prisoners.

I'm not writing on behalf of our group but just to express my own opinions and feelings. I fully agree with the editorial in your Sept. 14 edition. I believe any people has the right to take up arms to defend their land and families. This is a right exercised

throughout history by various peoples and cultures who rose up to fight extinction. Only the oppressor is upset by such action.

The situation in Quebec, Alberta and across Canada is similar in many ways to the early stages of the Northern Ireland conflict. The Irish Nationalists just like the Mohawks and Lonefighters found themselves in defensive positions struggling to defend what little they had. Their areas were occupied by the British Army which quickly began searching homes and arresting people, especially activists.

As everyone knows the Provisional I.R.A. was born out of that conflict, 20 years later they fight proud and undefeated. It's quite possible and even likely something similar will develop here. These kinds of things have stages and we're in the first stages now. Just like the I.R.A. took action, it's likely offensive action will eventually have to be taken.

Those responsible for ordering in the army and police against Native people must be made to pay a price. They cannot

be allowed to get away with attempting to terrorize Native people into being docile and easy to control. They cannot be allowed to live in peace and quiet while Native land is under occupation.

Canada, or more specifically the power structure that runs this country, can be easily brought to the realization it will be brought to justice, our justice. We may have to borrow a few tactics from the Irgun, the Stern gang and the I.R.A. to do this but it can be done. We cannot let the enemy have any advantage. Many of us here in prison are educating ourselves as best we can under the circumstances. We study politics and political movements from around the world to compare them with the Canadian situation. We are especially looking at the tactics and methods of various fighting groups. I and others believe similar actions will soon be the next stage in the struggle here in Canada. Many of us here in prison are very familiar with violence, hardship and living as fugitives. We are quite prepared to give



Dana Wagg

A Mohawk warrior at Kanesatake

our lives to the struggle.

The government, police and army officials along with those under their orders must be made to pay an awful, terrible, horrific price. This must be our response to any attack on Native people and to any denial of their legitimate, historical, right to self-determination.

No one is given freedom by another, it is only gotten by fight-

ing and winning. All over the world people are fighting for their freedom and for recognition. It's perhaps time it happened here in Canada. To quote Irish nationalist James Connolly: "The great appear great because we are on our knees. Let us rise!"

John Lieppy
Warrior in Waiting
Prince Albert, Sask.

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Charges laid to silence critic

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express the shame I feel at being a citizen of a country that punishes people for speaking the truth.

I am referring to the recent charges laid against University of Lethbridge professor Tony Hall, who was charged with creating a disturbance at the Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump Interpretive Centre where a group of people opposed to the Oldman

Dam gathered Sept. 16.

As one of the people involved in causing this so-called "disturbance", I find the charges laid against Hall outrageous.

That only Hall was charged is offensive both in its attempt to isolate and silence Hall who is an articulate and outspoken supporter of Native rights as well as in its suggestion that he alone was responsible for the events that took place Sept. 16.

In reality Hall was just one of

about 30 people present at the museum to make known their opposition both to the dam and to our government's treatment of Native people.

The charges laid against Hall are simply an excuse to discredit and intimidate both Hall and other people who act in support of Native rights.

The group of Native supporters, including Hall, who spoke to museum visitors and staff Sept. 16 were orderly and respectful.

It was not their actions but the truth they spoke which should have caused people distress.

It is this country's treatment of Native people, which is extremely disturbing and for this very reason we must all raise our voices in unity with Native people and continue to disturb Canadians with the truth.

Lisa Holroyd
Calgary

Mohawk nation cause is just

Dear Editor:

We support the Mohawk Warriors and the Mohawk Nation in their struggle to protect and defend their right to be on their own land.

We do not understand how the Canadian government can allow this to go on as it has. Was this portion of land not given to

the Indians in an agreement some years ago by your 'own' government as their land? It is strange the Indians were here first and yet shared the land with all people and kept so little for themselves. Why now is the government trying to take what little the Indians have left? Are they that greedy — thieves in the night stealing?

Mohawk standoff

Dear Editor:

This is something I would like to share with all my brothers and sisters behind the wall and out on the streets where there's no justice for our people. We have to be strong, no matter what. Reach for the stars. If you make it to the top of the mountain, you make it.

Little Running Feather, Tamara Papin, Kingston, Ontario

Mohawk Stand Off

*I can feel the struggling out there in society
My heart and spirit feel so helpless
Cuz our people are fighting with proudness
Within their red hearts for our land
And I open my eyes and heart
For the first time in my life*

*To realize our brothers and sisters need us too out there
To keep our nation strong as Native people
And to all come together as one
Brothers and Sisters all over the world
Hear a young sister here*

*Who's sending you a cry call with only strong tears
With proudness in my heart and spirit
The little people need us out there too
I have spoken*

In struggle respectfully a proud sister behind the wall

In the white man's bible in Matthew 7:12 you will find printed the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." It's a law handed down by your own Creator for man to live by. So if your government won't back down from this genocide on the Mohawk Nation and let them live in peace on their own land, how can you expect to live in peace and not have everything taken away?

You say the Mohawk Nation and its people are wrong for trying to stop this takeover. Would you not fight to the end to save your home from being destroyed in order to build a golf course? Get real. Knowing you worked hard all your life to scrape and to save to pay for it, to take care of it and to provide a safe place for your family to live, could you just turn your back and walk away?

We take pride in what we have and protect it and our

people to its fullest. If your neighbor's house was on fire would you not try to put it out to save it? So, why are you fighting against what is right? How could anyone support the taking of God-made land from God-made people and turn it into man-made land for a man-made game? You should be taking a stand with the Mohawk Nation. They are your neighbors and they need your support. You may be in need of their help someday. Take a stand for what is right!

In fullest support, we send our strength, heartbeat and prayers to the Warriors and the Mohawk Nation, that their spirits may grow stronger in their time of need for they are not alone. They fight for what is right for all, not just themselves.

Cynthia Lee
Pipe Carrier for Peace
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What's Happening

Donald a masterful emcee at annual festival

Hi! What is this Lyle Donald — your second, third year as master of ceremonies for the Canadian Native Friendship Centre's annual talent festival?

Lyle, with his great sense of humor, is really filling the shoes of past MC Clarence Phillips.

You do a great job, Lyle. And the winner of the Clarence Phillips Memorial Award is...Moise White! White won the award in the square dance competitions.

A word of truth. I could listen to Moise call square dancing as I listen to songs. Yes, he is that good.

A word of comfort to my brother...Danny Stonewalker.

You've overcome a lot in your life...especially the not-so-friendly media that seems to wait in dark alleys for you.

But you've always come through.

Need a friend?...I'm here. Just promise me you'll get me more tickets to your next fight. Yeah!

Danny may be fighting in Pittsburgh, USA Dec. 14 against World Boxing Organization champion Michael Moorer for

the title.

EDMONTON: When I took this picture of CNFC fiddle champ Tyler Vollrath, his playing so amazed me, I slipped and clicked the camera just as I fell on the hard concrete floor. Dizzy, I stumbled backwards towards my chair. Just then Lyle saw me and threw me out of the building because he said I was drunk and causing a disturbance.

I jumped into my truck and drove three blocks where a city police officer stopped me and gave me four tickets, a cost of \$129.

When I reached home, my ugly dogs forgot I am their master — again — and ripped my only suit (I had it 17 years) while trying to bite me.

And Brian Mulroney thinks he's got troubles.

SLAVE LAKE: Tracy Lynn Norris is only 14-years-old and is heading to the national finals in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Yeah, Tracy!

Tracy just finished up the Alberta season at the Northern Alberta National Cowboys Association (NANCA) finals held at

the Louis Bull reserve.

She finished with a grand total of 680 points.

Her dad Lloyd Norris says he taught her. "Then she just learned at the rodeos. She got a lot of pointers from everyone. You know how it is at rodeos," Lloyd said.

Buying a buckskin quarter horse called Caesar from Butch Deschamps really helped, Lloyd said.

Lloyd is also vice-president of ANCA. Congratulations Tracy and best of luck to you at the nationals.

MORLEY: A personal note for a great friend of *Jr. Windspeaker*. Elston Two Young Men we need you to continue the wonderful and important job you have been doing for us.

Sometimes, things go haywire and I'll tell you right now, it happens to the best of us. Forget the past, Elston...you have too much to offer our readership across the country to quit. Remember — you are a professional. From all of us here, we care and need your professionalism.

STAND OFF: Hello Kathy Brewer and Andrew Bull Calf.

It was sure good to see the two of you enjoying the CNFC talent show.

Kathy and Andrew were in town attending a parents' education conference and Andrew drew a round of applause when he entered the talent show on behalf of the Blood reserve in southern Alberta.

He sings great. And Kathy, next time I'm south, you must show me around.

METIS NATION: Newsflash! The first annual Metis Education Conference Determining Our Destiny is a major undertaking of the education sub-committee of the Framework Action Centre.

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I've looked at the agenda and it's going to be a dandy. Everything you always wondered about regarding the framework agreement will be discussed.

And they have some wonderful speakers you won't want to miss. Join with other delegates from across the west in challenging and thoughtful discussions concerning education and training program needs and policy issues concerning Metis at a provincial level.

You are needed at the confer-



Droppin' In By Rocky Woodward

ence to plan together the direction to be taken for the Metis of Alberta for the next three years.

There is a charge of course, but it's well worth it.

For more information and to register, please call 451-2870.

CALGARY: Hi Daniel Beatty!

First of all we apologize for any inconvenience we may have caused you regarding your poem.

Again mistakes are sometimes made and this I know you will understand.

Secondly, it sure is good to hear from you. I wondered where you disappeared to. Didn't know you were in the Calgary area until we received your letter.

The poem you recently sent, Flying High Ain't Easy Anymore, is simply fantastic. We will be running it in our upcoming drug and alcohol edition.

Stay in touch Dan. Again it's good to hear from you Bro.

KEHEWIN: Last edition Droppin' In reported that this wonderful reserve near St. Paul would be holding a talent show.

But now I am informed it has been postponed until sometime near Christmas.

DROPPIN' IN: Hallowe'en is just around the corner. I'm going to West Edmonton Mall where on the weird night everything is free — candy, balloons, candy — and to heck with my diet.



Droppin' In's friend Kathy Brewer

Rocky Woodward

This year I'm going as a garbage bag.
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Tyler Vollrath captured the fiddle playing championship

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Indian Country

Community Events

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CNFC talent festival

Metis culture alive and kicking



Richard Callihoo finished a close second in the fiddle championship finals

Rocky Woodward Photos

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Delia Grey, a long-standing member of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre, in her opening speech at the CNFC's 28th annual Native talent festival, said it's important for Native communities to keep alive "our Metis heritage.

"Our fiddle music, songs and especially the dances fall on the parents and adults in the communities to make sure Metis culture stays alive," she said.

And it seems to be working judging by the performance of a young dance group from Wabasca.

The Kiwetinohk (Northwind) Reelers were great.

During square dance competitions they received round after round of applause from over 150 people, who attended the two-day affair.

It was no wonder the Kiwetinohk Reelers took first place in the junior square dance competition and second place in the Duck Dance.

However, the CNFC teen group, which captured first place in four of the five dance competitions, was named the festival's all-around junior dance group.

Master of ceremonies Lyle Donald deservedly gave credit to the adults in the community, who volunteer their time to teach the youth Metis dancing skills.

"It's people in the communities, who teach Metis culture to

our youth and instill a pride in dancing that counts," he said.

In female singing competitions Mishi Donovan captured the women's vocal title for the second straight year.

Donovan, singing a song she wrote called I Don't Believe in Love at First Sight, won first place over seven other contestants.

Second place was won by Racheal Shott and third place went to Marla Lambert.

In men's vocal competitions, Mike Ferguson and Edmund Bull held three singoffs before the judges could decide on a winner.

Eventually, Ferguson, a well-known country artist in the Edmonton area, beat out Bull for first place.

Bull was awarded second place and third place was won by Russell Shott.

There was a surprising upset in the Oldtime Fiddle championship round when a young Tyler Vollrath from Edmonton took top honors away from oldtime favorites Richard Callihoo, Gilbert Anderson and Don Arcand.

Tyler comes from three generations of fiddle players and is the nephew to well-known fiddle recording artist Calvin Vollrath.

Callihoo and Arcand came in second and third respectively.

In the junior boys' vocals, 12-year-old Ben Calf Robe student Jon Donald won first place.

The junior girl's vocals was won by Brandy Logan and sec-

ond place went to Tammy Donald.

In the teen vocal competition Tammy Walters captured the first place trophy and the hearts of everyone while Jennifer Kooteney placed second. In the teen boys' vocals John McHugh took first place over Brent Donald.

The Kehewin Sr. dance group took first place in all five dance competitions while the Jane Sager/John Waniandy group placed second in the square dance and reel of four competitions.

The all-around senior's dance group trophy was awarded to the Kehewin dancers.

In the Metis Red River jigging contest, Vern Bouchier danced his way to first place while John Waniandy placed second. And Carol Badger captured first place over Florance Trottier of Kehewin.

Jigging for 12 years and under was won by Grant Walters, second went to Lee Nanemahoo. The girls' competition was won by Delilah Sangwais and second place went to Glenda Shaw.

In the teen category John McHugh placed first while Tyler John captured second place. Teen girls' jigging went to Teena Badger and second place to Kori Whitstone.

In the 55 years and older jigging, young Adolf Gairdner captured first place while Moise White finished second. And oldtime favorite Martha Smith beat out Genevieve Benoit for first place.



Mishi Donovan won her second straight singing championship

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The Kehewin reserve dance group took first place in all five dance competitions

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News

Government committed to Native agenda: MP

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The federal government is committed to improving living conditions on Indian reserves and quickly settling land claims across the country, says an Edmonton Progressive Conservative MP.

At a town hall meeting in his Edmonton Strathcona riding Oct. 20, Scott Thorkelson outlined the government's agenda for Native people.

He said it will be based on aboriginal and treaty rights recognized in the Constitution and will have four main pillars: land claims; the relationship between aboriginal peoples and governments; the concerns of Canada's aboriginal peoples in contemporary Canadian life and the economic and social conditions on reserves.

"In the last four years our government has settled six land claims at the cost of about \$1.3 billion. This is much better than in the last 15 years. (Prime Minister) Mulroney has made a commitment," he said.

Native rights activist Allen Welsh questioned the government's sincerity to speed up the agenda dealing with Native issues. "Native concerns are not

only a Native problem but ours (Canadians). So let's get something done," he said.

Thorkelson said Mulroney intends to take three parallel initiatives: to accelerate the settlement of specific claims; to honor legal undertakings regarding land transfers to treaty Indians "as much as a century ago;" and to accelerate negotiations on comprehensive claims, which until now have been limited to six at any one time.

Although the meeting was to deal more with Native land claims, many people wanted to know what the government was doing for Native people wanting sovereignty.

"At Oka, government spokesmen said repeatedly the Mohawks have no basis for sovereignty. I don't remember the six nations (Iroquois Confederacy) ceasing to be a sovereign nation.

"Aboriginal people are absolutely right. They didn't extinguish their rights by (signing a) treaty," said National Firearms Association president David Tomlinson.

In his statement Mulroney said Native self-government does not now and cannot ever mean sovereign independence.

"Mohawk lands are part of Canadian territory and Canadian law must and does apply," he said.

Helen Gladue, a representative of the advisory council of treaty women, said to understand all the issues facing Native people especially the issue of sovereignty "would take a long time."

Meanwhile, Thorkelson said civil disobedience is an avenue for social change only if many people are in favor. "But at Oka there were a few militants leading many."

"I don't think it's a recourse in our system. Our system can address their (Mohawks) needs and do it properly," he said.

"I think before Oka our government was addressing Indian claims more than in the past. The six land claims recently passed are historical and the process was starting to change. The government has done considerable achievements on aboriginal affairs," Thorkelson said.



Helen Gladue and MP Scott Thorkelson

Rocky Woodward

RCMP out to get Native students

By Ralph Leckie
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

The RCMP always get their man and now they hope to get students.

They want to attract more Native students next summer to work with regular members of the force from early May until late August. The 1990 project is over.

Neva Cardinal has just completed a posting as a special constable posted to the Stony Plain detachment. She spent the summer doing routine office tasks that must be done as a regular officer.

"I chose to become a special constable because the RCMP were role models while I was growing up," said Cardinal. "My duties involved lots of paperwork, including contacting people for court appearances and (performing) traffic control at accident sites."

Prospective constables are subjected to an extensive screening process prior to going to Regina for training in the technical aspects of the law and firearms safety. The screening process is designed to find the best people for the RCMP. Drug users and those with criminal records are rejected.

The project, which places post-secondary students of Native ancestry in Native and non-Native communities, is intended to improve rapport between Native people and the RCMP. It's also designed to give the students insights into effective policing.

The Native officers by working with non-Natives also help develop an awareness of Native rights, culture, customs and concerns.

Lack of funding has kept enrolment on the three-year-old

program down. "At present only three students are active in the entire province. Initially the number of summer students was to be between 10 and 20," said Special Constable Al Findlay, the officer in charge of the program at Edmonton's "K" Division.

Findlay spent six years in Grande Cache and another six in High Prairie before coming to Edmonton to head the Native special constable project. "The past year has been very rewarding for me, seeing and feeling the acceptance by band councils, community leaders and Native people," he said.

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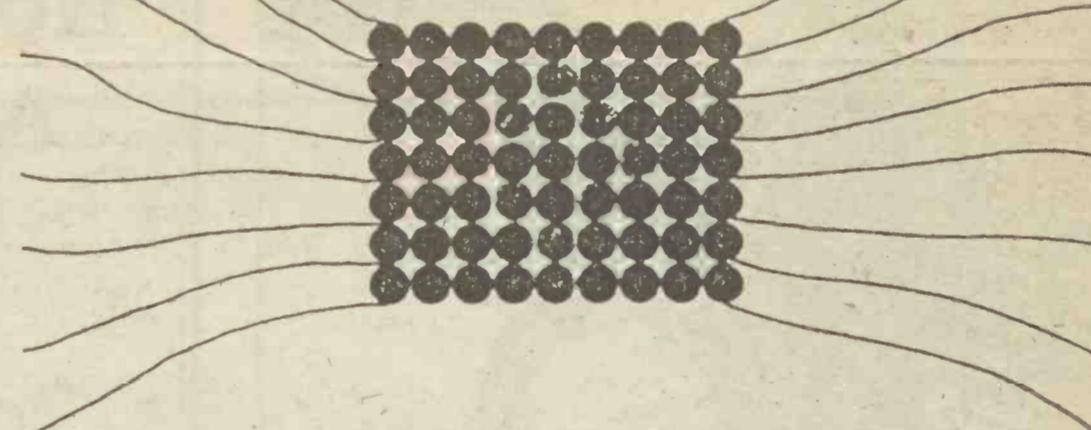


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Native Health Care

Community health workers undervalued

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Community health representatives (CHRs) need more support for their programs from Native communities, chiefs and councils, says regional co-ordinator, Kay Half.

She said the job description of CHRs also needs to be revised to keep pace with the times, a task she noted the majority of Indian bands have yet to take up.

"They won't enforce a new one, yet they certainly enforce the old one."

Half said the demand on CHRs is tremendous yet they don't receive the same privileges as registered nurses. But in some cases the local health workers are doing work ordinarily done by doctors.

"We are trying to get legal right to title for CHRs. Right now they are not fully registered like

registered nurses. We must become more professional than it has been in the past." And she noted there's no liability plan in place to cover CHRs.

"In isolated communities they sometimes have to act like doctors, for instance while delivering a baby. But there is no coverage for them. There is a lot of pressure put on CHRs," said Half.

Half stressed the CHR association is not a political body but "is there to enhance and improve the CHR program overall."

She says the association wants to update the CHR job description because it has not been revised since it was implemented a number of years ago while the role of CHRs has changed considerably.

"Our main concern is to improve the health conditions of people on the reserves. Basically our role is to educate and teach preventive health.

"But we must improve our

CHR program especially to the point where CHRs can go on to better positions. This is not happening," Half said.

A need for more CHRs was also stressed by Half.

She said there are only about 100 CHRs working in Alberta and only five of them are males.

According to AVC program co-ordinator Jacqueline De-

marre, 14 students are currently enrolled in health education programs at Lac la Biche and "five of them are males."

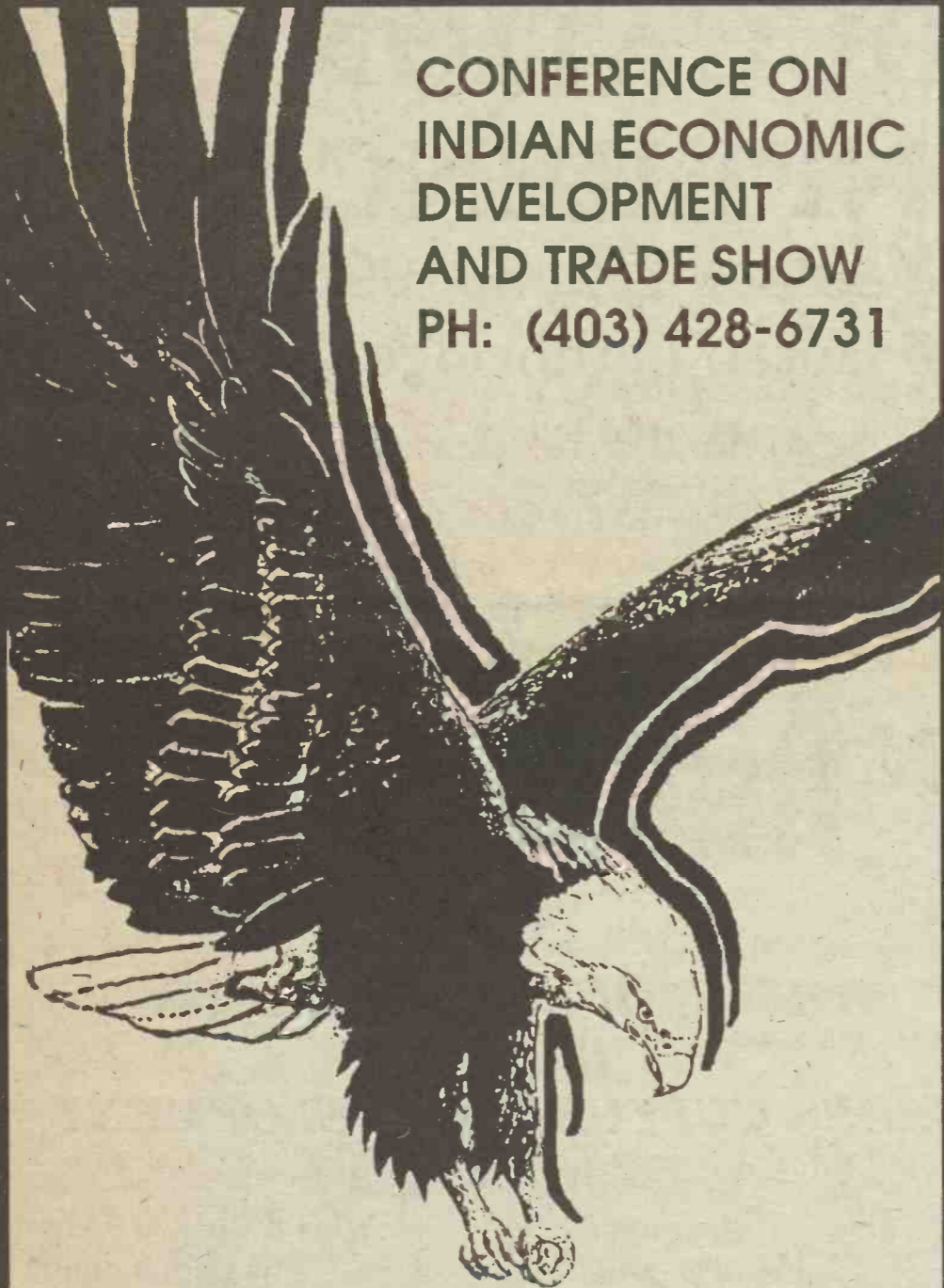
"It is becoming better and better each year and it's because of the CHRs' role in the community that more people want to get involved. You do make a difference," Demarre told CHRs at-

CHRs from across Alberta were in Edmonton Oct. 15-19 for their annual in-service conference.

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I have had agriplex manager Lawrence Wolfe spend most of a morning, between numerous phone calls, telling me all about the upcoming events at the Panee.

Darla at Louis Bull answered numerous questions about four hard-to-track-down cowboys. The staff at Samson Management were patient with my queries and Joan Wolfe at the Montana band gave me details and

directions so *Windspeaker* could be at the craft show which they held recently. And I could go on and on.

I am no stranger to small communities, having lived in Mannville and Forestburg in central Alberta for several years. And it's good to be back in that warm small-town atmosphere.

In the weeks to come I hope to cover much of the news from all four bands.

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**Heather
Andrews**

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Publisher: Bert Crowfoot

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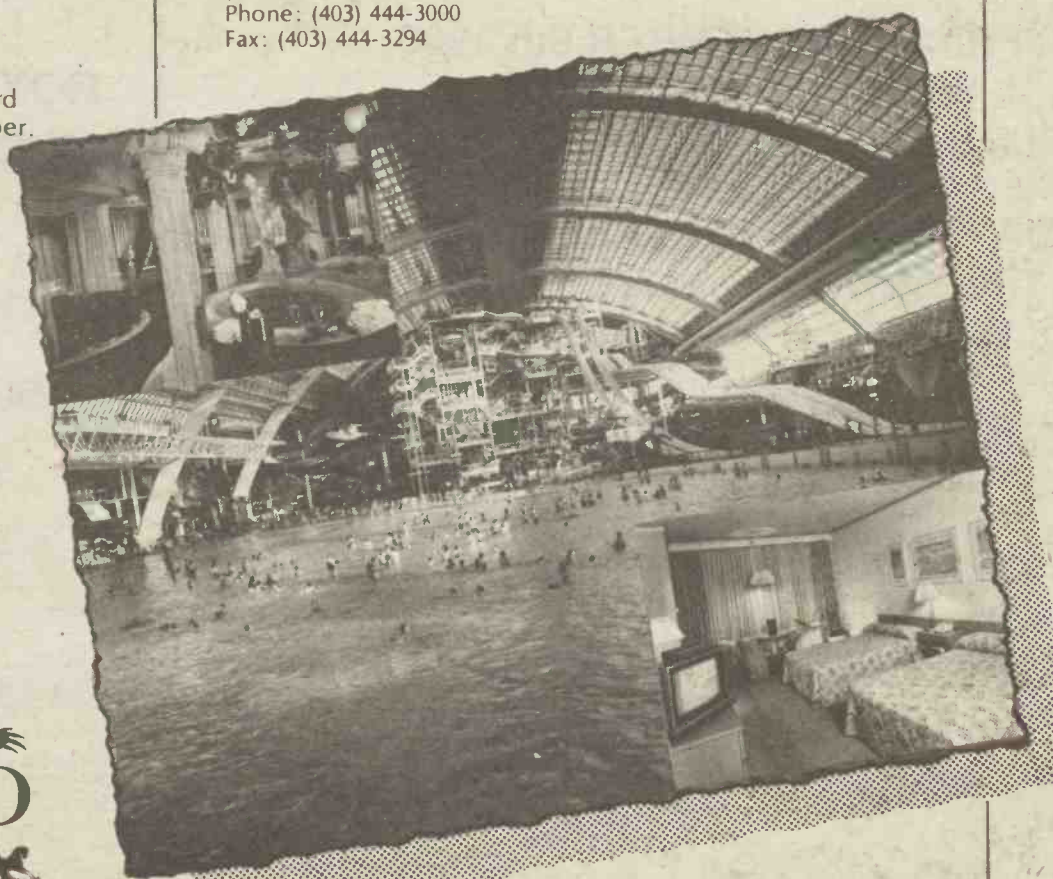
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Hobbema



The Maskwachees cafeteria

Bert Crowfoot

Hobbema's Maskwachees Mall celebrating 10th anniversary

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

Plans are underway for exciting anniversary celebrations at Maskwachees Mall in Hobbema.

The mall, which was built by the Ermineskin band, was opened 10 years ago. According to mall manager Esther Roan, activities are planned for the entire month of November.

"An art show, featuring local artists, will kick off the celebration the first week. And a salute to the veterans and a craft fair

will occupy the second and third weeks," she explains. She's also hoping the Four Winds Theatre group from Hobbema will attend to finish off the events.

Individual stores in the mall will hold special promotions and sales during the anniversary celebration. The mall tenants include Hobbema Insurance Agencies, a Canada Post outlet, the Maskwachees Cafeteria, Tony's Billiards, Big Way Groceries, Cherish Fashions and Hair Designs, Niwihcihaw Acceptance Ltd. and Peace Hills Trust.

Maskwachees Mall has plans

for expansion in the near future. "A stationery store, a craft shop, a lottery ticket centre and a novelty shop are all expected to open soon," says Roan, who hopes to attract a clothing store to round out the variety of stores and services.

Roan emphasizes that even though the mall is operated by the Ermineskin band and is located on Ermineskin reserve, it's there to meet the needs of each of Hobbema's four bands. "We welcome merchants and shoppers from all bands and we're here to serve the needs of all bands."

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Ermineskin company meets many band needs

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

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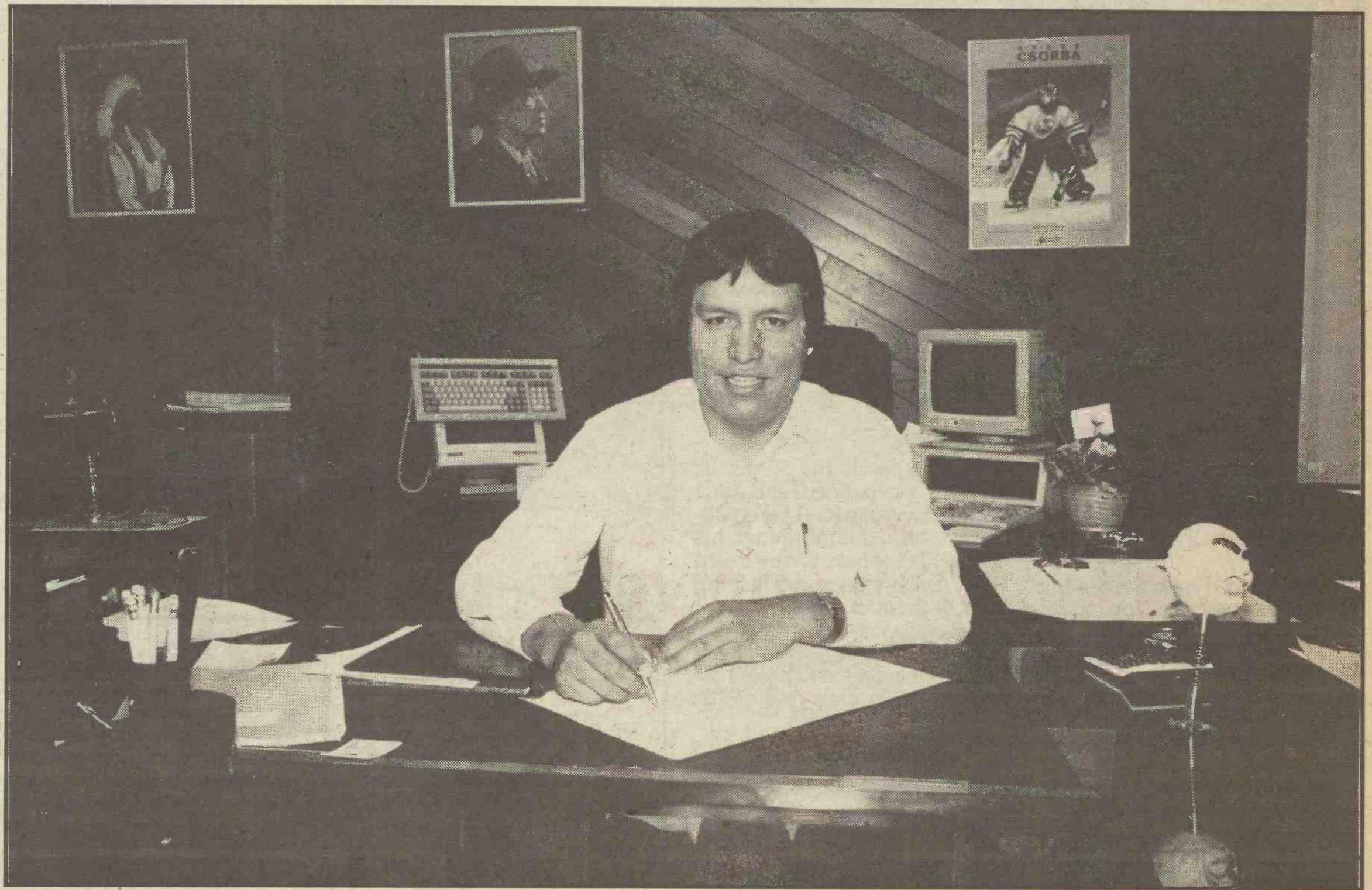
The company has a growing workforce with capable employees in every department, who are equipped with the knowledge and skills to assist and run their operations effectively.

Full tribal services are being offered including a recreation department that sets up youth programs and an education section, which addresses the needs of both school students and adult education students.

Social services has increased the size of its department to provide services and resources to the changing needs of the community.

The day-care department has the required qualified Early Childhood Development staff. Another department is tourism, where exciting plans are underway aimed at attracting both Native and non-Native people to the reserve. The tourism program is only in its first year of operation and promises to bring tourists to all four bands.

Company officials maintain it's important to have misconceptions cleared up and to have visitors leaving with a positive image of life on a reserve and that they are welcome to come again.



Craig Mackinaw, operations administrator at Ermineskin Tribal Enterprises

Bert Crowfoot

Ermineskin Tribal Enterprises is the main employer on the reserve. Over 300 people are employed or are in training. Local

members fill almost 100 per cent of the positions.

The goal, of course, is to have all work on the reserve done by

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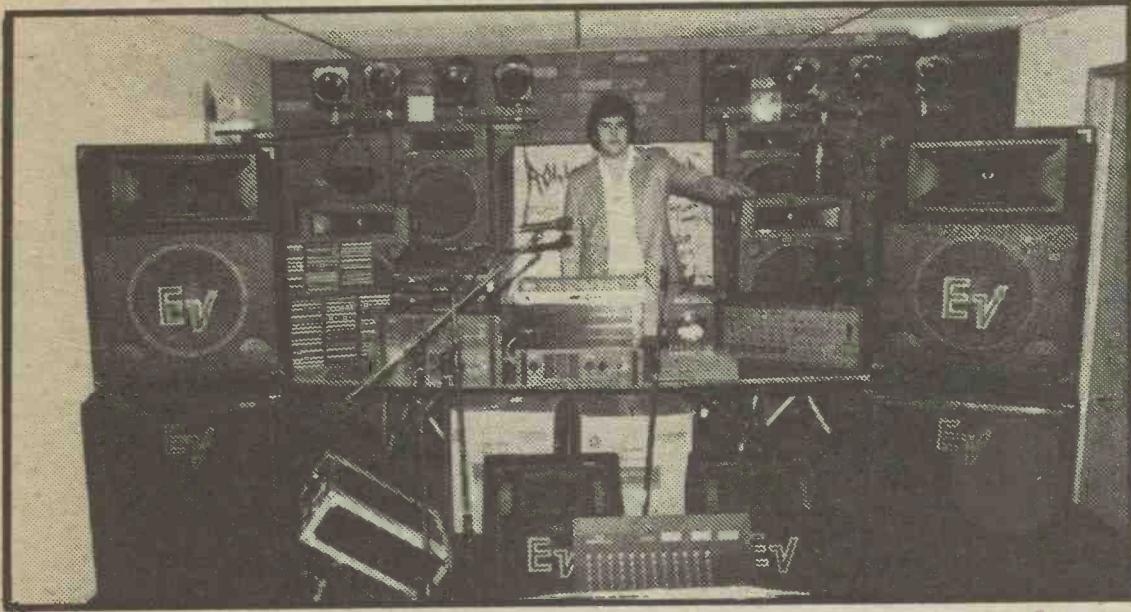


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Lorne Green, owner and operator of Rolling Thunder Music

DJ ready to roll

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

Lorne Green enjoys operating his deejay service for social events in the Hobbema area. But there's one wedding coming up he won't be providing the music for, his own next summer when he marries Irene Stanley.

Green, a Samson band member, is the owner of Rolling Thunder Music, which he operates from his home west of Hobbema. As well as providing music, he is fully equipped to supply public address systems for major functions like powwows, rodeos, teen dances and staff parties.

"The assignment I really find challenging is setting up the sound system for a live band. A delicate balance is required," he says.

Green, who has a substantial amount of money invested in his finely-tuned equipment, got his start in the business with his own band, when he built his own system up from scratch. Eventually he specialized in working

with other bands and at specific events. "I expanded and then included a van to haul the equipment," he explains. Now his nephew helps him, taking a turn at the deejay duties and helping to carry the speakers.

Green keeps busy with his business in the Hobbema area, but does have time to accept assignments on other reserves as well.

In his spare time, he pursues his interest in art, mostly sketching scenes from everyday life, but he does get occasional requests for custom work as well. "I designed the logo for the Hobbema ambulance association."

But music has always been the major influence on Green's life. "When I'm not singing it, I'm writing it," he says. He's written songs and poems and spends a lot of time playing his guitar, composing, and practising at home. And he enters any talent shows or jam sessions that come along, just to keep his hand in.

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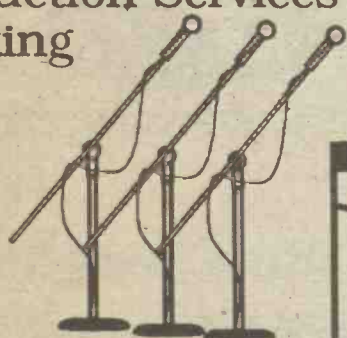
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Hobbema's Panee Agriplex

Heather Andrews

Agriplex a busy place

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

Hobbema's Panee Memorial Agriplex is going to be a busy place over the next few months. Although the focus of the facility is rodeo and rodeo activities, manager Lawrence Wolfe says auctions, dances, weddings, trade shows and flea markets are becoming increasingly popular uses of the agriplex. "All four bands at Hobbema and the general public in the area are welcome here. The building has so much potential," he says.

Activities scheduled for upcoming weeks include the Veterans Association Powwow (Nov. 9-11), regular weekly practice nights for barrel racing and team roping and the Gary Laffew bull

riding school.

One of the biggest events each year is the Christmas Cowboy Rodeo, which the Hobbema organizers claim is the only such show of its kind in professional rodeo competition.

"This year the event is from Dec. 26-29 and we expect people to come from all over," says Wolfe.

Other events planned for the agriplex include a trade show, trick riders during intermissions at rodeos and a cowboys' hockey tournament.

Wolfe has worked at the agriplex for three years and he became the manager about four months ago. A resident of Hobbema all his life, he feels some of the programs at the agriplex are instrumental in giving young people wholesome activities during after school hours.

"Our youth are invited to participate in the regular practice sessions for rodeo riders. We hope to get some programs going specifically for them as well, such as a junior rodeo," he says.

Stock is provided by area suppliers. Residents, who want to practise their bucking horse and bull riding skills, are charged a small fee. "It's a good chance for livestock producers to see if their stock has any rodeo potential, too," Wolfe notes.

The agriplex, which was built some 10 years ago on the Ermineskin reserve, was named for an early leader. Officials hope to expand it in the future to accommodate more programs. "We work closely with the band and council when setting up programs and planning for goals," says Wolfe.

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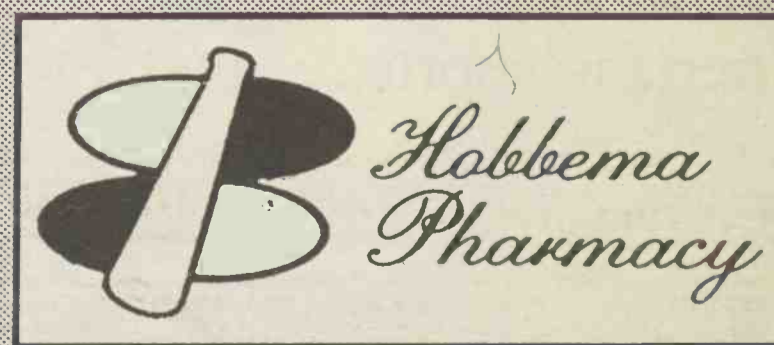


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Samson planning fish farm

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

The Samson band has embarked on a five-year plan to bring industry to the reserve. "We want to build a firm economic base for the people of Hobbema, to create employment and to step out into the business world," says Kirk Buffalo, manager of the marketing and promotions division of Samson Management Ltd.

One such venture is a fish farm project. "Aquaculture is the process of culturing aquatic organisms, fish, shellfish and crustaceans," says Buffalo, adding that trout farming is by far the most popular form of aquaculture on the Canadian prairies.

The primary species of this industry is the rainbow trout, which is preferred for its hardiness and fast growing characteristics. The band started the fish farming project in December 1989 under the direction of Samson Management.

"Currently the project is going through its site selection and personnel training phases. An intensive water quality study is being conducted on all band property to determine the best location for the fish farm," says Buffalo.

A biologist, Teom Lim of J.L. Environmental Corporation, is in charge of the study and he has indicated the selection process will be completed by next spring.

"In the meantime several band members have been trained in aquaculture skills at Malaspina College in Nanaimo, British Columbia, which is known for its aquaculture programs and its unique training style," explains Buffalo. Upon completion of the course, each



Craig Dion of Samson band shows off a rainbow trout he caught at the band's fish farm

student is awarded a certificate. The band is recruiting additional members for college training as the project expects to employ three to five people.

"We should be able to begin

construction of the facilities in the spring of next year," says Buffalo.

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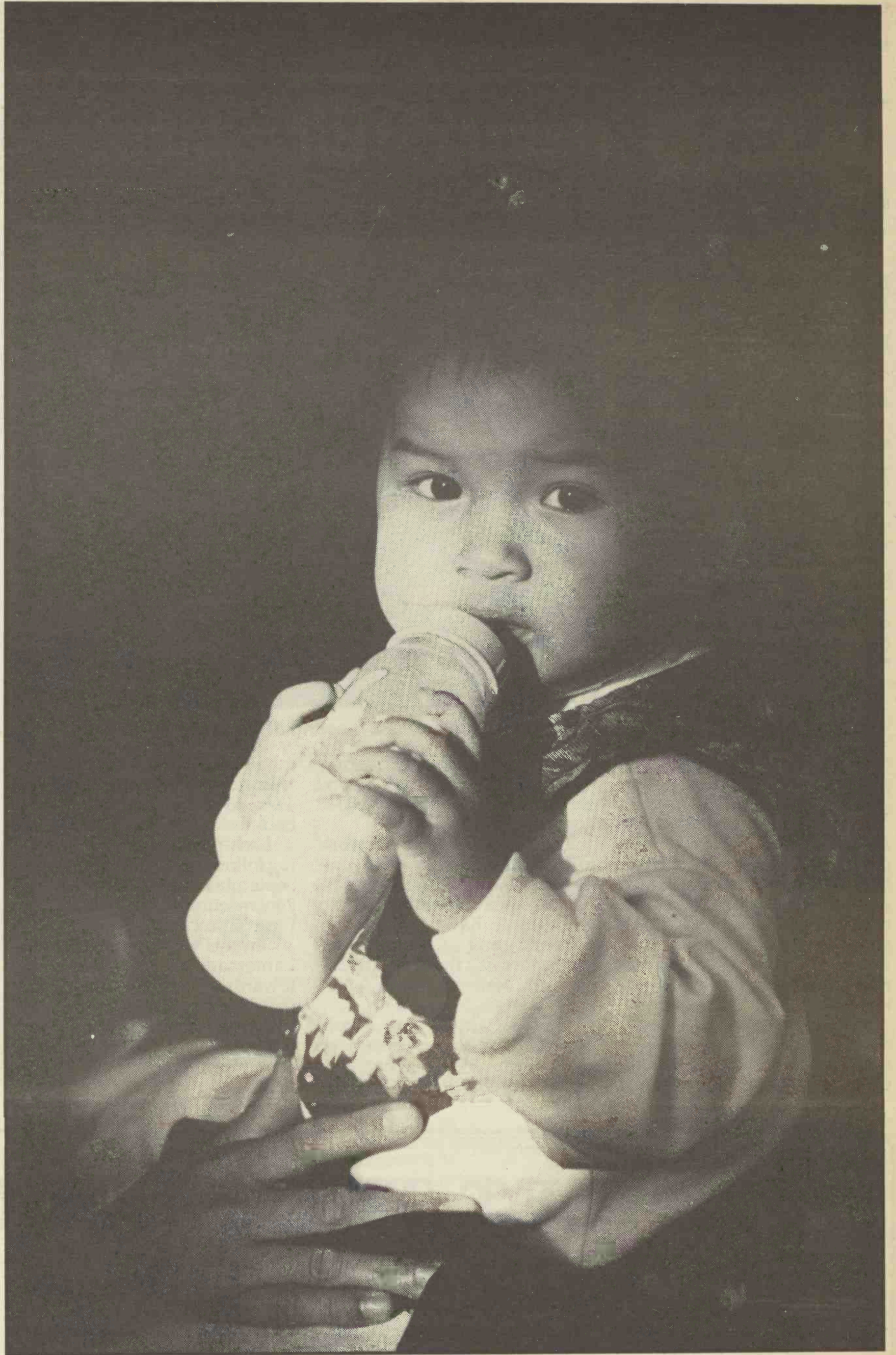
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Faces of Hobbema



Gina Raine, recreation director at Louis Bull recreation centre



Tiffany Raine, the 17-month-old daughter of Edward and Cindy Raine



Pat Piche, fashion designer, assists an interested shopper at Maskwachees Mall



Randy Ermineskin has coached the Hobbema Express hockey team, a group of boys in the tyke division seven years and under, for the last three years. Randy was recently given a plaque by hockey parents in recognition of his dedication to the team. A few of the hockey moms, and a hockey grandma, accompanied Randy and one of his players on a celebration lunch Friday October 20, 1990. Left to right, Celina Ermineskin, team member John Morin, Randy, Fran Ermineskin, Joan Wolfe, and Lorene Ermineskin.

Photos by Bert Crowfoot

Hobbema

Treaty 6 nations working towards a common goal

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

When Treaty 6 was signed in 1877, 48 Indian bands, stretching across Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba were included in its terms. Last month representatives of 42 of those bands met at a conference hosted by the Samson band at Hobbema to discuss treaty conditions and to lay the groundwork to form an advisory council.

"The government's definition of Indian self-government and the aboriginal definition are miles apart," said conference co-ordinator Sarah Potts.

A Treaty 6 Advisory Council, to be established as a result of the September conference, will educate people on the Indian Act and treaty rights like education and health care, said Potts.

Chief Stanley Arcand of the Alexander band at Morinville put forward a successful motion at the September meeting, which was seconded by Chief Al Lameman of Beaver Lake band, "that a grand council of Treaty 6 nations will be formed with representatives from across the three provinces."

"We are looking at our treaty as an international agreement," said Chief Lameman. The main concerns of the advisory council



Chiefs open the Treaty 6 meeting at Samson

will be treaty rights covering education, economic development, hunting and fishing and health.

Potts said there's a lot of work to be done to make everyone aware of these important issues. "It's not just the young people who don't have a complete understanding of the issues of the treaties, it's the general public, both Natives and non-Natives," she said.

Harold Cardinal was a keynote speaker at the September conference. Elders were also invited to share what they re-

membered their grandparents telling them about the signing of Treaty 6 and negotiations dating back to 1877, which lead to it.

Each province has been having follow-up meetings since the September conference. Another joint meeting will be held at Little Pine, Sask. Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

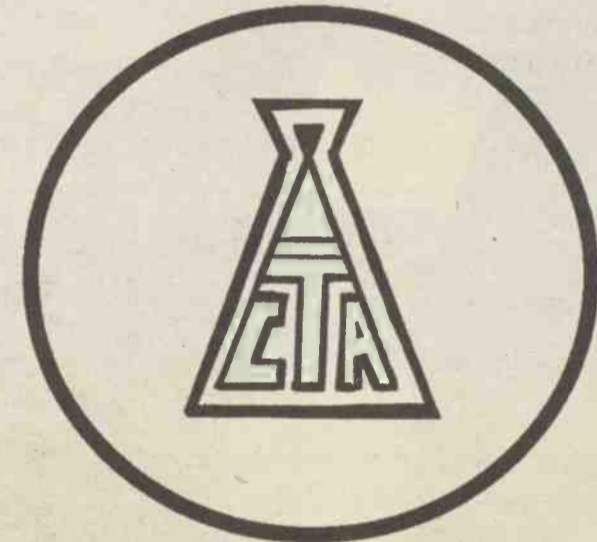
"In this we are united," said Lameman. "We are working towards a common goal and we will form a confederacy to lobby at the international, national and regional levels. We of the grand council will take a stand on our treaties."

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Help but a phone call away

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

Hobbema area residents experiencing a personal emergency are only a phone call away from help. The 11 staff members of Nayo-Skan Human Resources take turns being on call for counselling or assistance 24 hours a day.

"Call the Hobbema police department or the RCMP. They'll pass you on to one of us," says Wilson Okeymaw, executive director of Nayo-Skan. As well, the office, located just south of the Hobbema Indian Health Services building, is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

With participation from all four Hobbema bands, Nayo-Skan's services are in demand. "We hold AA meetings every evening and one on Friday at noon. We refer people to Poundmaker's Lodge or to other facilities," he says.

Cultural awareness programs are planned for the near future. A hallowe'en sober dance is planned for Oct. 27 at the Mon-

tana recreation gym with prizes for the best costumes.

Nayo-skan, which means four of a kind or four the same in Cree, is funded by the National Native Alcohol and Drug Addictions Program, and is operated under the auspices of Hobbema Indian Health Services. Okeymaw says the mandate of the organization goes far beyond treatment for alcohol and drug abuse.

"We have a full-time worker at the school. She can spot problem areas among the youngsters before they get to be a crisis situation such as when their home situation turns bad." The teachers gladly co-operate and allow regular time away from classes for the worker and students to spend time together.

"It's a prevention and awareness program at the school rather than just treatment," says Okeymaw, noting a home visit can often assist families to solve their problems.

Another valued staff member is Fred Nadeau, an elder who is Nayo-skan's cultural consultant and family counsellor. "He keeps the cultural component at the

forefront and older people like to have someone their own age to talk to as well," explains Okeymaw.

The executive director has been helping people with alcohol-related problems for many years.

"I know where they're coming from, I've been there myself," he says. Okeymaw says he's been sober for 19 years now and that his own life shows the long road to recovery can be accomplished successfully.

Staff at Nayo-skan encourage residents to accept the changes going on in the world around them, but to respect the values of varied cultures at the same time.

"Go with the change, but maintain your own cultural base," advises Okeymaw, who says he doesn't preach the Indian way of life. "I live it."

Okeymaw, who was born and raised at Hobbema, is married and has two sons and two daughters.

He travels around the country giving presentations at AA roundups and at institutions like Bowden and Edmonton's Sacred Heart Church.

Hobbema church welcomes all

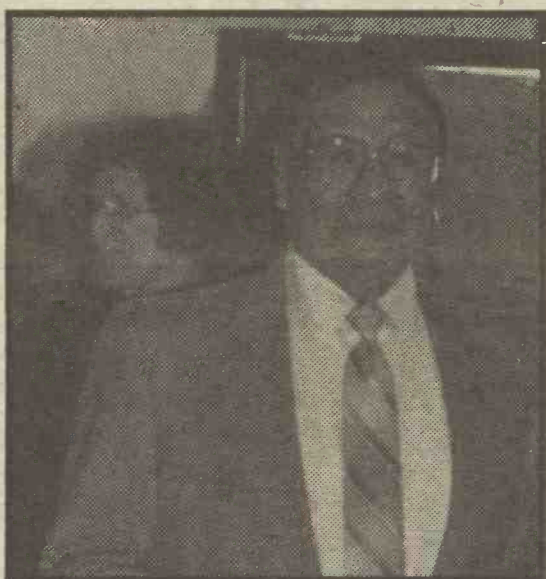
By Heather Andrews
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HOBBEMA, ALTA.

People helping people is the focus at Hobbema's Native Full Gospel Fellowship. "Regardless of age, racial background or denomination, we welcome everyone," says member Randy Ermineskin.

The church is located six miles east and a quarter mile south of Hobbema on Highway 611. Activities are planned for every night and most weekends. "Our emphasis is on our youth. We have a youth group, camps in the summer and Sunday School and other events come up from time to time for our young people," says Ermineskin.

A band, which practises on Monday nights, consisting of guitarists, a drummer and an organist is backed up with four background singers. "Sometimes the participants sing, sometimes we practise with the instruments



Pastor Walter Potts

and sometimes we talk about issues of the day," Ermineskin says.

Bible study on Wednesday nights, young people's crafts on Monday, ladies' crafts on Thursday afternoons and a group discussion night for ladies on Tuesdays — led by Betty Potts — rounds out a full week.

"We have a tutor night, too, when volunteer teachers meet with the kids and help with

homework. We especially like to welcome folks with university training to work with the young students," explains Ermineskin. An open prayer night on Fridays brings concerns to the attention of everyone and prayers are said for those in need.

Rallies through the year are well attended, says Ermineskin. There are special gatherings at Easter and Thanksgiving, a summer camp and a yearly July camp, which attracts people from eastern Canada and the United States. "Last year we even had visitors from Zimbabwe, Africa," says Ermineskin.

The fellowship celebrates Christmas in a big way with a special concert. "We have it on a Sunday so former members can attend, too. Willie Littlechild, a local resident and member of Parliament always attends," says Ermineskin.

This year's event will be held Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. "The location is yet to be announced. Watch the paper for details," he says.

Cowboys headed to Albuquerque

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

Four cowboys from the Louis Bull reserve are heading to the world national rodeo finals in Albuquerque, New Mexico Nov. 15-18.

Larry Bull and the Roasting brothers — Clyde, Trevor and Leslie — qualified for the competition by winning the Northern Alberta Native Cowboy Association finals.

According to Bull, all four men have been involved in professional rodeo for close to 15 years.

"Clyde has been concentrating on saddle back riding, Trevor and Leslie on team roping and I will compete in team roping and steer wrestling," he says.

The four Louis Bull residents spend many hours practising. "We all have our own arenas and



Bert Crowfoot

Left to right, Larry Bull, Trevor Roasting, Leslie Roasting and Clyde Roasting

keep busy, competing or perfecting techniques, all year round," he says.

The cowboys have competed professionally at Ponoka, Regina and at Edmonton's Super Rodeo.

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Hobbema

Insurance agency gets the best deal for customers

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

The insurance needs of many residents in the Hobbema area are met by Hobbema Agencies.

Although it is jointly owned by the Ermineskin band and Sims, Battle and Associates of Lacombe, anyone from the four bands at Hobbema is welcome to inquire into the agency's services.

Paul Parks has been managing the agency for most of the six years it has operated from Maskwachees Mall. "We are actually a broker. We deal with some 15 different insurance companies so we can get the best possible deal at the best possible prices for our customers," he explains.

Parks invites residents to drop in and inquire about policies for their cars, commercial buildings or homes. The agency also offers sickness and accident policies and life insurance. "We even have livestock policies for horses



Heather Andrews

Muriel Lee and Paul Parks

and cows," he says.

Local resident Muriel Lee has been working as secretary for the agency. Some time ago she began attending classes in Edmonton which will soon qualify her as a fully-licensed insurance agent. "Muriel has been a welcome addition. She knows the business well and she speaks Cree," says Parks. Hobbema Agencies offers workshops for

young people when they reach 18 and for new businesses. It's important to understand the ins and outs of insurance, says Parks. "A lot of people don't really know what their policies actually give them."

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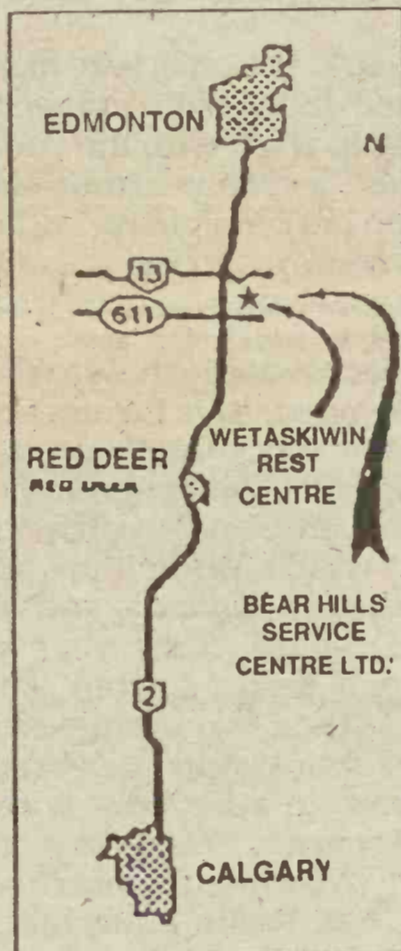
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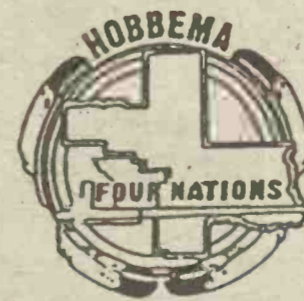
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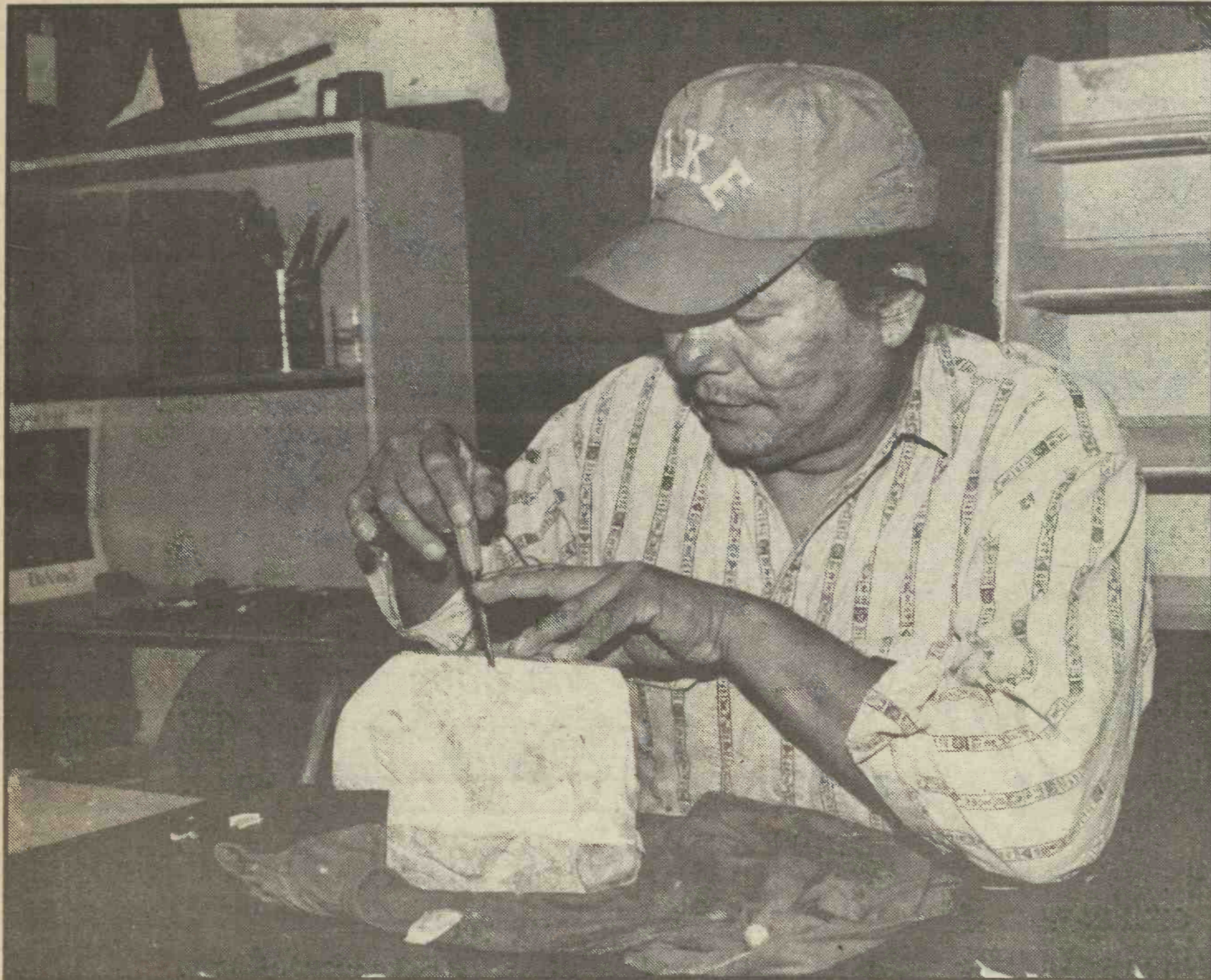
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Melvyn Benson: sculptor, carver, artist

Artist at Samson's alternative school inspired by teaching

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

Mel Benson gets a feeling of accomplishment from teaching aspiring artists. "And I get inspiration from them, too," he says. Benson is an instructor with the Samson Alternate School program, which operates out of the basement of the Samson band office.

The program was set up to address the needs of students who had dropped out of other school programs. "Not all of our 109 students are children. We have lots of adults getting involved, too," says Benson. Life skills, drama and Native handicrafts are also offered.

Benson teaches art and along with fellow artist and instructor Kenny Louis, helps to arrange shows and sales of his work and that of his students. Proceeds from the sales go to the artists. Christmas shows are especially successful. Shows were held recently at the Red Deer Friendship Centre and at the Samson office.

Benson hails from Rama Reserve, 90 miles north of Toronto, near Orillia. "I attended the Ontario College of Art and the Central Technical Art College, both in Toronto. At the college, 36 students began the program, but only six of us completed it," says the Ojibway man, describing the tough, competitive and highly disciplined course of studies.

"If you couldn't keep up, you were out," he says. He studied commercial art "to pay the bills" but he enjoyed fine arts more, to which he could relate his Indian background.

When he was in college his parents were going through some rough times. "I'd read a letter from home and get all upset. I'd want to quit and go home," he remembers. Finally his teacher, Arthur Shilling, himself a nationally-acclaimed Native artist, urged him to concentrate solely on his studies.

Shilling, whose paintings hang in Ontario's prestigious Kleinburg Gallery, was honored as one of only seven Canadian artists asked to show his work at Rideau Hall in Ottawa. He was Benson's friend, inspiration and teacher.

"It was hard, but after that, I didn't open my mail for months. Later when I finished school, I went back home. I helped my brothers and sisters understand our parents' problems wasn't the kids' fault and I tried as much as I could to straighten things out," he remembers.

Today, their problems behind them, the entire family is involved in creative arts: basketry, quill work, carvings and music.

Today Benson, 39, enjoys a variety of creative outlets. He sculpts and carves in soapstone, maple, black walnut and cedar. He paints in pastels, watercolors and acrylics.

"And I'm working on a 16-foot totem pole, too," he laughs. Hidden away in an obscure place, the carving of the totem pole has offered him solace, quiet and inspiration for over two years.

Benson also enjoys doing work by commission, often a portrait of a loved one or a family. When working on a design of his own, he often sells it before it's half finished. He can complete a project faster now than when he was younger, whether it's a landscape, a portrait or a sculpture.

His four children, aged four to 12 years of age, are another source of inspiration. "They're developing talents of their own, from guitar playing to singing to drawing," he says proudly.

He and his family keep in close touch with their Native culture. "I find taking part in Indian ceremonies actually brings me closer to God," he says, adding he feels that a combination of his Indian and Christian spiritual beliefs has taken place. "My powers of observation are keener, I sense moods and thoughts," he says, noting he

keeps his body in tune with hockey and other active sports.

"Indian artists should be encouraged," he says. Aboriginal art is important to any country, historically and economically, he says, noting that the sale of artwork to local people and tourists is beginning to increase the distribution of Indian arts and crafts. "We've got to keep working at it. We've got to become respected as artists."



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Native Elders

'Remember the Creator'

One in a series

By Dianne Meili
Windspeaker Correspondent

The following article has been excerpted from "A Sharing With Those Who Know", a book being written by former Windspeaker editor Dianne Meili to commemorate elders from the 10 different nations in Alberta. The collection of elder interviews and poetry complete with color photographs, will serve as a lasting record of the lives and wisdom of our beloved old ones who embody the best of what it means to be Indian. Dianne is the great-granddaughter of Victoria Callihoo, a well-known Cree elder who was born in 1860 in the Edmonton area. Her book will be published in 1991.

Adam Salopree is painting vivid scenes of his childhood as we sit in his house on the Meander River Reserve, 17 km north of High Level.

He tells stories of the way he was taught to hunt by his stepfather, Alexis Salopree, whom he calls 'dad'. In the early 1900s, as a child growing up in the unspoiled wilderness of northern Alberta, Adam received precious gifts of knowledge about the real and the supernatural worlds from his parents.

"When the first snow fell in the fall, my dad would collect some in a pail and give it to us boys to drink. It was so we could walk on the snow later in the winter and not go right through," Adam says. Alexis, an experienced hunter in the Dene tradition, knew how valuable this power was to keep his sons from falling and floundering in the snow until exhaustion set in.

Adam's father knew about medicine for hunting, and he had a good supply of practical knowledge about animals and the bushlands in which he hunted — this he passed along to his sons, just as his own father had taught him. Adam recalls frigid winter hunting trips made with his father.

"When we stopped to camp, we were sent into the bush with bare hands and no jacket to get wood for the fire. After awhile of doing this you get very tough hands and skin," Alexis says. The leathery, strong hands holding his coffee cup attest to the early conditioning. At 70 he walks upright, his sleek, black hair looking like it belongs on the head of a much younger man, although his bushy white eyebrows and wise eyes look like those of a shaman.

"We never went to school but we were taught Indian ways. My father was strict with us and when we were young boys we never went walking around or visiting. I remember one time there were two of us outside after supper and we decided to visit our neighbors. I heard my father in the tent asking my mother where we were going and he thought we shouldn't be out. He told her to call us back. The sun was still up but he made us go to bed. The next day he woke us up really early to go hunting."

Adam was only a baby when his real parents died. He says that one of his brothers, upon learning his mother had passed away, "just dropped where he stood and died right away." Adam wonders if he, himself, would have been able to withstand the grief of losing almost all of his family if he'd been older. He looks sadly at the floor as he tells of later visiting his



Adam Salopree

Dianne Meili

family's grave site.

"One time we were trapping near Bistcho Lake and I saw where they'd been buried near a tree, with just some dirt on top. I guess they died in winter and that was all that could be done."

Adam was quickly adopted by a woman who was nursing her own baby and had enough milk for him, too. He was raised by Alexis Salopree, the man whose name he has taken for his own, and for whom he has nothing but respect. "My last name used to be 'Jim', that was my real father's last name — he came from Fort Providence."

Adam describes Alexis as both an excellent hunter and a strict father. "There were five of us boys and one girl in the family living in a tent. The girl had to stay on one side of the tent and my mother put a curtain up so she had privacy. She had her own place to go to the bathroom and no one must watch. We really learned respect."

In Alexis' youth, the only trading post in the far north was in Fort Vermilion. When families ran out of staples like flour and sugar in the winter the men would get together to make a trip to the Fort from Bistcho Lake, located in the far northwest corner of Alberta. Some of the men had dog teams but others had to walk the distance — about 150 km.

"It took a month with dogs and even longer on foot. The women would follow our trail part of the way and when we came back a month later, they'd meet us almost halfway — they would tramp down the snow and make it easier for us to get through." To him it's an example of how strong women were in the old days and how eager they were to help their husbands.

"Not today — they're pitiful. They can't even walk a mile and they're already tired," he laughs.

Years ago, parents had large families to provide for and usually about 10 to 12 dogs to feed. They worked every day in the winter just to keep their families and animals from starving, especially in years when there was little game.

In the winter hunters depended on nets set in Bistcho

Lake to provide fish that could be dried for dog food and trap bait. Adam says there were lots of "big fish" in the lake and, besides being a source of food, it was a wellspring for many legends that were told in the old days.

"That lake is more than 40 feet deep in most places and it's about 36 miles across. People say there's a monster that lives in it and my mother said she saw it. It looks like a big black fish and it has things that look like horns on its head. They say it's brought bad luck to a lot of people who've seen it."

Despite the legends, Dene Tha' elders on the Meander River, Bushe River and Assumption reserves speak fondly of the Bistcho Lake area as their traditional "homeland". It wasn't until Treaty 11 was signed in 1901 that many began to move into the settlements they live in today.

The elders also have happy memories associated with gatherings held at Christmas time and in the warmer months, when the pressure to obtain food subsided and "we could pick wild rhubarb and berries ... and drink the sap from the poplar trees."

Tea dances were often held in the spring after successful hunts and families who lived in isolation on winter trappines especially looked forward to the times when they could swap stories and dance to Dene drums alongside old friends.

Adam remembers his father singing and praying with his drum. "He used to sleep and dream to get his songs. I still have my drum, too ... I've been singing and dreaming since I was 16," he comments.

Adam offers to sing with his drum. His voice is deep and strong and afterwards he explains the deep emotion he felt while singing.

"I don't know why I felt tears. Maybe it's because I feel you are moving in the right way, that you are working for God when you talk to the old people. Always remember he sees everything you do, you can't hide anything from Him. Always remember the Creator."

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Salute to Native Businesses

Oka good for Native business opportunities

By Rudy Haugeneder
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Oka has been good for Native business opportunities, a survey of Native and non-Native business leaders shows.

But it's hurt job opportunities in some smaller cities where Natives make up a larger-than-normal chunk of the population.

That's the case in cities like Lethbridge and Regina, where Native job specialists say racism was already a major factor in the number of jobs available to Natives — and where the armed Mohawk confrontation at Oka, Que., caused a minor anti-Indian backlash.

However, most business leaders say while they "were concerned" about a potential business backlash, the reverse is true.

"We were concerned," says Bob Stanbury, president of the Canadian Council for Native Business. "But we've many calls (from businesses) asking 'what can I do to help?'"

He says Oka violence and Native demonstrations across the country alerted the business community to the problems confronting aboriginal people.

Stanbury says Canadian business leaders are aware of three things: the shrinking number of young people entering the labor market, the growing number of young Natives ready to enter the job market by mid-decade and the 20,000-plus young Natives — and desperately-needed future business and technical professionals — currently enrolled in post-secondary institutions across the nation.

Possible concern over Native civil disobedience regarding aboriginal land and rights issues aside, national figures compiled by business and the federal government shows the non-Native workforce is aging rapidly and that every fourth worker to enter the job market in the latter half of this decade will be Native.

"Our experience is there is an increasing interest in Native business and professional talents," Stanbury says in an interview.

Warren Hannay, president and chief executive officer of Peace Hills Trust Co., an Edmonton-headquartered Native financial institution, says his company has had "a very busy summer across the country."

Using business activity as a barometer of public attitudes, he says Native direct action at Oka and elsewhere has had "no adverse impact on, or off the reserves."

He says his "observation," which is based on talks with business leaders, shows the only major casualty of what's been called the summer of discontent, is Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's government and its "lack of federal leadership."

It was a complaint echoed by

other Native and non-Native business leaders. *Windspeaker* spoke with and who are angry Ottawa didn't get directly involved in solving the Oka dispute.

George Ferrand, Edmonton regional manager for the Canadian Executive Service Organization which provides retired business and technical experts to Native bands and organizations, says the number of volunteers has actually increased since the summer began.

The reason is simple, he says. "People who have been involved in business see both sides before forming an opinion." And, adds Ferrand, more of them now have an understanding of legitimate Native complaints.

Barry Irwin, senior development officer with the Aboriginal Business Development Program, says the Oka violence and other blockades are "something everybody talks about," but it hasn't hurt business.

Sales at subsidiary companies "are doing well and to this point there's been no negative reaction."

Milt Pahl, president of Native Venture Capital Co. Ltd., says although he was worried about a backlash it's been "business as usual."

In fact, he thinks the publicity prompted many business people who might otherwise not have acted to "get into partnership with Native businesses."

Kerry Hawkins, president of the giant Cargill Ltd., recently told business people in Winnipeg that Canada faces a bleak economic future unless the growing Native population is integrated in the mainstream of the business world.

Native workers — and professionals — will be essential to replace the spiralling number of people who are retiring, he told business people, encouraging them to develop programs for young Native trainees to "ensure that culture shock and feelings of isolation do not turn off potentially good employees."

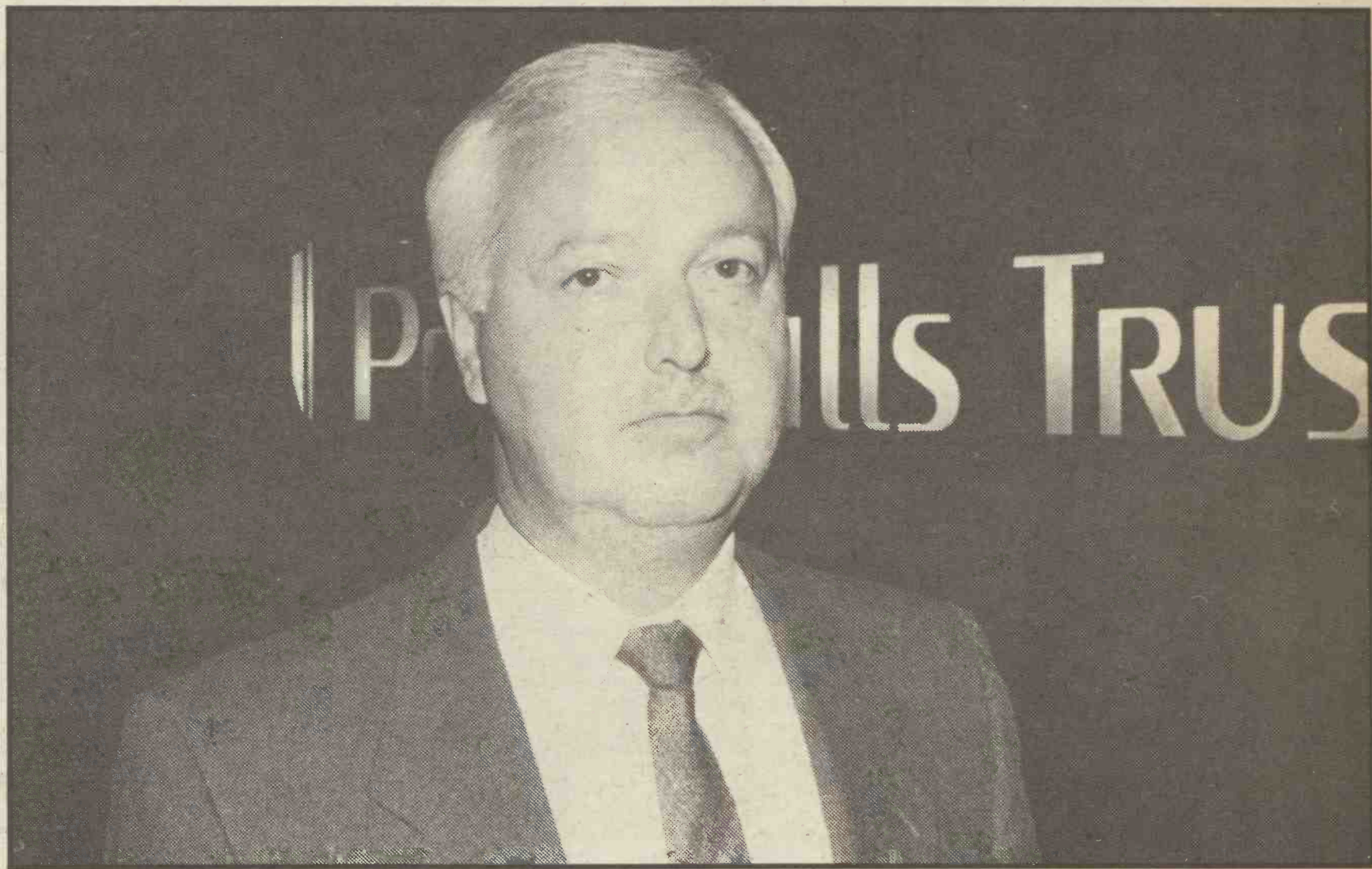
"The most mystifying part of the problem is so little has been done," he says. "It's frightening we do not seem to be able to act."

Reaction to the summer's unrest by non-Native employers, especially in the bigger cities like Edmonton and Calgary, has been positive.

Hart Cantelon, a long-term senior consultant with Native Employment Services of Alberta which has branches in various cities throughout the province, says Native job placements in the big cities are up.

However, Don Logan, NES president, says the unrest has made finding jobs in some smaller centres "more difficult," especially Lethbridge where racism is bad.

He says his Native employment contacts show a similar situation in Regina. Yet, he says he finds the non-Native commu-



Dana Wagg

Warren Hannay of Peace Hills Trust Co.

nity elsewhere sympathetic to aboriginal concerns — although a number believe the violence was unnecessary.

Logan says he thinks the medium and long-term impact of the summer's Native unrest will enhance business and em-

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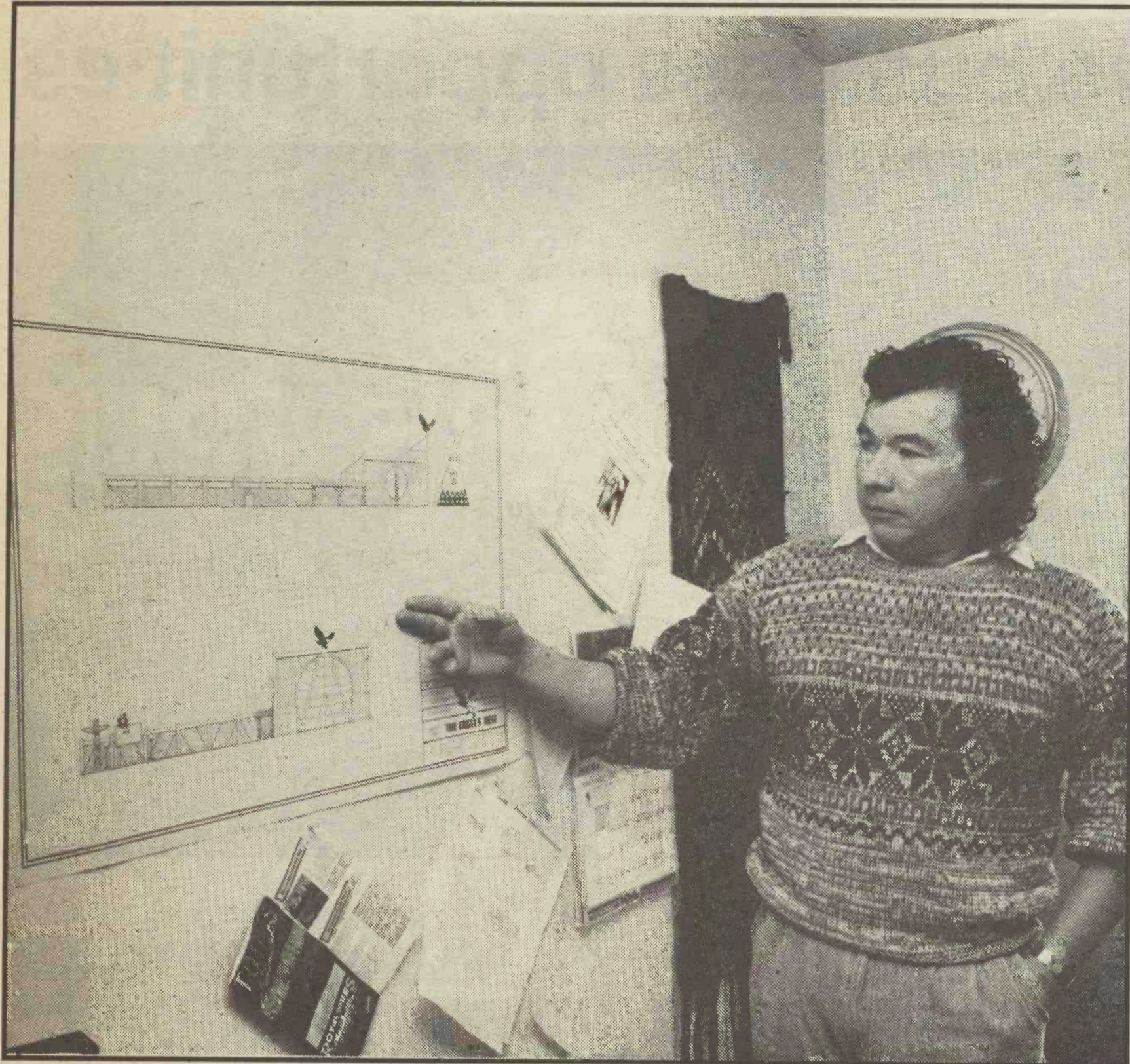
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Salute to Native Businesses



John Beaver with plans for The Eagle's Nest

Bert Crowfoot

Proposed cultural/commercial centre to showcase Natives

The picture of former U.S. president John F. Kennedy hangs on a wall opposite John Beaver's desk in his west Edmonton home. At his side is an architect's drawing of a Native cultural and commercial centre he hopes to open next spring. Both images seem to drive Beaver. Kennedy provides the inspiration and the drawing illustrates a three-year-old goal.

"Kennedy was a powerful man because he was trying to do something," says Beaver. The American leader's call to strive for personal excellence appealed to Beaver, then a young boy growing up in northern Alberta. Since Kennedy's death, Beaver has had a chance to read about his hero. The lessons of perseverance help him carry on to meet his current objective: the launching of a centre in Edmonton that will include a Native restaurant, a dinner theatre, an art gallery and a community meeting place that will also display handicrafts, books, music and artwork.

"I don't understand that much about my culture, that's one of the reasons I'm doing it," says Beaver, who grew up in a non-Native community. His earliest memories are of going for picnics with neighbors. "I didn't know I was an Indian," recalls Beaver.

At an early age, he began learning to operate heavy equipment in different work camps. At one camp, a contractor took a liking to him and they spoke about the advantages of operating a business. The idea stuck with him. As he followed his laborer father to northern Alberta sawmills, the thought of being in business wouldn't go away.

"I started reading books about business," says Beaver. The idea of working as a salesperson was especially intriguing. Beaver's

parents were also important influences as the 20-year-old began thinking of moving to Edmonton to try his luck.

"If we wanted to do something, my father put it in my head to just go ahead and do it," says Beaver.

"When I first came to the city, I had really bad acne. But I was still out there banging on doors." In the past 16 years, Beaver has sold insulation, fire extinguishers and upholstery. He was also involved in an auto body business.

"Indians are not identified with any particular occupation," says Beaver, who believes that prevents some people from taking on new career challenges because they don't think the larger society will accept them as an Indian cab driver, a doctor or a business person.

"We have to start looking at ourselves and what we can do," insists Beaver.

Three years ago, Beaver approached a lawyer and a consultant about his idea to start a Native entertainment and commercial centre. It took another two

years until he was ready to begin efforts to attract private capital to his company, Tribes Incorporated.

Beaver is now preparing to renovate a building near West Edmonton Mall and expects the facility to be ready next spring. The centre will be called The Eagle's Nest.

"We're not selling the culture," Beaver insists. "But this centre will show there are a lot of things we can do on our own and become independent by doing it."

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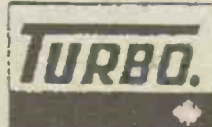
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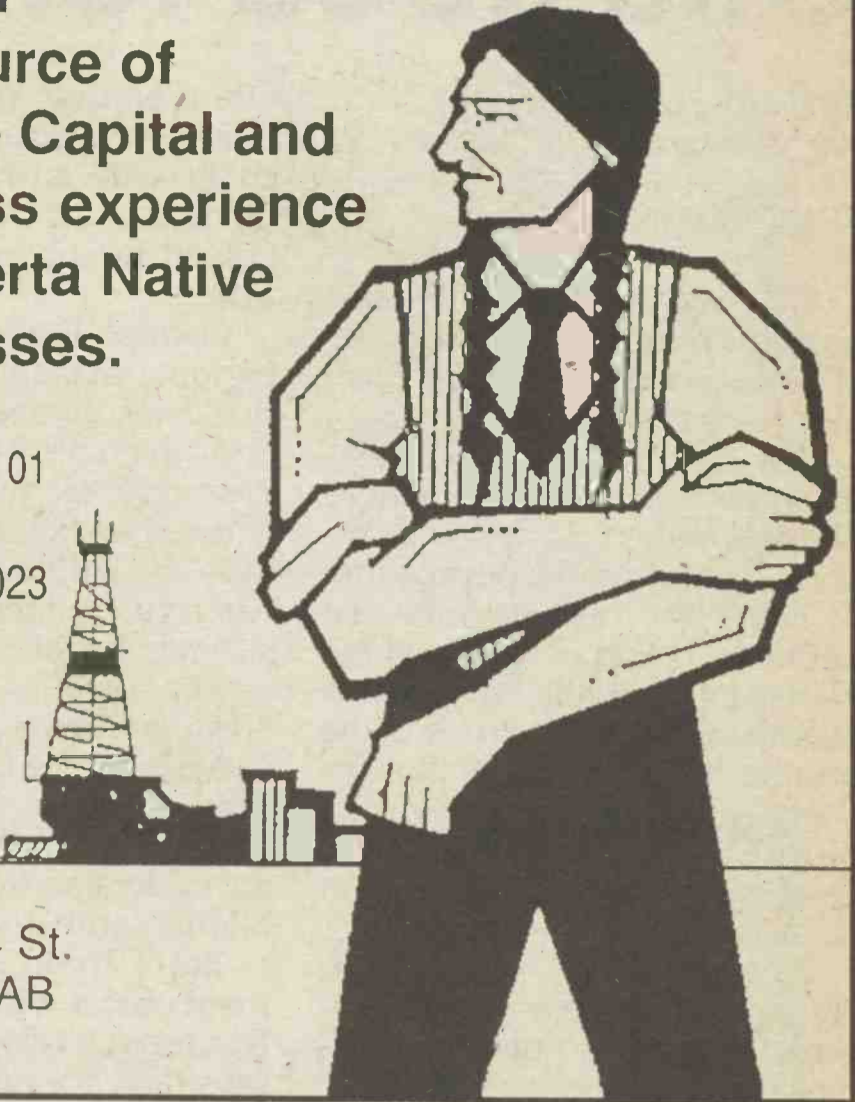
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Salute to Native Businesses



Cheryl McGeough with her husband Tom

Heather Andrews

Training helped teller feel at home in banking world

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Although Cheryl McGeough found banking terms confusing and strange when she first began her teller training, she's now beginning to feel at home in the banking world.

McGeough has just completed four months of instruction at Goodwill's Bank Teller Training, a program sponsored by Goodwill Rehabilitation Services of Alberta and several major banks including The Royal Bank of Canada, her current employer.

"I never would have even tried to get into banking without that course," she says. And she adds she's still learning as she goes through her three months of probation at a Sherwood Park branch of the bank. She does not yet know where her permanent

placement will be.

The program was established when several banks and Goodwill identified a need for training geared especially to members of minorities as part of an employment equity policy of the federal government. The first class of 11 students graduated in August.

Students are taught mathematics, communication, bank terminology and how to use keyboards and bank equipment. As well, work attitudes, personal conduct and development are examined. The curriculum was created by the banks and Goodwill under the direction of a business advisory committee.

Although McGeough had attended university for one year, she did not know where her employment future might take her until she read about the Goodwill course in an Edmonton daily newspaper.

McGeough was raised in


Edmonton. "I have lots of relatives at Paddle Prairie and Elizabeth colonies, though and Dr. Anne Anderson is my aunt," she says proudly. McGeough is one of 12 children and admits she didn't talk Cree much at home.

"The older ones in our family can speak pretty well but the younger children didn't talk Cree at home very much." She is taking classes at her aunt's cultural centre and listens to instructional tapes at home.

McGeough and her husband Tom are expecting their first child in the spring. She thinks she would like to keep working after the baby is born, but only on a part-time basis. She urges all young people to finish Grade 12 and then to get further training. "You will never get very far without learning some skills," she says.

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Salute to Native Businesses

Native women handcrafting new line of jewelry

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

An innovative new collection of jewelry, produced locally under the name of "Designs by NA-KISKA," promises to be a winner in women's fashion circles this year.

The collection of designs, which is referred to as the Forest Collection, includes an array of earrings, pin sets and necklace sets that are meticulously handcrafted by Native women at a manufacturing plant in Edmonton.

"This line of wearable art is created from fine porcelain clay, together with colored glazes and gold or silver plate," says Johan Louw, general manager of Business Assistance for Native Albertans Corporation (BANAC), the marketing division for NA-KISKA.

BANAC's marketing arm, Native Creative Group of Canada Inc., markets the jewelry, hand woven area rugs by Creations Weaving Company Ltd. and art reproductions of various Native artists.

The jewelry is carried by the United Cigar Group, department stores like Eaton's as well as top-of-the-line gift stores like the Piccadilly Place Stores. An objective of the company is to open new markets for Native-made products.

"We have eight salespeople across Canada and parts of the United States with 350 accounts buying on an ongoing basis.

As well we always have an open mind to innovative ideas and we are constantly researching new products to manufacture or assemble and market.

More products will result in



Heather Andrews

Barb La Rose, bisque supervisor at Native Creative, where the Forest Collection is produced.

bigger sales and that will equate in more employment opportunities," says Louw.

The 10 ladies on the production line manufacturing "Designs by NA-KISKA" jewelry enjoy the creativity of their work. A complex process is followed from the first firing of the clay, through the mixing of colors, the delicate painting and decorating and on to the final touch-ups and additional time in one of three large kilns.

Many of them are juggling careers and parenting, but all express satisfaction and pride in their work.

An added bonus to the sale of Forest Collection products is that for every set sold a seedling is

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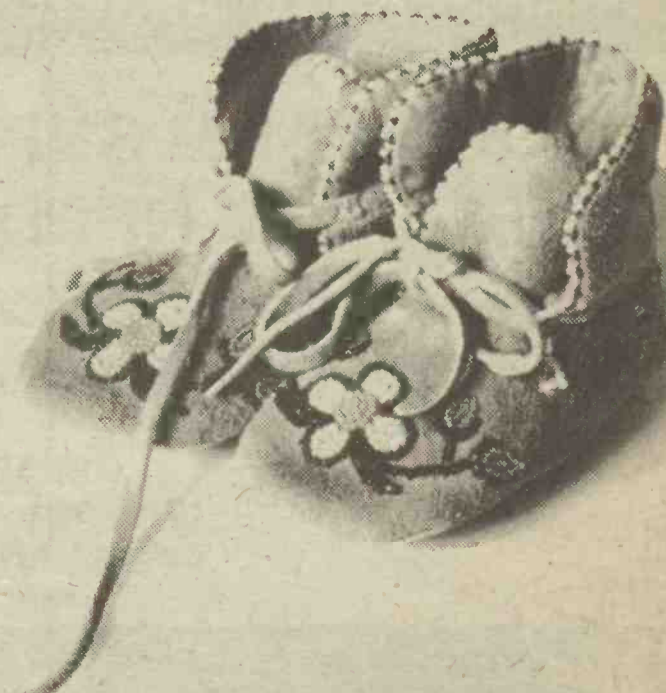
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At home

- Wash full dishwasher loads. If you have to hold small amounts of dishes for a few days till you get a full load, you may want to run the rinse cycle to pre-wash the dishes. But never overload a dishwasher.
- Use cardboard from cereal boxes and other boxes to write



your grocery list on. This saves paper and the cardboard is more useful as it stands by itself in the child seat of the grocery buggy.

- An alternative to recycling two-litre plastic pop bottles is to make use of them in your home. These pop bottles are ideal for use as: celery/carrot stick holders in the fridge — cut the bottles near the top and fill with water and the vegetables to keep this healthy snack cold; handy sugar pouring canisters — wash and thoroughly dry the bottles before use; a snack bowl for the kids to use while watching TV or playing outside or for use as camping bowls — the bottoms have to be cut off; and they can also be used as funnels if the tops are cut off.

At Work

Recycle all office cardboard. Most offices go through a lot of cardboard boxes. If your office currently only recycles paper, talk to the company which picks up the paper to see if they'll pick up cardboard also.

- Don't throw away used office equipment and furniture. Quite often, when renovating, an office will throw away many items which can be put to good use by charities, women's hostels, youth shelters and the Salvation Army. Consider contacting one of these groups before throwing away any potentially useful office items.
- Start up a Green Award for

your office. It is often hard for workers to talk to their co-workers about environmental tips as the office atmosphere is not appropriate for such conversation. You should therefore open up these communication channels by initiating a monthly award of a nice house plant to the staff member who suggests the best monthly "green workplace" suggestion. You'll be amazed at the variety of useful tips your co-workers come up with.

Personal grooming

- Use medicine bottles as cold compresses. Instead of throwing away old medicine bottles, fill them with water and freeze them. When someone needs a cold compress, these will be ideal to use. They can also be used in your cooler as ice packs. But be careful not to overfill glass bottles; instead leave about a half-inch to allow for expansion.
- Here's a new use for old neckties. Poke pierced earrings into a necktie and hang it in your closet or place it in your drawer; you'll always have your earrings sorted nicely in pairs. You can also use the necktie to hold broaches, pins and tie tacks.
- To make use of toothpaste on the sink, take a wet sponge or cloth and use the toothpaste to polish your plumbing, faucets or jewelry. It works very well and leaves these items shiny.

Kids' Corner

- Prepare to make your school environmentally-sound this year. Now that you've been reading Kids' Corner all summer, you have a good idea how to start environmental projects. Please keep all these ideas fresh in your memory and mention these ideas to your teachers and fellow students when you go back to school. More specifically, you can: start an anti-litter campaign for your playground; start a recycling project for paper and cans; talk to your teachers about having poster contests on environmental topics, reading/writing assignments on the environment and field days to go outside and observe nature.
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This issue we have decided to take a different approach to Junior Windspeaker and to feature our young readers in action instead of their artwork and written material.

Our first group of young readers are Lisa Young's Grade 1 and 2 class from Amisk Community School in Beaver Lake.

We would like to thank everyone at Amisk School for allowing the extra large Bart Simpson clone to disrupt their class for an hour or so.

Windspeaker will continue to print submissions from various schools, so if you wish to be featured in the next Junior Windspeaker please contact Tina Wood at 455-2700 for details.

**Photos
By
Bert**

Crowfoot



"The teacher thinks we're listening to an educational tape, but we're really listening to New Kids on the Reserve," says Rebecca Cardinal (l) and Robin Twinn (r)

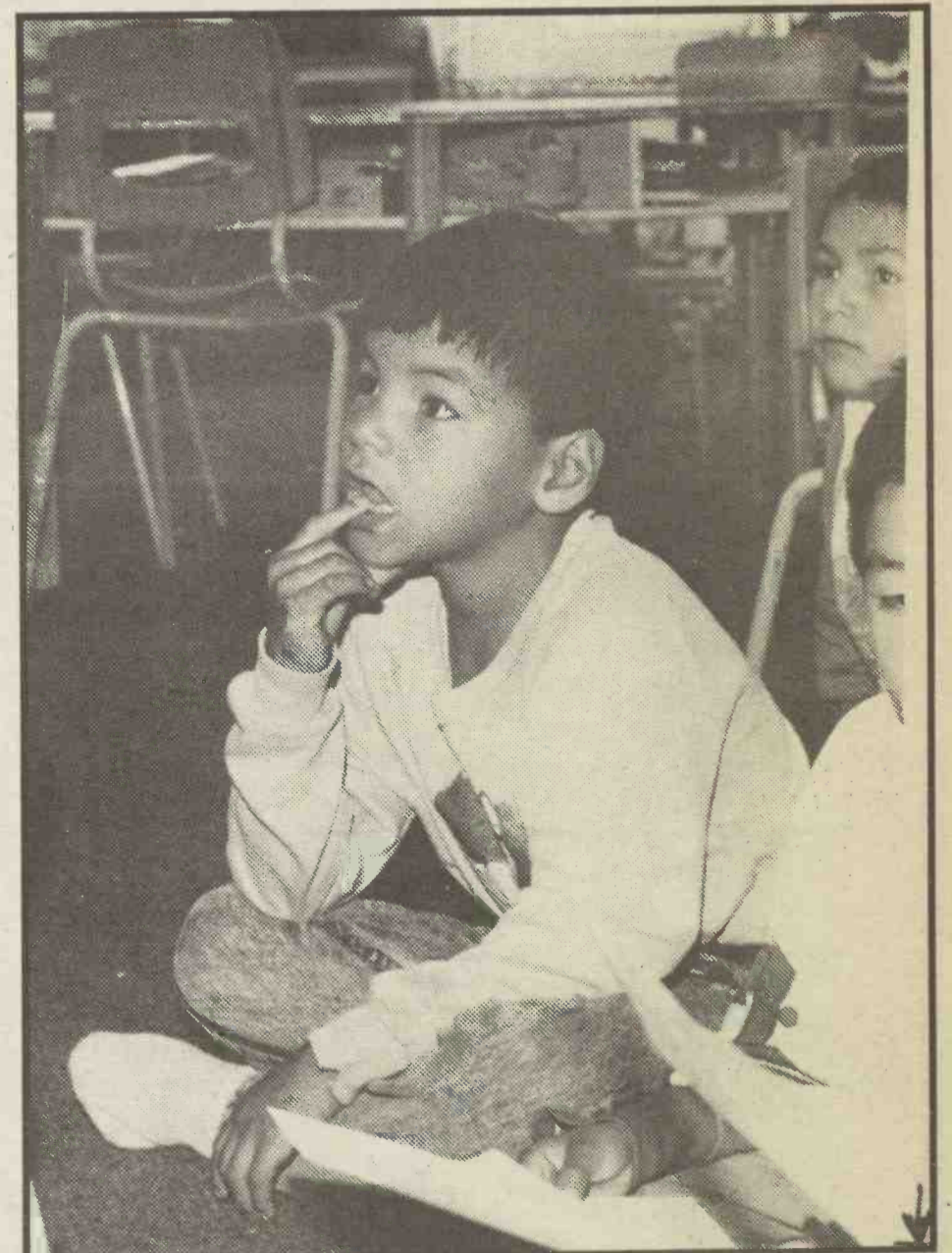
"The answer to that one is six, Miss Young," states Kristie Whitford



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"Hmmm? We just went over that yesterday," ponders Leonard Cardinal

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