

Members buck Indian Affairs Kehewin band throws chief out



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KEHEWIN, AB

Gordon Gadwa is under mounting pressure to formally step down as chief of Kehewin Reserve.

Members expressed a strong lack of confidence in the chief at a meeting Aug. 31 held at the reserve's cultural centre, which drew close to 90 residents.

Gadwa, 44, has ruled the east-central Alberta reserve for more than 10 years. But there's growing dissatisfaction with his leadership, which some members say is dictatorial in style.

The meeting came after a heated debate over who actually is chief of the 900-member band, located 15 km. south of Bonnyville.

Gadwa insists he still is, although six of the eight band council members voted Aug. 17 to oust him and then appointed councillor Gloria Badger as acting band chief.

A 100-name petition has

"We demanded he be ousted. Indian Affairs can't tell us otherwise," said Ronnie Paul.

Kehewin, who ran against Gadwa in the last election in March 1988, denied the situation be-

very high in the community.

Someone, apparently a youth according to one band member, has erased Gadwa's name from the scroll of chiefs on a sign at the reserve's powwow grounds.

Elder Johnny Paul, a World War II vet, said the status of Gadwa as a Treaty Indian is in question.

It is Paul's understanding that Gadwa was made only a temporary member of the reserve until he was 21-years-old.

"At this time, we don't have a chief. The people of Kehewin can't accept him as chief," said Paul.

But Gadwa's mother, Angeline Badger, scoffed at suggestions her son doesn't have treaty status. He's held it since 1946, when he was one-year-old, she said.

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- Irvin Kehewin, band member**

also been sent to Indian Affairs demanding Gadwa be removed from office.

The department says it still recognizes Gadwa, a decision which some band members resent.

"This is our reserve; it is not Indian Affairs' reserve," said Irvin Kehewin, spokesman for the dissatisfied band members.

tween Gadwa supporters and opponents is a stand-off.

He insisted Gadwa is "not chief anymore," no ifs, ands or buts about it.

Kehewin is the great, great grandson of Chief Kehewin, who signed Treaty 6 on behalf of the band.

Feelings are running

Leader of the coup: Band member Irvin Kehewin

IAA's Percy Potts roughed up by guards

By Jeff Morrow
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EDMONTON, AB

A family shopping spree turned into a nightmare of humiliation for Indian leader Percy Potts when he was charged

with trespassing at the Eaton Centre shopping mall in downtown Edmonton Aug. 29.

Potts, a Treaty 6 vice-president for the Indian Association of Alberta, was wrestled to the ground and handcuffed by mall security guards in the lobby of the centre's lavish hotel after being accused of using an elevator that is only authorized for use by guests and visitors of the Eaton Centre Hotel.

Potts said he and his 12-year-old daughter Misty, were finished shopping for school clothes and were using the elevator to get to the mall's parkade.

"But I hadn't been there since they remodelled and we were lost. So we got off (the elevator) because we couldn't figure it out," he said.

"The guard singled us out."

Potts, 35, said the lone guard demanded he and his daughter leave the mall or they would be cited for trespassing.

Potts claimed he was unaware elevator use was restricted but asked the guard why he wasn't

asking other mall shoppers for identification.

After that, Potts said, the trouble began.

"He grabbed me and threw me down, then called over two more guys to put handcuffs on me. My daughter was standing there watching, but they didn't seem to care about that," he fumed.

"It was humiliating." He said his hand was badly cut during the scuffle and his thumb was also injured.

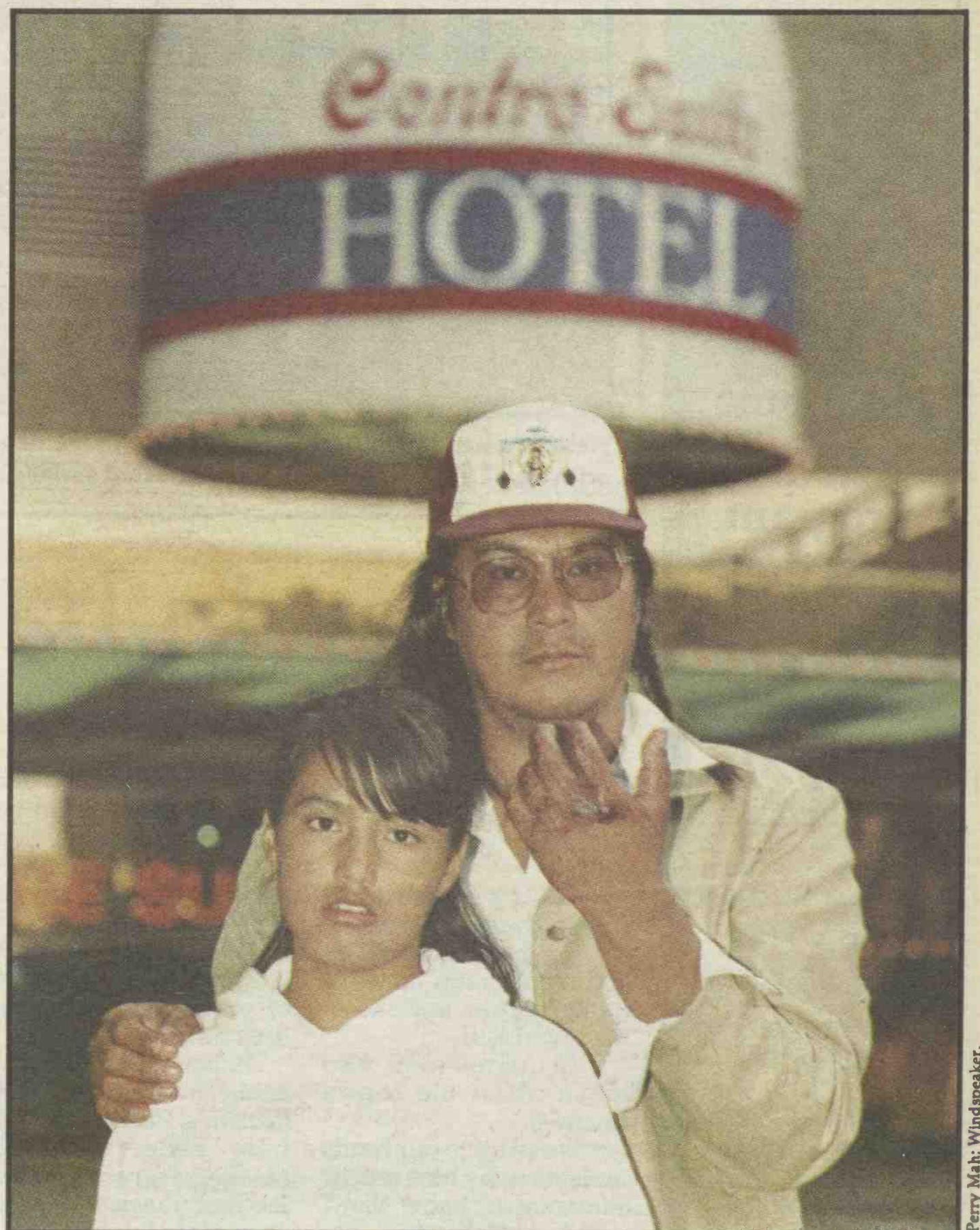
Eaton Centre security guards refused comment on the incident.

Triple Five Corp. Ltd., owner of Eaton Centre, has strict policies on who and who doesn't use its elevators, said the corporation's superintendent of shopping centres.

Selma Linzer said the hotel's elevators are "clearly" marked with signs stating they are restricted for use by hotel guests and the handicapped.

She claimed mall security guards are required to ask everyone using the elevators to prove they are guests or visitors of the hotel.

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Indian Association Vice-President Percy Potts show his injured left hand after security guards wrestled and handcuffed him to the ground Tuesday in front of his 12-year-old daughter.

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Provincial News

Still looking for missing children

Kehewin man in hiding from police

By Dana Wagg
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KEHEWIN, AB

A grieving Kehewin man is hiding from police while he and his wife continue their fight to regain custody of three children apprehended by Alberta Social Services.

"I don't want them in a foster home anymore," said Vernon Soloway.

"I hope we can get a court injunction to bring my kids home to the reserve."

He said the Metis Association of Alberta has offered legal assistance.

Soloway said warrants are out for his arrest, because he didn't appear in court some time ago on two charges of driving while suspended.

"The RCMP are constantly here badgering us," he said.

"They can look high and low and they'll never find me. We have a lot of ins and outs here on the reserve."

"I want this whole custody suit dealt with and then I'll be turning myself in," he said, noting he expects to be jailed on the driving charges.

Soloway, a Metis, and



Brenda McCarthy



Billy Joe McCarthy



Alexis McCarthy

Courtesy of Vernon Soloway

his common-law-wife Lila McCarthy, a Treaty Indian, had their four children apprehended by social services on the Easter weekend. The couple are under investigation allegedly abusing their children physically and sexually.

The youngest child, Dallas Soloway, 3, was killed in a car crash Aug. 5 after a car in which he was a passenger was hit from behind on the outskirts of Grand Centre. Charges have been laid against a 31-year-old resident of Cold Lake reserve.

Following the accident the other three children, Alexis (6), Billie Joe (8) and Brenda (9) were placed in a foster home on Kehewin

reserve.

But Social Services officials removed the children after an attempt by some band council members to remove Gordon Gadwa as chief.

Gadwa had given a personal undertaking to see the children were "appropriately supervised," said John Paterson, manager of child welfare services with the La La Biche office of Alberta Social Services.

The couple later lodged a complaint with Bonnyville RCMP, alleging social services abducted the children.

Corporal Rick Samotej of Bonnyville RCMP said police need to talk to Soloway before they can con-

clude their investigation into the abuse charges.

On Aug. 29, two officers from the detachment visited the Kehewin reserve home of an elderly couple looking for Soloway. He accused them of coming to the house "pushing their way in."

"I think it's very ignorant. I don't think it's right they barge their way into old folks' homes. When they're told I'm not here, I'm not here," he said.

"They pushed her (Lila) out of the way to look for me," said Soloway.

He said he'll allow his pit-bull terrier to run loose 24 hours to protect the family. "They (the police) are lucky that dog wasn't

unchained when they went there.

"I'm not letting them come into this house again to bother these people," he said.

Sgt. Roger L'Heureux of Bonnyville RCMP said police were tipped off that Soloway was at the home. Lila McCarthy was standing in the doorway when police arrived with warrants.

She refused entry and after hearing some noise in the basement, one of the officers moved McCarthy from the doorway.

"He pushed her arms down and pushed her aside a little bit and held her arms there. That was the end of the confrontation. She wasn't forced or pushed or booted around," he said.

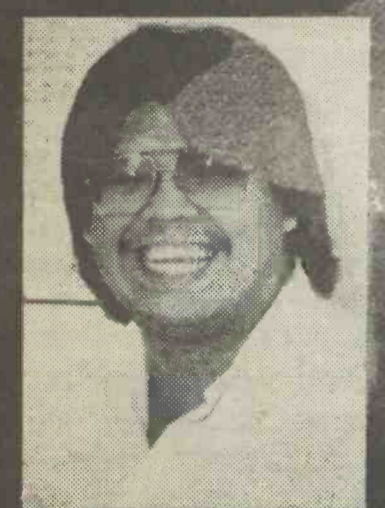
Social services operated within the law when it removed the children from the reserve, he said.

Meanwhile, according to Grand Centre RCMP, a preliminary hearing will be held towards the end of October to see if there's enough evidence to bring Louis Grandbois of Cold Lake Reserve, who faces five charges in connection with the fatal accident involving the couple's son.

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"He's a human being. He's not a dog." — Angeline Badger defends her son Gordon Gadwa



Kehewin band members listen intently to the debate over leadership on Aug. 31 after a group of people ousted Chief Gordon Gadwa.



Angeline Badger, mother of Gordon Gadwa defends her son to a hostile audience.

Kehewin band throws chief out

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"He's a human being. He's not a dog," she told the meeting. "He's being working very hard for the people."

Gadwa was accused of running a one-man show, leaving band councillors and members in the dark on key issues, and showing favoritism.

Concerns were also raised about the band's finances.

"We're up to our heads in debt but by how much? We want to know that," said Irvin Kehewin.

Members decided to postpone a possible election until an audit of the band's books is completed in two to three months.

Elder George John Kehewin said Gadwa "lied" to band members when he led them to believe their elections were under band custom; they are in fact governed by the Indian Act.

"We don't want that kind of person to be a chief of ours. That's why we fired him," he said.

Important issues aren't being addressed under Gadwa's leadership, said Lucy Badger in Cree. Meeting chairman Norbert Jebeaux translated her remarks into English.

"There's a lack of employment opportunities. People are hungry," she said.

Reserve housing prob-

lems also troubled Julia John. "So many young people don't have a home," she said, noting some houses on the reserve are home for three families.

"Some people have two jobs or three jobs," she said, "and some of us don't have a job."

"A lot of people on this reserve are hungry," said Ida Watchmaker.

A band office worker accused Gadwa of exercising total financial control. "It's like a dictatorship. It's got to change."

Gadwa was locked out of his office by hostile band members after the petition was turned down by Indian Affairs.

In a telephone interview

from his reserve home, Gadwa claimed he is still backed by a majority of band members and he is still chief of his band.

A spokesman for the Bonnyville RCMP detachment said the tumultuous situation on the reserve is being closely monitored by police. Two officers attended Thursday's meeting.

"We've been sitting down with them so we can come up with a peaceful solution for both sides," Bob Curiston said.

Curiston agreed the coup attempt had the potential for turning violent but he said the RCMP was given assurances by band members the situation

would be handled diplomatically.

A motion that an election be held immediately was defeated at Thursday's meeting. But the members did vote to fire band lawyer Sharon Venne. The motion was made by Jebeaux.

"She only represented one person, Gordon. She did the legwork for him. She answered to only one boss," explained Irvin Kehewin, who served for nine years on the council prior to last year.

Gadwa didn't attend the meeting. Nor, apparently, did anyone from Indian Affairs.

Provincial News

Grande Cache Indians buy time Gov't rescinds notice of land sale

By Gary Gee
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GRANDE CACHE, AB

Residents in four Native housing co-operatives are breathing a sigh of relief after the provincial government rescinded a tax notice this week, effectively ending the possibility their land could be sold.

On Aug. 28, residents in Susa Creek, Joachim Enterprises, Grande Cache Lake Enterprises and Muskee Sepee were informed that tax notices sent out on Aug. 11 had been rescinded by the provincial government.

Residents were informed they had until Sept. 15 to pay an estimated \$12,000 on property taxes or have their land auc-

tioned off at that date. Most of the residents in the communities are unable to pay taxes because they are on social assistance, according to spokesman Dave MacPhee last week.

Now residents apparently have received assurances from municipal affairs officials that an agreement can be worked out and selling of the land is not under consideration.

"The land will not be sold or put up for sale," said Roy Brudell, spokesman for the regional Valleyview office of Alberta Municipal Affairs last week.

Brudell said it's a yearly occurrence that whenever property taxes are not paid, land is automatically put up for a tax sale.

"They were notified of

a sale. But since then, we've removed it from a tax sale and we're now dealing with the circumstances," said Brudell who met with residents this week.

He indicated that the two sides have settled a few issues and believe a compromise can be reached. Brudell said outstanding taxes don't always have to be settled with a cash receipt.

In addition, he said the amount owing when divided amongst members in the co-operatives on an annual basis does not "add up to very much."

But Tony Mandamin, lawyer for the residents, says residents shouldn't have to pay anything because the land is legally owned by the housing co-operatives and enterprises.

"But there's no money generated from the land, so the co-ops and enterprises don't have any money. Individual members may go out and work and have income but it's their income. It's not Grande Cache people who owe taxes, it's the legal entities. But they have no income," he pointed out.

Mandamin said residents instructed him to contact the Municipal Affairs department to make clear their position of paying taxes since a majority of residents do not believe they should be paying taxes because they consider themselves treaty Indians.

Natives in the area want band status under Treaty 8, signed in 1899, which forgot to include the

people of the Grande Cache area.

In 1972, when the co-operatives were formed, 4,150 acres were given to the people residing in the area. But because of their special status, it was agreed that if the land was sold, it would be held in trust.

In addition, members were given a five-year exemption for property taxes which the government extended for another five years.

Because of the special circumstances facing Native people in the area, Mandamin believes someone should have stopped the tax notices from going out this year.

"Somebody made a difficult situation extremely

unclear... they should have responded in a different way," he said.

Mandamin says as far as he knows this is the first time the lands in the area were put up for sale, although in previous years tax notices had been sent.

Cliff Supernault, executive director for Alberta Native Affairs, says he believes an agreement can be worked out with the residents over the next year.

Brudell agrees that the issue of whether Grande Cache Natives should be paying taxes has changed to the question of whether they should pay at all because of their decision to apply for treaty status with the federal government.

Financial mismanagement a 'red herring', he claims

Gadwa denies charges, blames C-31 'loans'

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KEHEWIN, AB

Kehewin chief Gordon Gadwa, tentatively ousted as leader by a group of reserve residents alleging fiscal mismanagement, says the real issue is the payment of gas royalties to former enfranchised Indians who have been reinstated with treaty rights under the federal government's Bill C-31.

"Many of our long-time band members had taken out bank loans using their monthly gas royalty payments as collateral. Earlier this year, the band council made a decision to get these loans paid off by the end of this year before beginning to pay royalty payments to the re-instated Bill C-31 Indians in January 1990.

"I believe it's that decision that has caused the problems we're now facing with some residents," Gadwa said.

Gas royalties, formerly set at \$75 per month but now lowered to \$50 because of the petroleum industry downturn, are to be paid to every individual included on Kehewin's band list of treaty members.

The issue of financial mismanagement is a red herring, Gadwa alleges.

"We've had our financial accounts audited by Schappert & Schappert, chartered accountants of



A storm of controversy centres over this man, Gordon Gadwa, who still claims to be chief of the Kehewin band.

Bonnyville every year and a copy goes to the Department of Indian Northern Affairs. There has never been a problem with our books," said Gadwa.

Wayne Schappert of the Grande Centre branch of the chartered accounting firm confirms Gadwa's statements.

An official with Indian & Northern Affairs Canada in St. Paul, Denis Leroux, also confirms there has been no financial mismanagement involving the Kehewin reserve during Gadwa's ten-year tenure as chief.

He also said during mandatory annual general meetings for all Alberta reserves, copies of band accounts are made available to members along with reports of yearly

business conducted by the administration on behalf of reserve residents.

Indian Affairs official Gerry Thronson, in charge of lands, revenues and trust pointed out last week that despite a petition and band council resolution to have Gadwa removed as chief, there is nothing in the department's mandate to allow that.

"As far as we're concerned, he's still the elected chief," he said.

In Gadwa's absence, six of eight band councillors appointed councillor Gloria Badger as acting chief.

Although Gadwa has been temporarily removed from office and locks in the administration building have been changed, he

says he isn't losing sleep over the charges of financial mismanagement and lack of leadership.

"The people here elected me to council for six years and since 1979 have been re-elected me for two-year terms as their chief.

The upheaval has caused some programs to be cancelled or put on hold until the current issue is settled.

A scheduled rodeo, to run in conjunction with the annual pow-wow held two weeks ago was cancelled and a sod-turning ceremony for the construction

of a high school on the reserve has been put on hold.

As well, a Northern Alberta Native Cowboy's Association regional rodeo championship planned for September, with winners advancing to the international Indian rodeo championship in Albuquerque, New Mexico, may not go ahead.

Gadwa says he's keeping a positive attitude and has had many band members telephone and approach him pledging their support.

"The way I see it, we try

to run the reserve according to laws we've enacted. If some people don't want

to recognize those laws, what's the use in having them?" he says.

Gadwa says he holds no animosity towards those who have orchestrated his temporary ouster.

"These people have been my friends and relatives all my life and I'm not going to throw it away overnight because of a difference of opinion. I'm here to resolve things the best way we can for the reserve," he said.

Potts roughed up

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"Don't be silly," she responded when asked if guards were told to single out certain people they don't believe are staying in the hotel. They are required to check everyone, she said.

Fil Fraser, chairman of the Alberta Human Rights Commission, doesn't buy that explanation.

"I've been there (Eaton Centre hotel) a number of times. There are ordinary shoppers coming and going and they are never stopped," he said.

"It would be highly unusual for anyone to be approached."

He said there could be a basis for a human rights violation if a complaint was brought to his office.

An Edmonton police spokesman said Potts was not taken into custody but was later given a summons to appear in court

for trespassing.

He did say trespassing charges are laid "frequently" by security officials at the Eaton Centre shopping mall but couldn't specify if the charges were stemming from unauthorized use of the hotel elevator.

Potts' arrest by mall security is another example of the stigma attached to minorities in the province, said the president of the Alberta Human Rights and Civil Liberties Association.

George Richardson lashed out at corporate policy that permits employees to use physical force in confrontations with customers and patrons.

"We have a serious problem with society. It has to be realized the days of thumping people are over," he said.

"You can't single out and mistreat people because they're different."

On The National Scene

United Church throws support behind Lubicons



Over one year ago, Lubicon band members blockaded reserve roads.

By Jeff Morrow
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EDMONTON

The Lubicon Lake Indian band in northwestern Alberta is drawing support from one of Canada's largest religious sectors in opposing the newly-created Woodland Cree band recognized recently by the federal government.

The United Church of Canada plans to join a coalition of support groups during National Lubicon Day, slated for Oct. 15.

The day commemorates the week-long Lubicon band blockade one year ago which attracted international attention to the beleaguered band's 50-year-old land-claim dispute with the federal government.

The aim of the United Church is to help create an awareness for Native concerns around the country but a spokesman says the recent recognition of the Woodland Cree in northern Alberta by the federal government has become the most contentious issue.

Bill Cantelon, a member of the Alberta and Northwest United Church Conference, says his organization condemns the government's move as "an appalling attempt to discredit the Lubicon people."

Lubicon officials fear recognition of the Woodland Cree could jeopardize their chances to negotiate an adequate settlement for its 440 members.

The Woodland Cree, a band of disgruntled Natives from the Cadotte Lake area near Little Buffalo, are made up of between 25-35 per cent Lubicon members. Officially, it will be the 593rd Indian band in Canada.

Lubicon chief Bernard Ominayak has accused the federal government of using the new band to detract from any offer suitable for his people.

Cantelon says the Lubicon-support coalition will call for rallies and demonstrations across the country one year after band members blockaded reserve roads leading to the small northern Alberta community of Little Buffalo, located 470 kilometres northwest of Edmonton.

"We see it as a way to raise the issue again and draw attention to the claim," said Cantelon.

"And if the federal government goes ahead with its newest approach (recognizing the Woodland Cree), it makes our stance even stronger," he said.

The United Church of Canada, Canada's largest Protestant religious denomination, has declared it will forge a new direction in supporting Native groups.

"Historically, our relationship with Native people has been dubious," admitted Cantelon, who said church officials hope to redeem itself with the Protestant faithful by providing support for Native people.

"In our zealotry to preach the gospel, we forgot that Indians have their own beliefs and lifeways. We want to correct our mistakes," he said.

In 1986, the general council of the United Church of Canada, made a formal apology to Native

leaders promising to cooperate with them on future issues.

"And now we are working with them on a variety of issues around the country," said Cantelon.

"The Lubicon issue is the one we're focusing on," he stressed.

The coalition, made up of church, student, women's and labor groups, will also be waging a letter-writing campaign during National Lubicon Day.

Letters will be sent to Parliament Hill in Ottawa, demanding Prime Minister Brian Mulroney personally take an active role in the Lubicon's land-claim negotiations.

Talks between federal negotiators and band officials have been put on the backburners after a land deal negotiated between Ominayak and Alberta Premier Don Getty hit an impasse.

Ominayak and Getty have resumed talks but have been unable to convince federal officials to return to the bargaining table.

Gambling dispute involves Quebec Mohawks

More violence anticipated

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

MONTREAL, QUE.

Internal violence that erupted this week on a New York Mohawk reserve could threaten the sovereignty of Indian bands near Montreal.

That's the warning from band councillor Davis Rice of the Kahnawake Mohawk band.

Rice told Windspeaker members of his Quebec-based Mohawk band are "on edge" because of heated confrontations between U.S. federal state troopers and two opposing band forces on the Akwesasne Mohawk reserve, which straddles the U.S. Canadian border near Cornwall, Ont.

The leadership of Kahnawake Mohawk band near Montreal, 130 kilometres north of the Akwesasne reserve, warns military intervention is imminent if such action is requested by Akwesasne chiefs.

"Anything going on over there ultimately affects us here. A number of Mohawks in Akwesasne have mentioned to us they are worried about what's going on there," said Rice. "We share that same belief and are prepared to act if needed," he said.

Rice is confident the 8,000 Mohawks of Akwesasne can iron out

their own problems but said the presence of U.S. federal state troopers threatens Indian sovereignty.

"The bottom line is no outside jurisdiction. The Mohawk people are ready to take arms to defend their territory," he warned.

Beleaguered members in Akwesasne Reserve have been embroiled in an internal dispute after band factions clashed last June when state troopers raided the band's casino operations, confiscated slot machines and charged members with illegal gambling.

A potentially-volatile situation occurred when New York State troopers and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents subsequently blockaded reserve roads in July after armed Mohawks moved in to protect the reserve from another raid.

When band members formed the Mohawk Security Force (MSF) to keep the peace, other Akwesasne band members aiming to stop the multi-million dollar gambling operations on the reserve, reacted with violence.

On Aug. 27, a baseball bat-wielding mob torched a newly-built casino with Molotov cocktails. One day later, sniper shots fired on another casino, prompted state troopers to block off access to the reserve.

Reserve newspaper editor Doug George said band



Federal state troopers blockaded this reserve road this June after armed Mohawks kept guard on their casinos.

members, including the MSF, have been seen patrolling the reserve carrying fully automatic weapons, including Chinese-made AK-47 machine guns, in preparation for an escalation in the violence.

American Mohawk Grand Chief Mike Mitchell, who has received death threats, declared a state of emergency last week, closing all band council offices except for emergency business.

Later in the week, Mitchell met with MSF leaders to prevent further violence on the reserve.

MSF spokesman Art Montour said the internal fighting is between traditional Indians and moderate leaders on the reserve.

He accused Mitchell of inciting band members to oppose a long-standing Indian practice of generating reserve revenue by

using gambling casinos to attract Canadian tourists.

It's a charge Mitchell has

vehemently denied. Mitchell, declared a state of emergency closed band

council office's on the Canadian side of the reserve last week

Said Montour: "All the MSF wants to do is protect our sovereignty and the rights of the Mohawk people. We're not just talking about gambling we're fighting outside intervention."

He said Mitchell has sided with U.S. authorities who want to regulate the casino profits and change the reserve's gambling taxes.

The band's pro and anti-gambling factions, who are bitterly divided on the issue of gambling, both fear widespread violence could erupt over jurisdiction and reserve policy.



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Projects boost Goodfish band economy

Chief predicts rosy future

By Dana Wagg
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GOODFISH LAKE, AB

Things are coming up roses for the Goodfish Lake Band

Currently, four construction projects are under way on the reserve, located 55 km. south of Lac La Biche.

Leading the way is a \$768,000 expansion of the band's garment factory.

Also under construction is a health centre, a public works building and a skills employment training building, where pipe-fitting, boiler-making and power engineering are to be offered. Students will come from towns and

improvement districts within a 30-mile radius of the reserve.

Goodfish band chief Ernest Houle feels optimistic about the reserve's future.

The garment factory, which now employs 40 people, will be employing 100 people on each of three shifts within three years, he confidently predicted.

"That's when all these pulp mills go into full swing," he said, adding that he expects northern Alberta development projects will be a boon to the Goodfish reserve.

"We're setting up meetings with the purchasers of these corporations. We have to do a selling job. We've had the support of

(Vegreville MP Don) Mazankowski and (Premier Don) Getty all down the line," he said.

The six-year-old factory, which is located in an old school, manufactures summer and winter work wear for the oil industry including overalls, pants, smocks, parkas, winter vests and insulated coveralls.

An additional 30 people will be employed at the factory once the expansion is complete which includes the purchase of additional equipment. The project got under way about a month ago.

The key to the project was getting a \$450,000 grant from the federal government's Native Economic Development Program (NEDP), said Houle.

"They studied our business plan and they were impressed by it," he said.

Don Hannah, western regional director of NEDP, said the Goodfish Band has "done miracles in that old building."

"It's a most decrepit and frightening kind of facility," he said.

The NEDP grant will be used to construct a new building next door.

The band's annual sales are about \$1.2 million including clients like Syncrude and Suncor oil companies.

A Dec. 22 ribbon-cutting ceremony on the new building is planned.

The factory is operated by the Goodfish Lake Development Corporation Ltd., which is wholly-owned by the Goodfish band.

Native economic program to improve local service

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

VANCOUVER

Ottawa plans to open an Edmonton office of the Aboriginal Economic Program this fall at Canada Place.

Don Hannah, western regional director, said the move should mean improved service for local residents.

"For the first time we'll have permanent staff in that area. We presently serve it from our western office in Vancouver. It'll mean improved service and after care and I think it'll lead to improved access," he said.

The office will be staffed by seven to eight

people.

The program, which is funded by Industry, Science and Technology Canada, is intended to "provide assistance to viable, native businesses," he said.

The Aboriginal Economic Program replaces the Native Economic Development Program (NEDP), which ended July 31.

All native economic initiatives are being rolled into one program, said Hannah.

Over the last five years NEDP has pumped \$50 million into Alberta.

"We're proud of the results of NEDP and look forward enthusiastically to this new program," Hannah said.

Conference to focus on economic development

By Everett Lambert
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Indian business people from all over Canada will gather in Edmonton Sept. 25 to 28 for an intensive three-day conference on Indian economic development.

The Conference on Indian Economic Development will be hosted by the Indian Equity Foundation at the Edmonton Inn. The foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to Indian economic development.

A list of high profile private sector and government officials have been confirmed to speak at the conference including James Bay Cree chief Billy Diamond, federal MP Willie Littlechild and Federal Indian Affairs Minister Pierre Cadieux.

Don Logan, economic development advisor for the Yellowhead Tribal Development Corporation and Joyce Mandamin of the Indian Equity Foundation, are the two main organizers for the event.

The planning and organizing "is going very well," says Logan, adding that the trade show is already sold out.

Logan said that planning for the conference started a year ago, and has been done through a committee.

After an Indian economic development workshop was held last summer, Logan says there was a consensus that there was a need for a much larger conference.

The theme will be 'Realizing Our Potential - Indian Economic Development for the 90's.'

The purpose of the conference will be to create an

awareness of the economic development potential for Indian people, and to encourage and promote the pro-active participation of industry, government and the community.

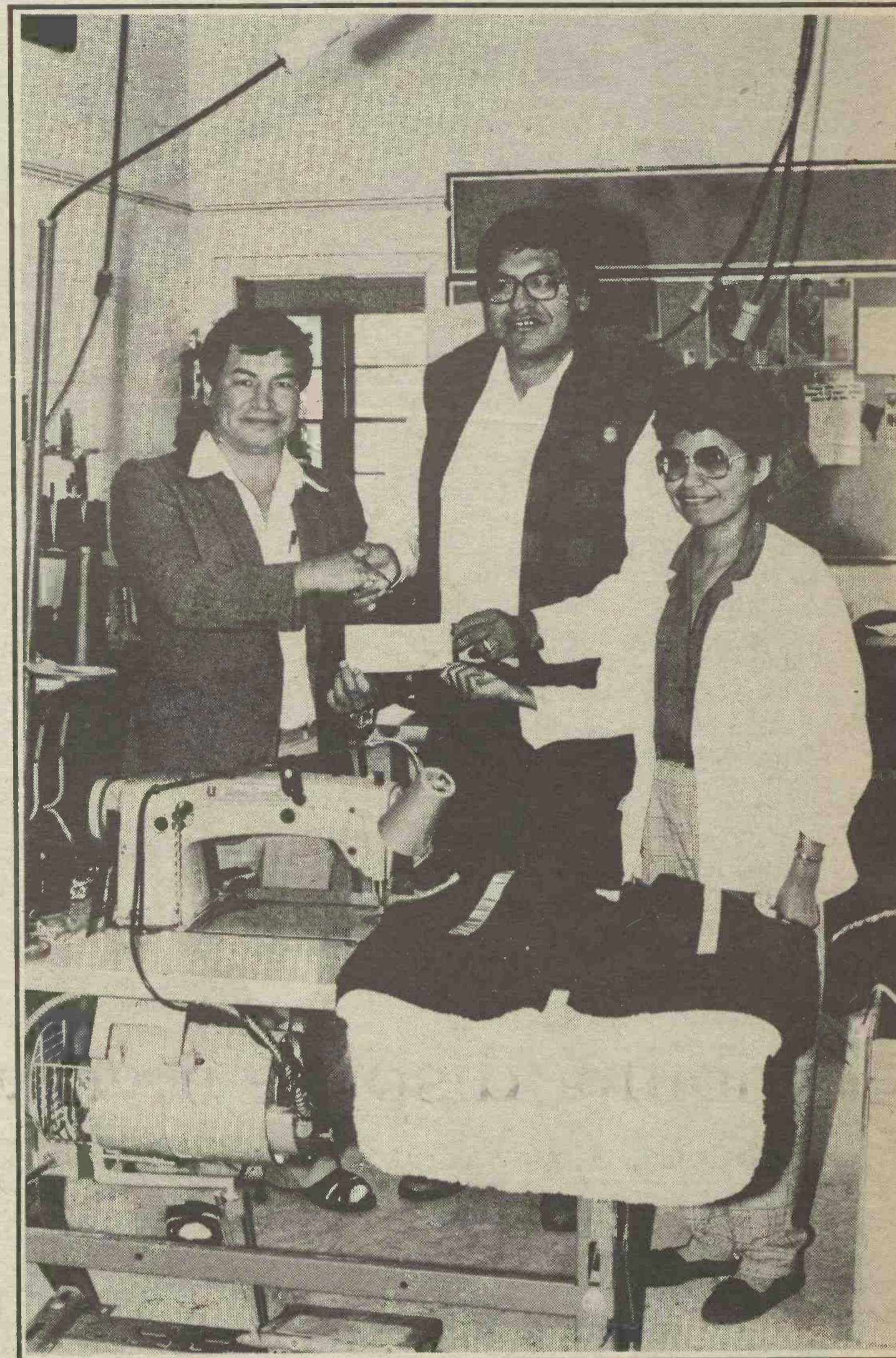
"One of the things that will be of particular interest will be the forestry development panel," says Logan.

Initially there were plans for a panel debate but that idea was scrapped.


The panel will instead consist of both the Native perspective and spokesman of northern Alberta pulp mills, taking place on Sept. 27.

Native concerns will be represented by northern Alberta chiefs, the Aboriginal Resource Development Group and the Treaty Indian Environmental Secretariat.

After two hours of presentation, delegates will be given a 40 minute question period.



Goodfish chief Ernest Houle, Former chief Sam Bull and Councillor Velma Mennook at the band's new garment factory



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Viewpoint

Alberta Native leader Percy Potts agrees the life of an Indian in Edmonton has its ups and downs. But he never imagined it would hit an all time low while on a quaint family outing in one of the city's most prominent shopping malls.

While stepping off an elevator, supposedly exclusively for guests of an adjacent hotel, Potts found himself stepping into a world he thought had come to grips with its own identity.

He ran smack into a confrontation similar to one his forefathers may have had experienced in Edmonton 50 years before. Only it wouldn't have been as complex as riding on an elevator without permission. It could have been a violation a little more understandable, like walking across the street where he wasn't suppose to.

Potts, twinging with humiliation at the thought of being thrown to the ground and handcuffed by young white security guards before a throng of afternoon shoppers at Eaton Centre, has a lot more to worry about than public perception.

He now has to face the coming years with a daughter who saw her father defiled and disgraced in public.

It's hard enough to defend your dignity to an adult. But a traumatic moment like the one Potts experienced will stick in the mind of a 12-year-old child forever.

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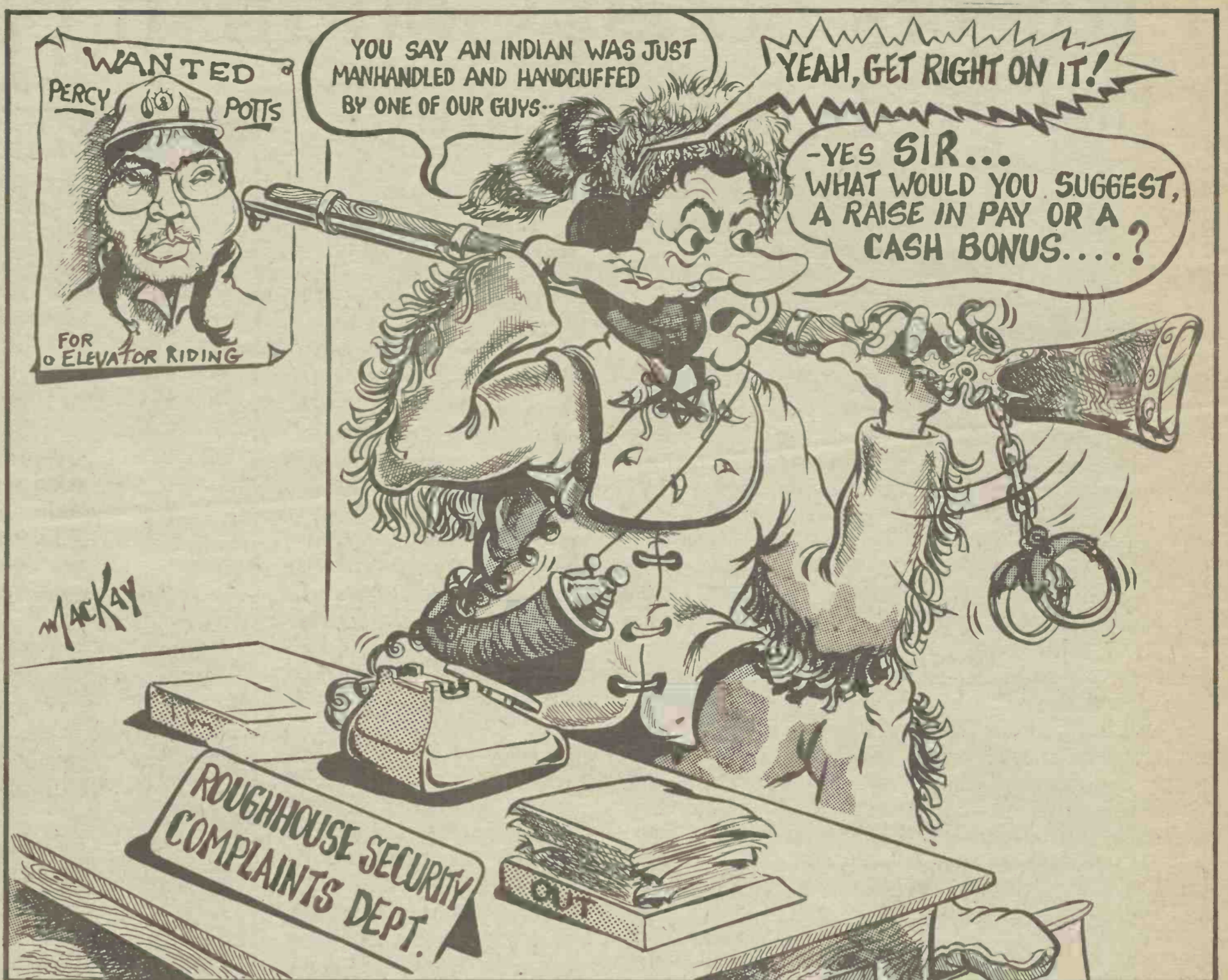
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Editorial Page



Summer a season for learning

By Richard Wagamese
Windspeaker Correspondent

Tansi, Ahnee and hello. It's been a long summer. Sometimes it seems that the further along this Earthwalk one gets, the longer the lessons take to learn. Summer. This is the season of learning. This is the time on the Great Wheel of Life when much is revealed and the searchers find themselves growing, maturing and trusting in the wisdom of the earth. It's been a long summer.

In the springtime when this column stopped appearing I had much to learn. This was a time of confusion for me. One of the surprising things about the search for awareness is that there are many times when the signs become unclear. Times when the mind decides that it knows the proper direction. Times when the soul is left untended and the body follows yet another twisting, drifting and often painful road. And yet there is learning.

It has to do with gifts. Our people have practised the idea of the giveaway for generation after generation. Giveaway was the natural process. The buffalo gave away his life so the people could continue. The tree gave away its life so that the people might have warmth and grow closer and stronger around their tribal fires. The medicine people and spirit healers gave away their earthly possessions so that they might be granted more spiritual insight to better heal the people.

Giveaway. The natural process. It's recognition of



TOUCHING THE CIRCLE By Richard Wagamese

the fact that all things come from the Creator. All things which make up the circle of our lives are gifts. Life itself is nothing less than a gift.

It's recognition of the fact that we do not own anything. Recognition of the fact that we are merely guardians. Recognition of the fact that the only thing which will survive our time here is the spirit. All else is trivial.

Each of us were created with special gifts. There is not a single human being anywhere that was not created for a reason. Some of us are dancers and singers. Some of us are artists and carvers. Some of us are politicians, leaders and spokespeople. Some are husbands and wives, mothers and fathers. And some of us are storytellers.

I'd become dissatisfied with being simply a storyteller. I began to buy into the idea that success is identified by those things which I could afford to surround myself with. I began to look for ways to use my Creator's gift to me that would bring me more material evidence, more satisfaction, more comfort. I began to wander. And I fell.

The very nature of gifts is giving. I lost that connection. I began to look at

this gift of the storyteller as a means of receiving. Tell for money. I ultimately took the responsibility for my abilities. The lesson I had to learn from all of this was that the moment I take the credit for my successes I automatically become responsible for my failures. There's no one else to blame.

Giveaway. It took the giveaway of a small brother to bring me back to full realization of my role in the scheme of things. I'd been talking with elders and some friends of the way and generally well on my way back to balance. Healing. I was at the point of innocence once again and ready to travel.

One morning during the High River First Nations Cultural Festival in August I was up early. We'd been there living in a teepee for about four days already.

The sun was masked by early fog. The dew was heavy on the long grass and there was a stillness. Walking across the grass back towards the teepees I suddenly got the feeling that this is what it must have been like a long, long time ago. I was filled with pride in my heritage and my people. I was filled with the awareness of the

presence of the Creator of all things.

I jumped into the van and started to drive down the road. I wanted to see more of this beautiful world I found myself in. Driving along I looked out the windows and once again realized that I was part of everything that surrounded me. I belonged. I felt that old feeling of connectedness and balance flowing through me.

The giveaway. A small gopher ran across the road ahead of me. Because I was moving at a fast rate of speed I couldn't swerve away and my tiny brother was killed. A part of me died too. I felt like a close relative had passed beyond. I felt grief and had I known a mourning song I would have sung one right there for the benefit of my tiny brother.

What I was feeling was the spiritual sense of belonging I'd lost for a few months. All my relations. Everything which has life in this universe is my relation. When I respect and care for all of life I care and respect myself. My little brother's giveaway brought me back.

And some of us are storytellers. It's been a long summer and there has been much learning. This column has always been a means of telling you the stories I have learned or lived through. A means of touching the circle of our Indian way. A means of making sense of a sometimes confusing modern world by looking through the eyes of our tradition. A means of giveaway. A nice to be back.

Native friendship centre a place for banter

Hi! Boy, do I miss the Friendship centre?

Remember, when every Thursday you could drop over to the centre for a great meal? And everyday of the week there was always a hot bowl of soup handy?

What happened to those good, old days when Native soup, bannock and lobster was always available?

"I'm sorry Rocky but we don't have a kitchen here," said Elizabeth Bidy Giroux from the centre.

Bidy? I remember when I used to call my sister from the police station to come and pick me up. I would say "Please, Bidy I need a ride."

No wonder she never came — her name is Betty!

However, even though the old centre is now history, staff at the centre's new location welcome people to drop by.

I know three wonderful ladies there: Georgina Donald, Elizabeth "Biddy" Giroux and Donnaa Woodward. But can they cook?

Just kidding. Better quit, before I find myself in hot water, in a pot, at the centre.

The Friendship Centre is located at 11016-127th St. and yes, they still have programs operating only one block from their offices at the Westmount Hall. They have swimming at Coronation Pool, but they don't have native soup or bannock?

Sure, it's easy to find a taxi when you need one, but where are the cooks when you need one. My dogs for a piece of fried bannock!

I remember when I was a little boy back home in Fort McMurray. My granny used to say: "If you're a good, little boy today (I was always a good, cute little boy) someday we will travel to the city and I will take you to the friendship centre where they have wonderful bannock, soup and lobster."

Boy, was I good! But now that little boy's dream has been wrecked by the closure of the old centre. And today, all I have are fond memories of food.

EDMONTON: Are you interested in coaching or taking up the sport of boxing?

EVERETT LAMBERT is looking for coaches and boxers for the Native Boys' Boxing Club that he co-ordinates for the Canadian Native Friendship Centre. You can call him right here at WINDSPEAKER at 455-2700.

BOWDEN: Will be holding its 14th Annual Indian Days' Powwow Oct. 1. Hosted by the native brotherhood Society, competitions will start in the afternoon and ... cash prizes.

Drop' In with Rocky Woodward

Categories are for seniors and juniors in traditional, fancy and gras dancing events.

Drummers and dancers are asked to call Pat Hanley at 227-3391, Ext. 352 or pick up clearance forms at your band office.

Support our Native brothers. It sounds like a well-organized powwow and fun for everyone.

ALEXIS. If you happened to be at the Alexis 11th Annual Powwow and men's and ladies' fastball tournament, then you wouldn't have missed great traditional singing by the host drummers all the way from Manitoba.

Known as the Assiniboine Juniors, I understand they're one great group.

Alexis is also proud of the two drum groups they have ... the Hog River and Little Boys' groups.

The powwow took place over the Labor Day weekend. More next week.

PADDLE PRAIRIE: I will now introduce Drop' In's new found best friend, MARTHA GHOSTKEEPER.

Martha's first words to me.

"I just got back from holidays and you want a community report?! How about I report you to the authorities for pestering me and disturbing my California sun tan!"

Just kidding my people. Actually, Martha was very kind, giving me the impression she is the owner of four ugly dogs, too.

Paddle Prairie is known for many things: beautiful scenery, friendly people and also their Heritage Days' celebration that took place over the long weekend.

Martha reports a horseshoe tournament, fun ball games, kids' games and a MISS METIS PAGEANT and all sorts of things were going on.

"We also had a talent show for jigging and singing and a family sober dance," Martha reported.

Martha also mentioned a family barbecue free! Like, no admission!

Paddle Prairie sure doesn't need the Exhibition. They have their own ... with food.

Martha, did you have fired bannock and soup? Tell me you didn't please.

Leftovers. Are there any leftovers? Drop'in In loves leftovers. Five doggie bags would be appreciated Martha.

Anyway, tune in next week and Martha and I will supply you with winners of the talent contest and the Miss Metis pageant winner.

GIFT LAKE: Welcome to Drop' In HECTOR LAMOUCHE.

Hector is our readers' new correspondent in Gift Lake.

At this moment the Gift Lake Sluggers are in a do or die situation in the best of three semi-finals fastball tournament, having lost the first round to the Peavine Rangers.

According to Hector, the Sluggers play in an eight team fastball league and now, only four teams are vying for the championship trophy.

At the other end of the spectrum, the High Prairie playboys and the Driftpile Swingers are battling it out to see who will go on to the championship round.

Other teams in the league are from East Prairie, Sucker Creek and Kinuso.

"It's been raining here quite a bit lately Rocky, so the games have been cancelled off and on. The championship final will be decided in five games. I will let you know the outcome," Hector said.

This is one league I always like if memory serves me right. (no comments out there). The league has always been strong due to baseball players who stay involved.

COLD LAKE: My apologies to VICKI and ALLEN and their sweet little daughter GINA JACOB for my mistake.

A couple of weeks ago, we ran a picture of the Jacob family at the Ermineskin powwow and the caption didn't reveal their last names. On top of that I spelled Gina's name with a "J".

Yes I was the one who wrote the caption and I am sorry.

DROPP'IN IN: Well, I'm off to the TODD BUFFALO SUICIDE RACE. If you don't hear from me next week, I'll tell you why.

The Rodeo has a competition called the businessman's event. Individuals sponsored by a business can participate in riding a cow. I think the prize is a silver buckle.

So if there is no Drop' In column next week... it doesn't mean I've been injured falling off a cow. It only means I ate the cow.

Probably, I'll be at home recovering with my four ugly dogs.

Oh... for a piece of bannock... to go along with the steak. Have a safe Labor Day weekend everybody.

Indian Country Community Events

ASUMMENA, July 28 - Sept. 2, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tues. - Sat, Festival of Arts by Alberta Native Artists at the Front Gallery, 12302 Jasper Ave., Edmonton, 488-2952.

6TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY CLASSIC BALL TOURNAMENT, Sept. 1 - 3, Goodfish Lake, 8 ladies softball teams, 24 mixed slowpitch teams; for more info. call Goodfish Lake Recreation at (403) 636-3622.

SECOND ANNUAL CLEARWATER JAMBOREE, Sept. 1, 2, & 3; Buffalo Narrows Sask., \$5,000 Co-Ed Slowpitch Tournament, Beer Gardens on Saturday & Sunday; \$10,000 Bingo at Buffalo Narrows Lakeview Complex. Outdoor stage, for more info. call Donald Morin or Kevin Giles at 235-4070 or 235-4225.

9th ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN RODEO CLASSIC, Sept. 1, 2, 3 & 4; Panee Memorial Agriplex, Hobbema; for more info call (403) 585-3770.

LOUIS BULL HOUSING 2ND ANNUAL END OF SUMMER '89 SLOWPITCH TOURNAMENT, Sept. 2, 3, & 4, Hobbema; prize money, trophies, awards; for more info., call Glenn at 585-3030.

NATIONAL FILM BOARD, Special Screenings of Aboriginal Films, beginning Sept. 6, every Wednesday at noon, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; N.F.B. Theatre, 120 Canada Place, 9700 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton.

UNITED TRIBES INTERNATIONAL POWWOW, Sept. 7 - 10, Bismarck, North Dakota; United Tribes Indian Art Expo, National Miss Indian America

Pageant; Contact Jess Clairmont or Letitia Stewart (701) 255-3285 Ext. 217.

C.N.F.C. MEMBERSHIP PICNIC POTLUCK STYLE, Sept. 8 at 5 pm, Laurier Park (134 St. and Buena Vista Rd.) Site 2; everyone welcome, centre will supply hamburgers & hotdogs, everyone is asked to contribute something for the picnic; to register call Ann at 452-7811.

C.N.F.C. SOBER DANCE, Saturday, Sept. 9, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Westmount Community Centre, 10978 - 127 Street; music by Rodney Sutherland & Country Pride; for more info., call Georgina at 452-7811.

COLD LAKE FIRST NATIONS SPORTS DAY, Sept. 8 - 10, men's fastball (12 teams only), ladies fastball (8 teams or more), prize money depending on entries, pony, chariot and chuckwagon racing, dance Saturday night; for more info. contact Fred Scanie (594-3112), John Janvier (639-2456) or Randy Metchewais (594-7183).

EDMONTON A'S LAST HOORAH BALL TOURNAMENT, Sept. 9 & 10; Ellerslie Diamonds; mixed Co-ed A & B Fastpitch, prizes, for more info. contact Hank or Noel at 478-9427 (leave message).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOCKEY REGISTRATION, Sept. 12 & 13 between 7 & 9 pm; Annunciation Parish, 9420-163 street, Edmonton; for more info. call Brian Toker (489-3248) or John Columbina at (447-4279).

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INDIAN SUMMER WORLD FESTIVAL OF ABORIGINAL MOTION PICTURES, Sept. 20 - 24 1989; Pincher Creek, Ab: For more info. call (403) 627-4813.

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MASKWACHEES CULTURAL COLLEGE GRADUATION, SEPT. 30 at 3:30 pm; Peter Bull Memeorial Centre; dinner at 6 pm and dance at 9 pm at Panee Agriplex; for more info. call Rosella Ward at (585-3925).

SLAVE LAKE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE, "CULTURAL DAZE" SEPT. 29 - OCT. 1, for more info contact Carol at 849-3039

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NATIVE LEFTHANDED GOLF TOURNAMENT, Oct 7, 1989. Wolf Creek golf course. Entry fee \$65.00 includes; green fees, golf cart and stake. For more info. contact John Fletcher at 435-4424 or Ryan Vold at 793-6050.

Provincial News

MAA wants gov't to help rural Metis

By Everett Lambert
Windspeaker Correspondent

CONKLIN, AB

The Metis Association of Alberta wants the provincial government to fund a comprehensive program to address the needs of rural Metis in the province.

MAA president Larry Desmeules told a gathering of Metis at a regional meeting in Conklin last week that such a program would help address the needs of Metis living within improvement districts in Alberta.

Improvement districts are rural areas, outside of towns and cities, that are controlled by local councils which make decisions on roads, housing and sewage problems among other responsibilities falling under their jurisdiction.

At the Zone 2 Regional MAA meeting, an official with the provincial government said he saw no prob-

lem with looking at a plan that would improve the relationship between Metis people and improvement districts.

"I don't have any problem with that, to the extent that I have the authority to say that," said Pieter de Vos, a director with Improvement Districts and Alberta Municipal Affairs Native Services division.

de Vos, one of the speakers on a panel to address the needs of improvement districts spoke to a group of 40 people. The panel discussion was part of the second annual zone 2 assembly, which is composed of an area in northeastern Alberta from Caslan Lake to Fort McMurray.

Clifford Supernault, executive director of Alberta's Native Services Unit, explained that such a plan would have to demonstrate community support.

As well, he said, it must address the issue of where



Delegates at the 2nd Annual MAA general meeting

funds can be found to fund such a program.

de Vos added that what is needed is a chance to simply sit down and talk out the issue.

Zone 4 MAA Vice-Presi-

dent Joe Blyan, who is also chairman of the association's local government and municipal affairs sub-committee says a large number of association members live within im-

provement districts.

"Indians and Metis should sit down as a community to address issues," said Blyan.

He said both groups comprise a single commu-

nity and should deal with their problems jointly instead of separately, as has happened often in the past.

Blyan's subcommittee is one of six which will operate as a key part of the new framework agreement which was signed between the MAA and the Alberta government last December.

One of the major aims of the agreement is aimed at improving government programming for Metis people.

Blyan rejected the possibility of guaranteed seats on improvement district councils for Metis people, a question posed by one delegate.

"I totally disagree. I don't want any handouts," he said.

Blyan said councillors be elected on their own merit, not on the color of their skin.

"We have to get rid of this cowboy/Indian mentality," he urged.

Everett Lambert, Windspeaker



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Competitive zeal

CONKLIN, AB

A host of recreational and cultural competitions were held as part of the Metis Association of Alberta's Zone 2 second annual assembly Aug. 26

in Conklin.

Competitive events included everything from squaw wrestling, a talent show, canoe-racing, treasure-hunting, log-sawing, bannock and tea making,

log-splitting, nail-driving, teen-jigging, a laughing contest, moose-calling, fiddling, and a greased pig contest.

The cultural events included the Mr. and Miss Metis contest which was won by Fort McMurray resident Gabe Cardinal

and local resident Velma Quintal.

The dances were quite successful largely due to the talents of the musicians and crew such as John Desjarlais of Eleanor Lake,

fiddler Clarence Desjarlais of Anzac, lead guitarist Eleanor McDonald of Janvier and singer Gabe Cardinal of Ft. McMurray as well as all the volunteers.

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Manitoba PCs want Riel honored

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA

Metis leader Louis Riel may be on the verge of being recognized as a Father of Confederation, more than a century after he was hanged by the federal government for being a traitor.

On Aug. 25, the Aboriginal caucus of Manitoba's Progressive Conservative party unanimously passed a resolution in Ottawa calling on the party to recognize Riel as a "Father of Confederation."

"The history books are all universally biased to the view Riel was a madman and that he was a traitor and that he was hung for his dastardly deeds," says Tony Belcourt, a delegate of the party's Aboriginal caucus.

"It's an incorrect view of history and we've got to change it. Riel was a great hero," he declared.

The caucus wants an all-



Louis Riel

party resolution passed in the House of Commons to recognize Riel as a Father of Confederation.

The initiative was given an "extremely positive" reception at the main policy session of the party's Ottawa convention, according to Belcourt who put forward the motion.

"Perhaps there are some guilt feelings but that doesn't seem to be why people are responding. It seems to be because we

have let this slip under the rug for so long," he said.

However, Belcourt said the onus is on the Native community to ensure history books are rewritten and ignorant attitudes changed about Riel's role in Canadian history.

Belcourt said he has no idea how long it'll take to have the party recognize Riel.

"The campaign has just begun. Hopefully within months, we can see something happen in the House of Commons," he said.

"It's an historic step," said Billyjo De La Ronde, executive director of the Manitoba Metis Federation.

The move is long overdue, he said.

Riel was elected three times to the House of Commons as MP for Provencher constituency in Manitoba on Oct. 13, 1873 and on Feb. 14. and Sept. 3, 1874.

As president of the Provisional Government of Manitoba, Riel negotiated

Manitoba's terms of entry into Confederation — full provincial status.

The Conservative cabinet of Sir John A. Macdonald endorsed the execution of Riel, who led the North-West Rebellion, for treason. Riel was hanged on Nov. 16, 1885 in Regina.

The position of the Manitoba PC's Aboriginal caucus is that Riel should be recognized as a Father of Confederation since all other leaders who brought their provinces into Confederation have been recognized as such.

Belcourt, who is a Metis from Lac Ste. Anne, Alberta but now lives in Ottawa, has been a long-time lobbyist for Metis and non-status Indian concerns.

The Metis National Council (MNC) intends to raise the issue of recognition for Riel at a Sept. 20 meeting with Federal Justice Minister Doug Lewis, who is also the minister responsible for Metis affairs.

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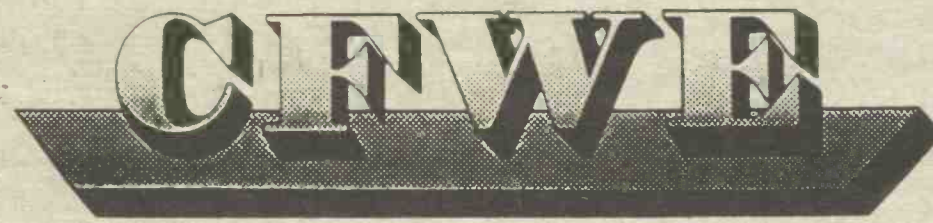
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT NOMINATION DAY IS SEPTEMBER 18, 1989 AND THAT NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE LOCAL JURISDICTION OFFICES SET OUT BELOW BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 A.M. AND 12:00 ON NOMINATION DAY.

Sub-Division Number	Local School Board Committee Member	No. of Members to Be Elected	Location of Local School Jurisdiction Office
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17	Athabasca Delta	7	Athabasca Delta School Fort Chipewyan, Alberta
9	Atikameg/Sovereign	7	Atikameg/Subdivision School Atikameg, Alberta
6	Bishop Routhier	5	Bishop Routhier School Peavine, Alberta
4	Cadotte Lake	5	Cadotte Lake School Cadotte Lake, Alberta
22	Calling Lake	7	Calling Lake School Calling Lake, Alberta
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23	Conklin	5	Conklin School Conklin, Alberta
20	Desmarais	7	Mistassiniy School Desmarais, Alberta
28	Elizabeth	5	Elizabeth School Elizabeth Settlement, Alberta
26	Fort Mckay	5	Fort Mckay School Fort Mckay, Alberta
8	Gift Lake	7	Gift Lake School Gift Lake, Alberta
7	Grouard	7	Grouard School Grouard, Alberta
27	J.F. Dion	5	J.F. Dion School Sputinow, Alberta
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1	Nose Creek	3	Nose Creek School Nose Creek, Alberta
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13	Pine Ridge	3	Pine Ridge School Pine Ridge, Alberta
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Northland School Division No. 61

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Dated at the Town of Peace River, in the Province of Alberta this 24th Day of August, A.D. 1989

Nomination Papers are available at the subdivision loations listed above.

Fred De Kleine, Returning Officer

Provincial News

Denied medical treatment Native seeks legal advice

By John Grainger
Windspeaker Correspondent

STANDOFF, AB

An investigation continues into possible mistreatment of a Standoff man who says he didn't receive needed medical attention after being put in jail for public intoxication.

"We had a meeting Monday with RCMP and our lawyer (Jim Gladstone)," says Wilbert Beebe, whose son, Willis, was jailed Aug. 18 when Pincher Creek RCMP picked him up as he was

on his way to hospital. Earlier that evening, Beebe was involved in a fight and says he knew he was injured and wanted medical help.

He said he asked police on at least two separate occasions to take himself to Pincher Creek's hospital.

Each time he was refused and says he was told by a guard at one point, "You'll have to tough it out."

Beebe admits to drinking alcohol earlier in the evening, but says he was

sober by the time police arrested him.

After his release from the drunk tank earlier the next morning, Beebe went to hospital and then was transferred to Calgary where he had metal plates inserted in both sides of his mouth.

When he left Bow Valley Centre in Calgary, Willis was asked to stop in Claresholm and talk with a special investigator but his father said no.

"I said we should wait until we had a chance to

talk with our lawyer," said his father, Wednesday.

Wilbert says RCMP Commanding Officer Owen Maguire wasn't being fair in saying he and his son were being uncooperative.

"That's not true. Willis was in a lot of pain and I just wanted to get him home (Tuesday),"

Gladstone was unavailable for comment.

RCMP Staff Sgt. John Doree says he's not sure when results from the investigation will be known.



Bill Mackay, Windspeaker.

Sunshine gets nod as chief once more

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

STURGEON LAKE, AB

Chief Ronald Sunshine has been re-elected to his second term as chief of the Sturgeon Lake Band.

In an election held Aug. 28, Sunshine received 108 votes adding up to 43 per cent of the 254 votes cast.

His closest competitor was Edward Goodswimmer, who received 67 votes. However, Goodswimmer did win re-election as a band councillor.

The other unsuccessful candidates for chief included Alfred



Goodswimmer (44 votes), Donald Badger (13 votes) and Gilbert Hamelin (11 votes), according to band office worker Carol Goodswimmer.

There'll be three new band members on the 12-member council: Francis

Goodswimmer, Melvin Goodswimmer and Alexander Goodswimmer.

The other re-elected councillors include: Pierre Chowace, Adolphus Kappo, Alfred Goodswimmer, Richard Kappo, Pete Joyce, Mildred Chowace, Arnold McLean and Felix Stoney.

Chief Sunshine couldn't be reached for comment.

Sturgeon Lake holds elections every two years at the end of August, said Carol Goodswimmer.

Forty-three people were nominated for the 12 council positions.

The reserve is located about six kilometres west of Valleyview.

St. Paul chase ends in death

By Everett Lambert
Windspeaker Correspondent

ST. PAUL

A short police chase ended in death for a Saddle Lake man and his Saskatchewan girlfriend near this town 200 kms north-east of Edmonton on Aug. 29.

Dead are Simon Patrick Memnook, 42, of the Saddle Lake Cree reserve near St. Paul and his passenger Rema Crookedneck of Island Lake, Saskatchewan.

Approximately 3 a.m. Tuesday, August 29 their car plunged into a dugout after being chased by a police cruiser from nearby St. Paul.

Memnook was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Paul hospital and Crookedneck later died in an Edmonton hospital, where she was rushed by air ambulance.

Memnook's 17-year-old niece, Sonia, says he has been on parole from the Bowden Institute where he was released from last spring. His license was

under suspension and has been suspended before for drinking-related purposes.

The chase started after police noticed the car was headed down the wrong side of the road and was being driven erratically says a spokesman with RCMP K-Division in Edmonton.

Cpl. Loran Thiemann says the driver was suspected of being impaired and was chased for approximately 2 kms north of town before it disappeared into a farmer's field. Speeds in the chase reached up to 120 km/h.

A news release reports that the vehicle travelled some 250 meters then turned right and disappeared.

The officer then drove into the field and searched on foot for the car. He subsequently located a dugout about five meters deep with a red car light shining at the bottom.

Approximately a half hour later the vehicle was removed from the dugout by rescue personnel who also removed the bodies.

Meanwhile a standard investigation is being held.

As part of standard procedure the RCMP will have an internal review into whether proper procedure was used.

Peigans await ruling on water rights' case

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

VANCOUVER

The Peigan Indian Band will learn in mid-September whether it will be able to speed up its legal claim to the valued waters of the Oldman River, which cuts through the northwestern corner of the southern Alberta reserve.

An oral decision is expected to be handed down Sept. 18 in a Calgary courtroom by the Alberta Court of Appeal.

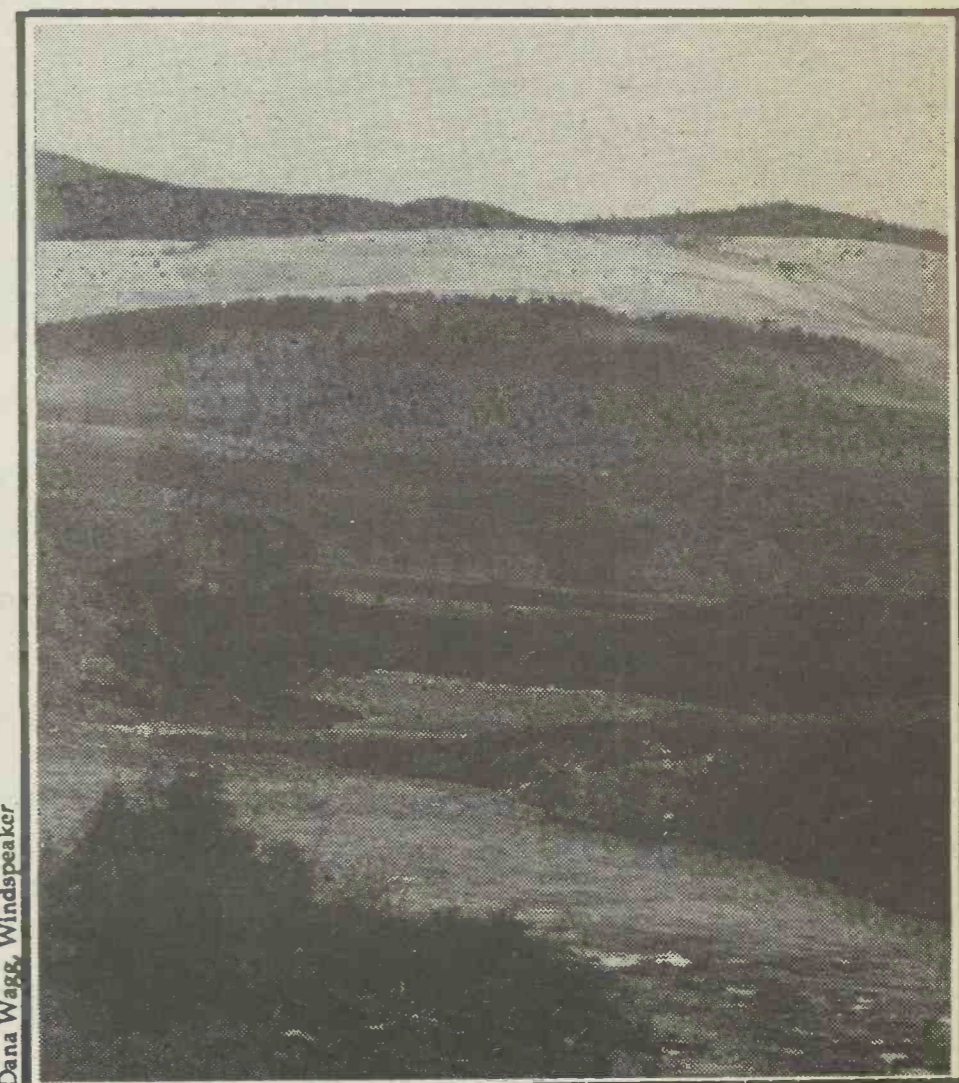
Arguments were made Aug. 22 in a two-and-a-half-hour hearing on a preliminary application to the court in the landmark Aboriginal water rights' case.

"I felt like we got a good hearing," said band lawyer Louise Mandell in an interview from her Vancouver band office last week.

"It's hard to say one way or the other (which way it will go)."

Last August, the Peigans became the first Canadian Indian band to file a water rights' case.

They claim water rights are included in Treaty 7 signed in 1876.



The Oldman River

American Indian tribes have won similar court cases.

Mandell said earlier that the band wants the court of appeal to "divide the case into manageable units so we can quickly get to court on the issue of whether the band has rights to the water."

Other issues like quantity of water and the impact of the Oldman Dam are being left to another time.

On Aug. 11 a federal court gave the go-ahead to the \$350-million dam project.

The Peigan reserve is about 20 kilometres west of Lethbridge.

**Native Teacher Aide
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A person is required for assignment to Falun and Lakedell Elementary Schools and to Pigeon Lake Regional Junior-Senior High School.

Duties include direct Assistance to Native students in classrooms, planning cultural activities, and liaison with Native families.

Post secondary training and/or experience working with Native students is required. Fluency in Cree would be an asset.

Salary will be in accordance with the present C.U.P.E. Collective Agreement.

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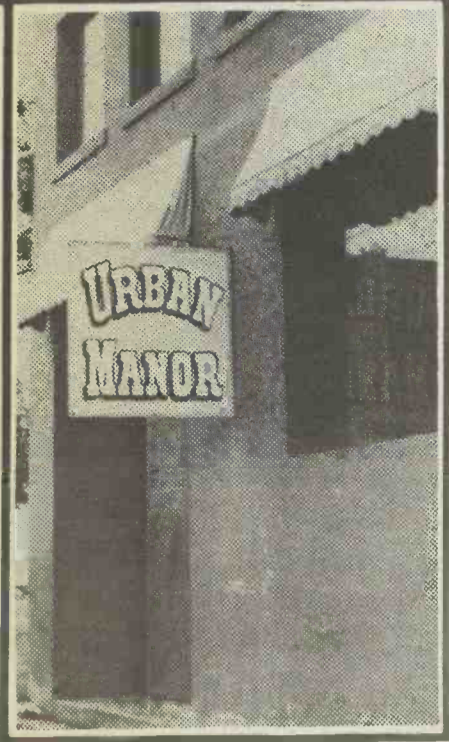
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Special Investigation

Natives search for

Government finally tackles urban



By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

When Violet McConnell brought her family to Edmonton ten years ago, she thought she'd be able to offer them a future full of hope.

Instead, she found a city filled with disparity and pain.

She discovered that Edmonton attracted other Natives like herself searching for prosperity, only to find themselves battling the system for survival.

McConnell, 37, convinced her husband and two children to leave their home in the Lac La Biche area and come to Edmonton with her so she could find a job.

But their plans didn't turn out like they thought and McConnell and her family found themselves roaming Edmonton's inner-city looking for an inexpensive place to live until she and her husband could find work.

She says the Alberta government didn't offer immediate help and social workers couldn't tell her where to go to get

help.

"It took us three weeks to find a place, and it was barely livable," she recalled.

"Nobody would help us find one. We went to social services and they said: 'Go find your own place to live.'"

"It really made things hard on us."

McConnell says her family was fortunate to have relatives in Edmonton who let them stay in their home.

But many homeless people in similar situations are not so lucky.

The McConnells' story isn't unique.

But it does offer as a disturbing example of the ordeal Natives face when they come to Edmonton seeking a new way of life, says the executive director of the Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation.

A joint-study between the federal and municipal government, in co-operation with local community groups, is currently under way to address the problem of inadequate housing for the city's poor.

Martin Garber-Conrad, who heads up the Edmonton Coalition On Homelessness (ECOH), says there has been a lack of adequate government resources avail-

able for Natives living in the city's downtown core.

Since a comprehensive ECOH report analysing the living conditions on skid row was made public in 1987, the situation has not abated.

Garber-Conrad says it only strengthens claims that the government should get more involved in solving the problem.

A consultative committee has been set up to review recommendations made by ECOH to answer many of the issues brought up in the initial report.

The committee is made up of representatives from Edmonton Municipal Affairs, Edmonton Community and Family Services, Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation and non-profit, inner-city agencies.

The joint-initiative will provide an analysis of the current need for additional shelters and what the supply of adequate facilities there are in the city.

It will also focus on recommendations made in the 1987 ECOH report.

The recommendations include complete provincial and municipal co-operation in helping community groups find and establish

affordable housing for those in need.

It calls for the government to develop legal protection for roomers, boarders and hotel-room renters against landlord neglect.

ECOH recommended that the government develop housing programs and increase funding for agencies, including Native organizations, designed to assist people in finding emergency and long-term shelters.

The purpose of the report, insists Garber-Conrad, was to show the government where it is failing the poverty-stricken people of Edmonton.

"We found that government departments were just not doing their jobs," he said.

"People were being attracted to the inner city because it was cheap. It was crappy housing but cheap. And that's where they (poor) would wind up because there was no one to help them."

The 1987 report outlines a variety of needs and alternatives for the city's disadvantaged and Garber-Conrad says it's up to the city and province to ensure the recommendations are followed.

"Very little has changed since we did the report. If you look at the whole thing, you'll see there has been no major cuts in funding. But there have been no new incentives either," he said.

A 1985 Alberta Native Affairs study indicates that there are approximately 12,000 Natives living in Edmonton, the last time a census was conducted.

More than 20 per cent of Native households in Edmonton were unhappy with their living conditions at that time.

Garber-Conrad says conditions in the inner city have become worse since then.

One of the greatest concerns facing Native people in Edmonton, the ECOH report suggests, is the lack of responsiveness by Alberta Social Services and the city's Community Health Services department in answering their needs.

The report indicates Indian Affairs has taken from two to seven days to see a client and government departments don't make clients aware of all the funding they may be entitled to.

It also states that shelter allowances and income security payments are not maintained and adjusted to meet the cost of renting apartments or homes.

The chances of finding affordable and quality housing seems grim for Native

Sima Khorrami, Special to Windspeaker



A Native woman shares a laugh with

families and single Natives in Edmonton without proper government participation, says the director of the Edmonton Inner City Housing Authority.

Ann Harvey believes the new study could offer hope to Edmonton's homeless and it couldn't have come at a better time.

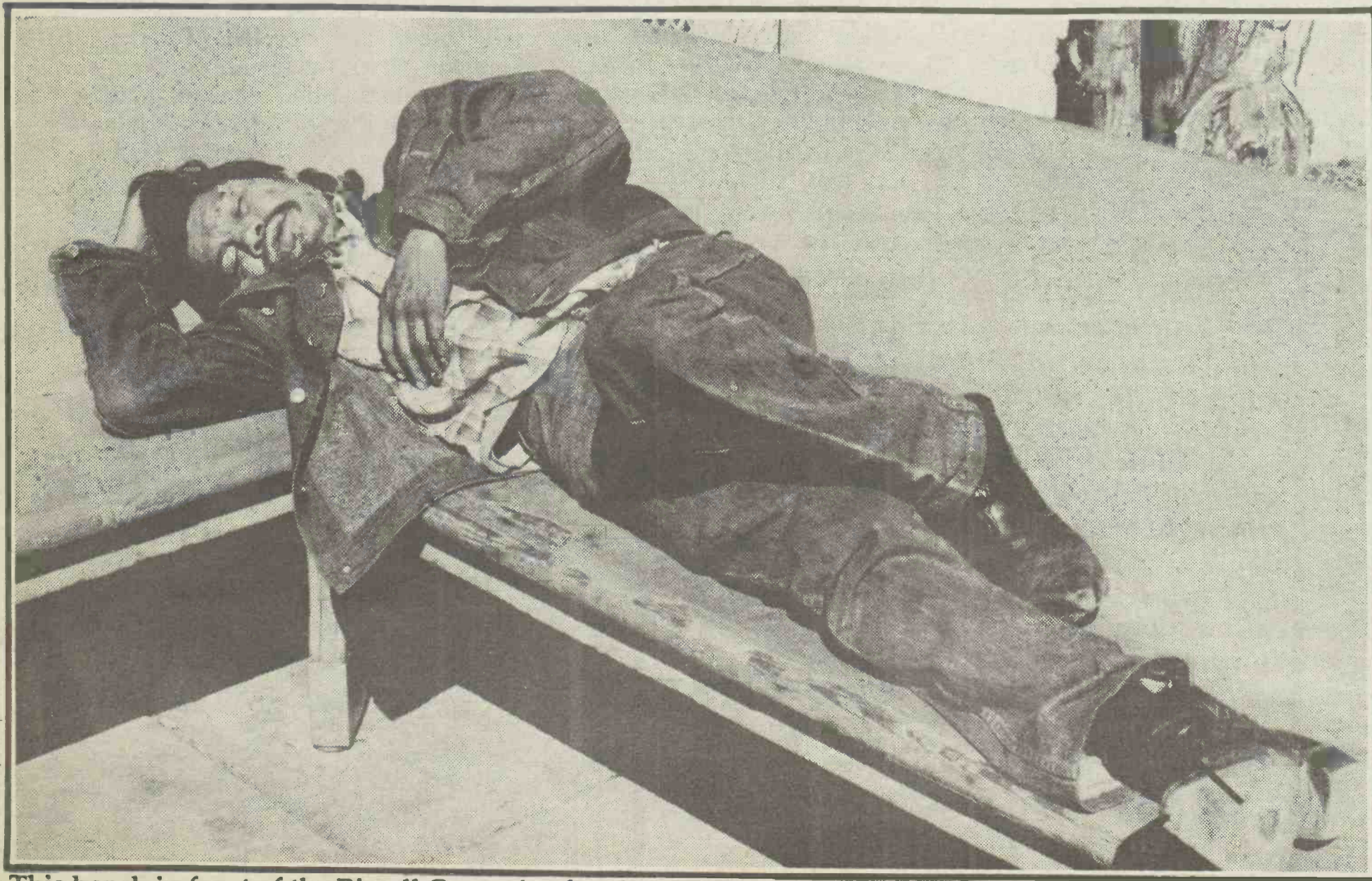
"Edmonton is facing a housing crisis now, and it will hit the older areas the hardest. It will take a joint effort like this to get things going before the city is

flooded (homeless) said.

She says Edmonton is being too affordable. The study in the fact

Harvey on the ground service the need from the

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This bench in front of the Bissell Centre is often home to the down and out who need a place to sleep



A time to reminisce for this man who has seen the dirt, grime and home.

JEFF MORROW, Windspeaker

Investigative Report for a future urban homelessness

to Windspeaker



shares a laugh with a Bissell Centre worker.

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flooded with displaced (homeless) people," she said.

She says there are 48 Edmonton neighborhoods being targeted to set up affordable housing programs. The study is to be completed in the fall.

Harvey says the report is the product of pressure put on the government by social service agencies to address the needs of the homeless from the community level.

In the past, she says, the problems with housing and

social welfare policies have been designed and instituted by government departments — then handed down to the communities.

"But it is our intent to create a partnership with the government and develop strategies at the community level first," she said.

"If this can be put into place, it will be the first step in indicating what the needs are and what can be done."

Community service outreach worker Mary Burlie says the Natives that come

through the Boyle Street Co-op, a private social service agency, are going to need a lot more than promises.

She says many Natives have given up hope and are convinced the government has dismissed them as victims of a lost economy.

"Many came to look for work when times were good. Now they're caught and can't get out," she says.

"But they're still coming and the government needs to recognize this."

The number of Native homeless in Edmonton has been growing the last 15 years, she says, but the government has never paid attention until now.

"This (study) is finally a chance for them to be organized. Native people have struggled hard to survive in Edmonton. Now it's time for them to get a fair shake," she added.

For Violet McConnell, the struggle has given her an education in the workings of the 'system.'

She now manages the Boyle Street Co-op Drop-In Centre and can still see the effects displaced dreams have on Natives from northern Alberta.

It's not that they have cheated themselves by coming to Edmonton, she says.

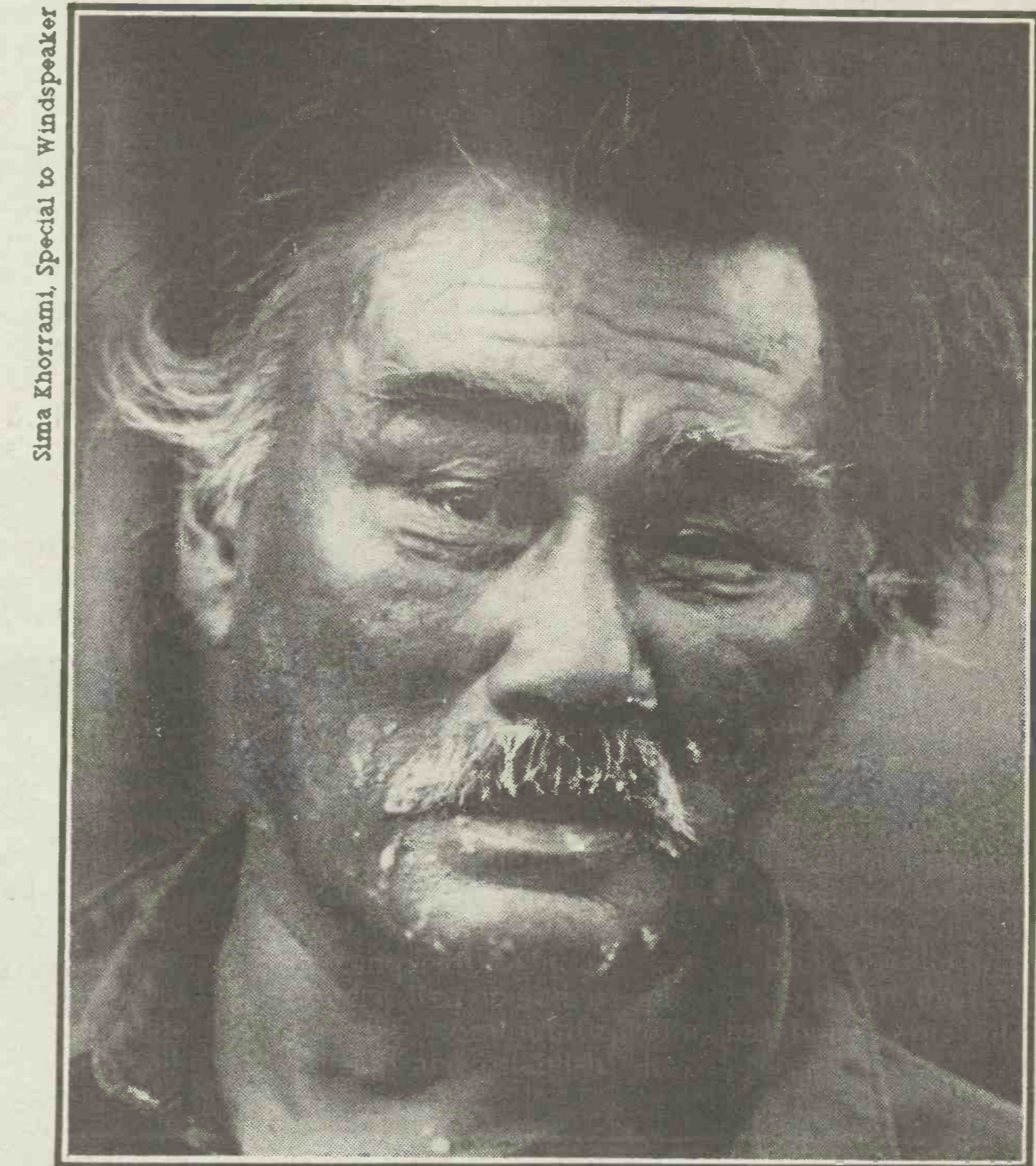
"But they all thought there was a place for them here and now they are finding it was a mistake."

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Tony Thrasher, a friend to the homeless.



Sima Khorrami, Special to Windspeaker

It's the streets that can kill you. For Tony Thrasher, a long-time fixture on the strip, that end came at his home — skid row.



Sima Khorrami, Special to Windspeaker

Wherever they can find it, the homeless just want a place to lie down and sleep.

Learning

Native journalism program changing lives

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Correspondent

Although there was an increasing number of publications and radio and television programs for and about Natives in the 1970's, most were produced by non-Natives.

The need for trained media personnel who were of Metis, Indian or Inuit ancestry became obvious.

With this need in mind, the program in Journalism for Native People was launched at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario and the success of its graduates has been gratifying.

As the only one of its kind in Canada, the program attracted potential journalists from every province and territory and can boast a phenomenal success rate.

With the mingling of students representing so many backgrounds, the program is doubly effective.

The first class, which began in 1980, was made up of three women and seven men. They ranged from young single mothers to an ambitious grandmother, Juanita Rennie who has gone on to research and preparation of historical material, and who was the publicist for a recent national Native business summit in Toronto.

The second year of the program a young journalist from Oka, Quebec, Dan David, attended and later became the first Native journalist that the Regina area had ever seen on local television news.

The students' reactions to the program were encouraging. All found it to be a rewarding although demanding learning experience. Upon completion of the one-year intensive immersion course, all found employment in the journalism field, including reporters, CBC radio, editors, television production,

and so on.

One graduate said: "The main strength of the program was that you were a journalist first and a Native second."

All were pleased to find two radio studios, one television studio, a darkroom and computers on campus, with classes including more than just print media, a popular misconception of journalism courses.

The program also focuses on photography and photojournalism, magazine publishing and design, television and radio reporting, writing and production, and Native studies.

Subsequent years' attendance has varied from 9 to 16 students. The employment record of the graduates is far above average for Native Canadians, with all of them, even those who for one reason or another failed to complete their studies, furthering their careers as a result of atten-

dance in the program.

Students are determined to complete the course of studies. Janet McDonald, a Native woman from Prince Edward Island, enrolled her son in high school nearby so she could attend classes. Young single moms combine homework assignments with caring for youngsters.

Sometimes older siblings encourage younger family members, such as Elaine Carpenter, whose brother, now the mayor of Sachs Harbour, N.W.T. attended in the 1982-83 class.

Often students arrive cynical and disillusioned, attending half-heartedly with the opinion that it is just a social program instituted for Native people to "get them working".

They are pleasantly surprised to find the program is a genuine chance to change their lives and take their places in leading their own communities to bigger and better communication.



More and more Native journalists are becoming established in the mainstream media.

Arctic College helps natives beat culture shock

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Correspondent

Canada's vast north-land has diverse educational requirements.

The Arctic College, in cooperation with the Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS) is ad-

ressing these needs.

Through its various campuses, the Arctic College makes it possible for Native students to build on their knowledge of their own cultures to obtain a university degree or college diploma.

And counselling in both academic and social as-

pects help prepare northerners for the changes which come with development.

The institutions which belong to ACUNS recognize that bringing students from their home communities in the north to attend colleges and universities in the cities in southern Can-

ada can create an overwhelming culture shock.

As well, separation from family for extended periods is undesirable. Therefore, finishing high school and completing the first year of university or college in the north was a goal which was addressed when the association was

formed in 1977.

In addition, the employers of the various industry, government, and research agencies were encouraged to provide work experience for northern residents.

As recently as 1969 only 500 Native students could

be found attending Canadian universities.

The Arctic College began in Fort Smith in the 1970's with training in heavy equipment operation and over the years a number of vocational programs were added. However, a centralized college was not practical in such a huge geographic area and campuses at Frobisher Bay and Inuvik were established.

Today, in association with the organizations such as ACUNS and various vocational colleges, Arctic College operates technical and vocational programs, general education courses, initial years of university programs and upgrading procedures.

In addition to its main campuses, the College has taken its courses to various communities where adult education centres provide facilities.

And as the availability of education increases to the residents of the north, so the enrollment is increasing. New programs are being developed specifically adapted to the area, such as a recent guide training course which was conducted at Fort Providence and which took students out into the bush to build and operate clean, efficient camps.

With an eye to the future of tourism in their area, the community wanted trained personnel to guide perspective clients. The students also learn travel skills, first aid methods, tips on narrating Native lifestyle stories, and knowledge of the land.

Public Information Meetings On The Alberta-Pacific Review Board

The Alberta and Federal Ministers of the Environment have agreed to a joint provincial-federal public review of the environmental impacts of the Alberta-Pacific Forest Industry's proposed pulp mill in the County of Athabasca.

An independent eight-member board has been established to conduct public hearings, and to ensure that members of the public have every opportunity to express their views on the environmental impacts of the proposed mill.

Information meetings on the proposed hearing process and how you can make your submission will be held by the Review Board in the communities listed below.

We'd encourage you to pick up an information package on the Review Board prior to the meetings. These packages are available at local libraries in the communities where these meetings will be held.

COMMUNITY	DATE	TIME
PROSPERITY Prosvita Hall	Monday, September 11	7:00 p.m.
ATHABASCA Athabasca Community Hall	Tuesday, September 12	7:00 p.m.
FORT McMURRAY MacDonald Island Recreational Complex	Wednesday, September 13	7:00 p.m.
LAC LA BICHE Elks Lodge	Thursday, September 14	7:00 p.m.
FORT SMITH Metis Association Hall	Monday, September 18	7:00 p.m.

Please note, these are dates for the information meetings, not the hearings themselves.
As soon as the hearing dates are set, the Board will place notices of the hearings.

For more information, contact the Review Board's office:
The Alberta-Pacific Environment Impact Assessment Review Board
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Learning

Native enrolment at U of A to top 200

EDMONTON

University of Alberta enrolment for Native students is expected to surpass 200 by the time classes start in September, according to enrolment figures released last week.

That's a 68 per cent jump from last year's enrolment and the director of the U of A's Student Services, Dr. Reinhold Rodrigues believes it is through the efforts of the university in reaching out to the Native community that has caused such an enrolment increase.

The university's Native Student Services went out to northern communities last year and visited more than 2,000 Native people providing information on programs, academic re-

quirements and support systems through a community liaison office.

In 1975, with only two Native students, the U of A actively sought to increase enrolment, said Rodrigues.

Subsequently, a task force was formed in 1978 to look at the needs of Native students.

One of the task force's recommendations was to create a support for the Native student which led to the formation of Native Student Services two years ago.

Rodrigues says Native students are enrolling in major faculties instead of the usually popular arts and education programs. This year, two students have been accepted into medicine, three into reha-

bitative medicine, one into pharmacy and one student has applied to dentistry.

Those adult students who don't meet the regular entrance requirements can use the transitional year program which prepares students over a year to meet academic requirements.

Following completion of this program, the student is ready to enter the faculty of his choice.

A one-week Native Adult Summer University program that offers Native students a chance to get the feel of what university is all about has just ended.

Participants are required to take mini-university classes and received individual counselling.



These students are getting ready for the Fall session at the university of Alberta. the U of A expects more than 200 Native students to attend this year.

Assistance grants available for rural Natives

By Everett Lambert

Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Native student groups in rural areas are eligible

for small grants from the provincial government.

The grants are meant to assist them on such things as educational field trips to larger centres.

Some \$20,000 annually is made available to Na-

tive students, most of which come from the Northlands School Division in northern Alberta, according to an Alberta Government official.

"We're looking at our funding as a way to help Native groups get at the bigger pie," says Norm Sharpe of Alberta Municipal Affairs's Native Services, Lands and Extension division.

It administers the funds which help groups pay for such items as educational field trips.

benefit from it.

A grade 12 group wanting to travel and learn about a university would have a better chance than a grade one group, he noted.

Grants usually come in the \$1000 range and Sharpe added that the small grants are meant also to help or to facilitate the groups in getting more funding.

"We're filling the gaps," says Sharpe.

"The funds are meant to be a supplement to other larger funding the group already has, or wishes to

Those applying must demonstrate that they have tried to get monies elsewhere.

"There has to be local input and local fund raising," says Sharpe.

He adds that some of the events partially funded to date include the very successful Yellowhead Tribal Council's education conference and the huge Grant MacEwan Community College education conference, both held in Edmonton last winter.

The recent Native

Native Services' annual overall budget which totals just over \$2 million, according to Sharpe.

From this the Native Services Unit also funds the Metis Association of Alberta's education and career development sub-committee, along with that association's core budget and zone offices.

Native friendship centers and communication/media groups are also assisted.

The grants, which are spent on the student

Sexton education centre prepares students for school

By Heather Andrews

Windspeaker Correspondent

Admission to business or law schools, as well as many Ph.D. and master's university programs, requires the passing of an entrance exam.

An intense, weekend course prepared by a Sexton Education Centre helps Native and non-Native students wishing to enter these professions.

Topics covered during the workshop include writing skills, reading comprehension, handling pressure, what to expect on the test, general strategies for answering questions, statement of career goals, and letters of reference and other admission information. An error or omission in these requirements may result in the application not being con-

sidered.

Students can purchase actual past exams, at or prior to the preparation course. Chances of being accepted to the student's preferred university are better after preparation at a Sexton course.

Sexton began preparing students for entrance exams in the United States in 1974, and began a Canadian operation ten years later. Six Canadian universities now enjoy their services, among them both Edmonton and Calgary campuses. Students have the opportunity to retake the course if necessary, for up to a year following the course.

More information is available by calling 292-9200 in Calgary, 933-0603 in Saskatoon, 757-5059 in Regina or 459-7261 in Edmonton.

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Cultural Days



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Kehewin Inter- Cultural Days

It was a day of fun and frolic for young and old as the northern Alberta community of Kehewin held its annual cultural day celebrations.

There was powwow dancing, handgames along with a softball tournament, and chuckwagon and chariot races.

The faces of these participants show just how popular the events were last weekend.

It was one of the highlights of the year for volunteers and participants.



a tiny tot grass dancer



a future champion



Florence Nepoose



a traditional dancer

Our People - A Feature Profile

Wisdom, humor marks pioneer's long life

By Jeanne Lepine
Windspeaker Staff Writer

PADDLE PRAIRIE, AB

Her face reflects her long life and hardships, but the inner depths focus on strength, wisdom, and a sense of humor.

One of the first settlers in the area Mary Christian, 95, recalls moving here by horse and wagon.

Born in Grouard, she moved to Wabasca area with her parents. Her father was a trapper and many times she made drymeat to store for winter use.

Talking about dry meat, makes Christian wish she were back in the days when wild meat was plentiful.

She best remembers her childhood being surrounded by people. Her father's place was the stopping place, where a lot of trading and visiting took place.

When she married her life was much the same. Her

husband use to travel to different settlements by horse and wagon to sell grain for flour. She travelled with him at times but mostly tended to the children, chickens and cow.

Over the years, Christian has seen many changes in the industrial and technology world, but the attitude of the government towards Native people could use some improvement she says.

She encourages the young people to stay in school and get the education that is necessary in order to get good paying jobs.

"Long ago, if you were strong and not lazy, you were able to make a good living. Today, these qualities are still good, but the jobs that one is able to get is hard labour or low paying jobs," she said.

"I hope the young people still maintain their cultural skills, while getting an education. This is important. Our young people are going to be the keepers of



Mary Christian, 95, in a reflectful mood

JEANNE LEPINE, Windspeaker

culture," she stated.

Christian resides with her youngest son. she had 11 children. Two of the three girls and eight boys are liv-

ing. Being a widow for a number of years, she kept busy to keep from getting lonely.

Christian can be seen

daily walking with the aid of her cane to visit one of her neighbors. She enjoys having people around, acquiring this from a young

age. "If I have anything to say about it, I intend to live a few years yet," she chuckled.



Andrew Sewepagaham

Survival depends on education says elder

By Jeanne Lepine
Windspeaker Staff Writer

JEAN D'OR, ALTA.

The Native language is very sacred and it is important a younger generation understands this, decries an Elder of the Jean D'or Indian band.

"Our language has its own hidden meanings, that's why when a story or joke is told in our Native tongue it loses that special savor in translation," says Elder Andrew Sewepagaham.

"When Native people

didn't speak English their ideas were different than the non-Natives. Today there's a lot of Native people that can't speak their language, and they're slowly beginning to think like the white man.

"The education system was a role player in taking the language away from our children by not letting them speak their own language. It is nice to know that today our young people are being given a change to learn their own language in the schools," he said.

Sewepagaham foresees a younger generation as future leaders speaking their own language.

He believes the ability to translate the English language and ideas into a Native tongue means they will be in touch with their own community.

Native people will also have to access the education system to get better jobs, Sewepagaham said.

It's future education, which will determine the survival of Native culture,

he said.

Having been a trapper most of his life, Sewepagaham has spent little time in the education system but he encourages young people to get an education although he understands why a lot of young Native people usually don't complete their education.

Sewepagaham says he would like to see a better support system set up for the young people leaving the reserve to continue their schooling.

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KEYANO COLLEGE

Indian Days

Indian festival draws hundreds

By Josle Auger
Windspeaker
Correspondent

EDMONTON

On Sept. 27, hundreds of people gathered near the east banks of the North Saskatchewan River for the Strathcona Archaeological Centre's annual Indian Summer festival.

Among the attractions was a tipi which attracted many inquisitive guests who wanted to know the purpose a buffalo hide had sitting next to a hole in the ground.

The centre's interpreters explained it was a cooking method used by Indian ancestors who lived there five thousand years ago.

It works by heating up rocks in a blazing fire. Then, rocks are added to water in a clean buffalo hide that has been placed in the ground.

While the water hisses and steams, the bones which had already been added to the water are slowly brought to a boil so the fat and marrow can be skimmed off the surface of the water after it cools, later to be added to meat and berries for the making of pemmican.

The authenticity of the cooking area was very impressive but that wasn't all that attracted visitors.

In the tipi, fresh spruce boughs were placed on the ground. Other furnishings included a backrest made of willows and sinew. Rugs of a huge buffalo hide, brain tanned hides and one rawhide lay on top of the boughs.

In the midst of all of this, a small fire warmed and welcomed those who entered. Buffalo chips were used to fuel the fire but went unnoticed, unless you took a close look. Pottery bowls of choke cherries, rosehips, dry meat and pipe tobacco have also been set aside. The pottery was made from clay down in the slopes of the North Saskatchewan river.

Meanwhile back at the

interpretive centre, Kathy Shirt, one of the invited guests laid out an impressive display of her native arts and crafts, which also included a lesson in moosehair tufting.

Sharing the centre with her were artifact collectors who had their collections in two display cases.

Outside, Martha Campiou-Zarutsky had set up a display of jewelry, moccasins and birch-bark baskets for sale.

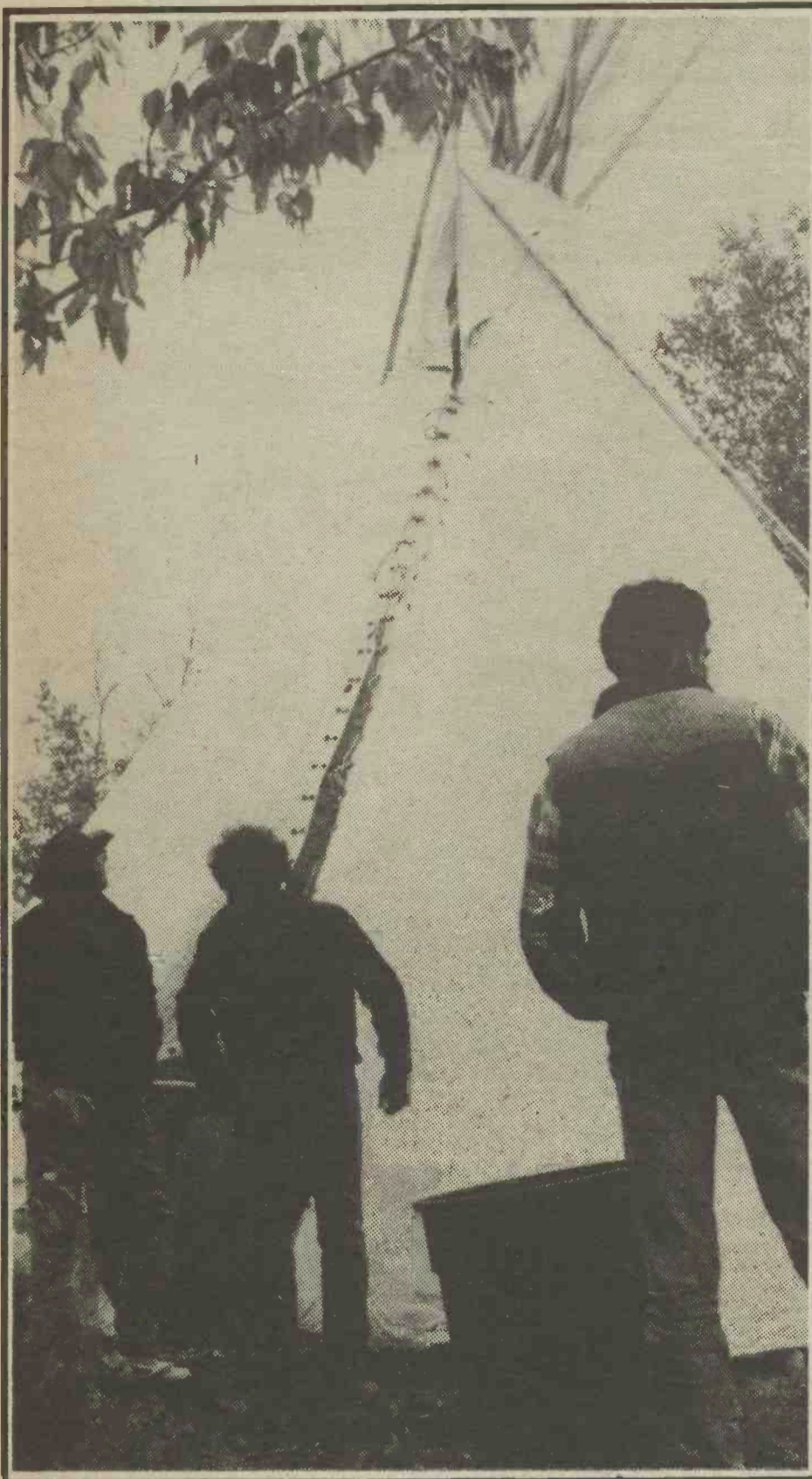
Children's activities included beadworking and a complicated version of tag called predator and play.

Atlatl throwing was another activity where visitors learned how to use a hunting weapon that was

used before the bow and arrow was invented. This weapon was used some five thousand years ago, three thousand years before the bow and arrow was invented.

People walking on the boardwalk had an opportunity to talk to archeologists as they explained their digging methods and showed off the artifacts they had found including projectile points or arrowheads.

One interesting demonstration included stone tool-making which was demonstrated by hitting the rock with antler and pressure flaking pieces of the rock off until a perfect projectile point was made.



Courtesy of Strathcona Science Centre.



Setting up a tipi and tanning a buffalo hide are one of the many attractions offered at the Strathcona Archaeological Centre. Last weekend, hundreds attended its annual Indian Summer festival.

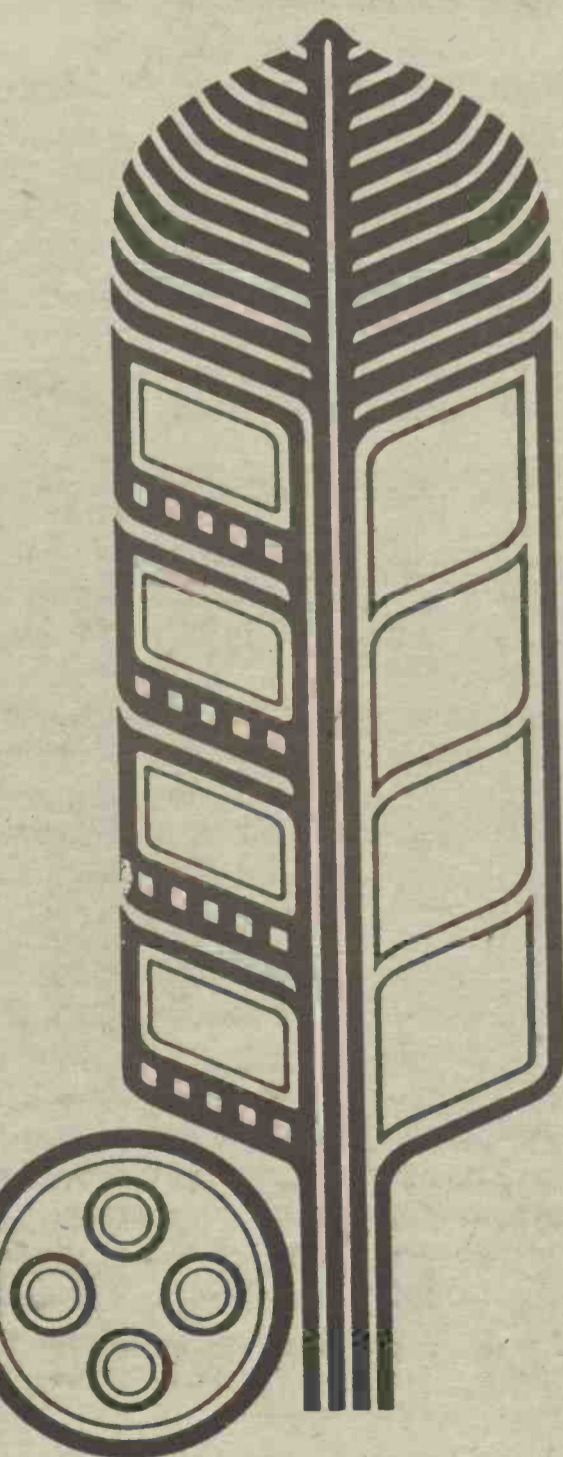
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Arts and Entertainment

Fall showing every week Aboriginal film series starts again at National Film Board



As part of its 50th Anniversary celebrations, the National Film Board will be showing a series of films about the Aboriginal peoples of Canada every Wednesday during the months of September, October and November.

Beginning Sept. 6, at 12 p.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the NFB Theatre, located downtown at Canada Place.

"The 50th Anniversary

Aboriginal Film Series will mark our emergence into the NFB's next half century, and hopefully an era in which there will be a greater number of Aboriginal filmmakers and a greater number of films about the first people of this country," says Graydon McCrea, executive producer of the North West Centre in Edmonton.

The series will follow closely the film and re-

source guide called "Our Home and Native Land," produced by NFB Winnipeg.

Various issues concerning Native people were compiled, ranging from the Foundations of Nationhood to Aboriginal land claims to critical issues in community life.

Well-known films such as 'Foster Child' and 'Daughters of the Country' will be shown in this fall's schedule.

"This will be a continuous program which will enable more people to become aware of the work of the National Film Board and to highlight the excellent films made by Aboriginal filmmakers such as Alanis Obomsawin, Gil Cardinal and Carol Geddes," says the NFB's Muriel Stanley-Venne.

"The schedule of these screenings, all at the NFB Theatre in Canada Place is designed to enable people to come at their own convenient time," she added.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

For further information, phone 495-3012.



Courtesy of the National Film Board, Canada.

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- preparation and monitoring of annual budget
- programme development and evaluation
- public relations
- development of programme and funding proposals

Qualifications:

- an appropriate level of education and training
- various administrative and management experience
- familiarity with the Native Community and Native Organizations
- demonstrated ability to prepare written proposals
- supervise staff
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- the ability to represent the Friendship Centre on various committees and community initiatives
- ability to speak aboriginal languages will be considered an additional asset
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Cultural Days

JEANNE LEPINE, Windspeaker



Many came for the card games and the socializing.

JEANNE LEPINE, Windspeaker



Tug-a-war was a popular event

Kapown Days

By Jeanne Lepine
Windspeaker Staff Writer

GROUARD, AB

Bad weather didn't dampen the spirits of the 150 participants at Kapown Days held at Hillard Bay campgrounds Aug. 25 to 27.

Activities went ahead as planned, despite the rain.

There was something for everyone, young and old from cribbage and horse shoe tournaments to canoe racing, tug-o-war, wheel-barrow, three-legged and sack races.

Since the Kapown Center opened its doors in '84, the Kapown Days have been an annual event where the public is invited to share in the weekend celebrations which includes camping.

The centre's clients set up the teepees and tents, while the staff co-ordinated the sport activities.

The activities were geared towards sharing experiences and having a good time without alcohol.

As in past years, cultural events and a traditional food feast, prepared by the centre's chef Rusty Thompkins of Jousard, were a memorable part of the celebrations.

The success of the Kapown Days was a direct result of the combined efforts of the participants and staff of the rehabilitation centre.



Moose-calling intrigued many of the youngsters



Horseshoes brought out young and old

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Public Notice

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An Open House will be held to review the "Christina Lake Management Plan Alternatives Document".

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 1989

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Place: Conklin School Gynasium
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Public input regarding the various alternatives is welcome.

For more information and copies of the document, contact Alberta Municipal Affairs - Improvement District No. 18 North in Fort McMurray (743-7192); or Alberta Forest Service in Lac La Biche (623-5240).

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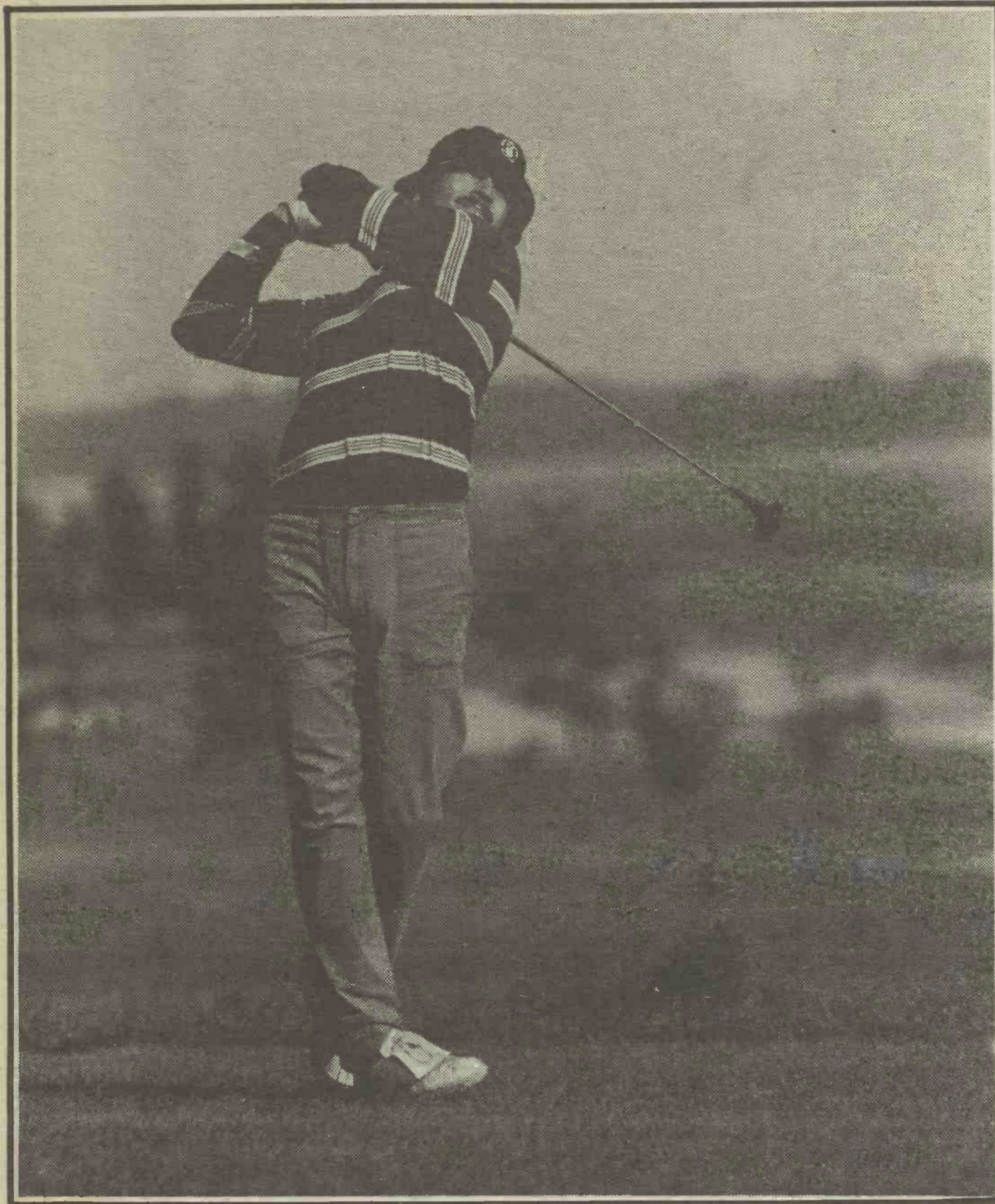


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Indian Country Sports



Ben Ground watches his tee shot on the 11th hole during last weekend's 5th Annual Bob Kootenay Memorial Classic.

5th Annual Memorial Tournament honors golfer's sportsmanship

By Bert Crowfoot
Windspeaker Staff Writer

SPRUCE GROVE, AB

The Fifth Annual Bob Kootenay Memorial Golf Tournament was held last weekend at J.R.'s Golf Course near Spruce Grove.

The tournament was held in honor of Bob Kootenay who was killed on March 7, 1984 when he was struck by an LRT train after an Oiler game.

Bob Kootenay was an avid golfer, often winning or finishing near the top in many Native tournaments across western Canada.

Bob, quite the sportsman, is credited for introducing golf to the Alexander Reserve.

He loved other sports as well and was involved in all aspects of sports from playing, coaching, as well as officiating.

The memorial golf tournament was very different from other golf tournaments, emphasizing fun over competition.

Because of the amount of prize money involved in other tournaments, the atmosphere is much more serious and competitive. The Kootenay tournament, however, does not give out prize money and is one where you can relax and have fun.

There were a lot of top

golfers as well as a lot of first time golfers.

Open to all, it reflected Bob Kootenay's friends in the Native and non-Native community.

There were two examples which reflected the easygoing atmosphere of the tournament.



Bob Kootenay...
Left a legacy

The first was when Raymond Arcand drilled a beautiful line drive right through Ernie Cardinal's golf bag.

The other was when Tony Arcand lined up to drive off on the 18th tee and promptly drove the ball right into the water. When asked to pose for an instant replay, he went

back on the tee and unintentionally drove another ball right back into the water.

At this year's event, Bingo Morin of Enoch won the men's championship flight by shooting a 154 over 36 holes. Second place went to Emile Cutknife, of Hobbema, who shot a 161.

In the ladies championship flight, Deanna Quintal won with a score of 197 followed by Elly Cadieux with a score of 199.

The peewee division was won by Craig LaFond who shot a 97 over 9 holes. He was followed closely by Rocky Morin with a score of 103.

The junior championship flight was won by Lennie Buffalo with a score of 191 while Cody Hodgson finished second with a 192.

Jody Alexander finished in top spot in the junior girls championship flight with a score of 250 followed closely by Ramona Arcand with a score of 251.

The seniors championship flight was won by Phil Thompson with a score of 170 with Wilf McDougal hot on his heels with 172.

The organizers of the Bob Kootenay Memorial Golf Tournament would like to thank the golfers and sponsors who supported the event and welcome everybody back next year.

Blackpowder champion beats alcohol to win Steinhauers only treaty Indians in sport

EDMONTON, AB

Winning the Alberta Blackpowder Championships is a major accomplishment.

But for 1989's provincial champ, Ken Steinhauer, it is that feeling of comradeship which keeps his interest in travelling the blackpowder shooting circuit.

He and his wife Hazel are Alberta's only treaty Indians who compete in blackpowder championships.

Both would like to see more Native people involved in the challenge and the invaluable friendship that is derived from these matches.

"There's a misconception that only Native's live in tipis," said Ken, the son of former Lieutenant-Governor General Ralph Steinhauer.

Steinhauer is no ordinary champion, however.

At one point in his life, he was an alcoholic, he says. If he were still dependent on alcohol, Steinhauer believes he wouldn't have won the provincial championships last month.

Seven years ago when he decided to give up the bottle, Steinhauer was able to take charge and fill a void in his life.

As a young boy growing up on the Saddle Lake Reserve, he enjoyed handling a rifle, so one day Steinhauer decided to take it up again and went to a shooting range.

Spending a lot of time shooting took up much of his day and also brought back some of Steinhauer's self-esteem that he decided to join a pistol club.

Later he was joined by his wife Hazel who "tired of waiting around" and between the two of them they have a houseful of trophy's and awards from their shooting skills in blackpowder competitions.

Blackpowder competitions involve shooting rifles loaded with blackpowder.

At some competitions, every member must contribute something that is theirs to the prize list and choose prizes according to their ranking at the end of the shooting day.

Blackpowder competi-

tions involve shooting rifles loaded with blackpowder.

Most competitors dress in the fashion of that era with buckskin coats and raccoon hats.

Regulations in competitions require that, like their predecessors before the 1840s, shooters must also emulate that era in style and dress.

"It's a real challenge," says Steinhauer, who takes great pride in his pre-1840s fashion.

In significant competitions in the United States, Steinhauer report the competition is intense to come out on top with 500 to 600 tipis alone competing for that authentic look. Some tipis are made with hide and everything inside is as primitive as can be, he noted.

Besides shooting with replicas of old guns and pistols, there are knife, axe and tomahawk-throwing competitions in the meets.

At most of shoots, the participants are fully dressed in the fashions of that era.

Steinhauer has plans to return to his home reserve next year, and is planning on generating interest among the youth about firearm control and safety.

Steinhauer would like to see children being taught by elders in the school saying, "there's teachings that only the elders could teach."

He says, first and foremost, people must work on building effective communication.

They (young and old) have to learn to give, respect and exchange information, he said.

Steinhauer believes children would benefit more if they were to spend an afternoon setting a net, or learning to sew a Native dress.

"We have to give our young people a change to acquire the cultural skills that the school system seems to have taken away over the years," he said.

"If I only help one of my people, that would be one more than before. I don't expect miracles," he said.



Blackpowder shooters Ken and Hazel Steinhauer.

Sports

Unorthodox slowpitch winning fans

By Bert Crowfoot
Windspeaker Staff Writer

KEHEWIN, AB

The style of softball played in Indian country is forever changing and the latest version is an unorthodox co-ed game that was played at the Kehewin Cultural Days this past weekend.

In the beginning, the game was fast pitch and this high speed game was very exciting, usually dominated by strong pitching. The team with the best pitching won most of the tournaments.

The next version of the game to be played was co-ed

slow pitch where teams consisted of six men and four women. The slow pitch game was too slow and boring for many athletes who loved the speed of fast pitch and a compromise was created in northeast Alberta.

The compromise was using an unorthodox pitching style and fast pitch rules while keeping the co-ed concept of slow pitch.

An unorthodox pitch consists of bringing the ball behind the back in a figure eight motion before delivering the ball. Windmill and slingshot styles are illegal.

In Kehewin, the Triple K team from Kehewin won the

12 team true double knock-out tournament by defeating Saskatchewan's Joseph Big Head's team 11 - 3.

The Kehewin team jumped to an early lead and dominated until the game was finally called after six innings because of darkness.

On the B side, the Saddle Lake Warriors had a quick start, scoring seven runs in the first two innings before the Kehewin Silver Bullets ignited and tied the game at nine runs apiece. That was as close as they got as the Warriors held on to win 13 - 10.

The tournament allstars selected were: first base -

Loma Youngchief (Triple K); second base - Crystal Poitras (Triple K); third base - Guy Canter (Loon Lake); short-stop - Ricky Makokis (Saddle Lake); left field - Jamie Cardinal (Silver Bullets); center field - Bill Chipewyan (Triple K); right field - Amy Houle (Saddle Lake); rover - Sherry Lewis (Joseph Big Head); pitcher - Bobby Badger (Triple K); and catcher - Anthony Houle (Saddle Lake).

The unorthodox version of the game is much more exciting and should spread throughout Indian country. When this game gets boring, who knows what will be next.



Pitcher Willard Cross whistles one by during a game last weekend.

Bert Crowfoot, Windspeaker



BERT CROWFOOT, Windspeaker

It was a close call at the plate as catcher Anthony Houle misses a throw to allow a Silver Bullet run.

Golf fundraising a success

On August 18, 1989 the North American Indigenous Games held a fund-raising golf tournament at the Indian Lakes Golf Course on the Enoch reserve.

The tournament, called the Chief Walking Wolf Golf Classic, in honor of Willie Littlechild's Indian name, raised approximately 1600 dollars.

Littlechild is Canada's first treaty Indian member of parliament and is well-known as an athlete and a strong sup-

porter of Native sports.

The format of the tournament was a Texas scramble that featured foursomes of local sports and political celebrities.

There were prizes given to the approximately 50 golfers that attended. The winning foursome of Leo Sasakamoose, Ed Molstad, Ray Cardinal and Ivy Raine received golf bags.

Peace Hills Trust was the major sponsor of the event along with numerous other

companies and organizations.

The tournament was so successful the organizers plan to make the event an annual affair.



Willie Littlechild is presented with a Maurice Cardinal painting at the Walking Wolf Golf Classic.

Job Opportunity KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Duties: Applications are currently being accepted for the position of Kindergarten Teacher for the Sturgeon Lake Kindergarten, located at Sturgeon Lake, Alberta, Canada.

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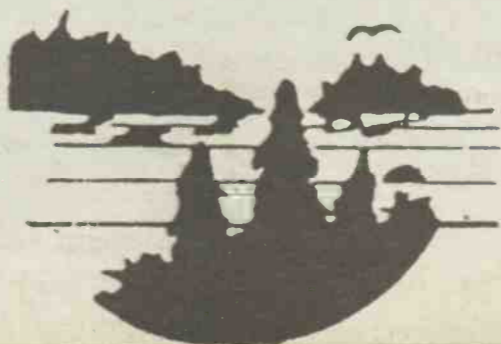
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BAND MANAGER CHIPEWYAN INDIAN BAND FORT CHIPEWYAN, ALBERTA

We are seeking an experienced manager who can maintain the momentum towards self-sufficiency and top quality for our administration. The successful candidate must be willing to relocate to Fort Chipewyan: be skilled in office procedures; inventory control and planning; be committed to staff training and be able to communicate with most everyone. Duties include: planning annual budgets; interacting with a wide range of government agencies; devising policies and advising Chief and Council on rapidly developing issues. The successful candidate should have a good knowledge of accounting procedures, government assistance programs, planning and staff development.

This is a very challenging position. Interested candidates should submit resume with three references as to suitability and experience to:



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SEPTEMBER 26, 27, 28/89
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ATTENDANCE (check four)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 1) Oil & Gas
- 2) Small Business/Entrepreneurialism/
Joint Ventures
- 3) Human Resource Development/Training
- 4) International Trade/Free Trade
- 5) Taxation Issues
- 6) The Economic Development Process

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 1) Tourism
- 2) Agriculture
- 3) Financing & Raising Capital
- 4) Indian Business Women
- 5) Legal Issues Affecting Economic
Development re: Kamloops Amendment

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AGENDA

"Realizing Our Potential - Indian Economic Development for the 90's"

A Working Conference on Indian Economic Development
Edmonton Inn, Edmonton, Alberta

Monday, September 25, 1989

- 1500.....Registration
- Conference Workshop Sign-in
- 1830.....Reception - Wine and Cheese, Trade Show Area
(Maple Leaf Room)

Tuesday, September 26, 1989

- 0830.....Registration
- Conference Workshop Sign-in
- 0900.....Plenary Session (Wild Rose Room)
- Invocation by Elder
- Briefing by Conference Chairman: George Calliou
- Theme Address By: Wilton Littlechild, M.P.
- 1030.....Address: Western Economic Diversification
- 1115.....Address: Mr. Tony Reynolds, Adm. Native Economic Development Program
- Introduction by Chief Bernie Meneen
- 1200.....Luncheon Hon. Pierre Cadieux, Minister, Northern Affairs
- 1330.....Workshop (Assigned Workshop Rooms)
- 1) Oil & Gas
- 2) Small Business/Entrepreneurialism/Joint Ventures
- 3) Human Resource Development/Training
- 4) International Trade/Free Trade
- 5) Legal Issues Affecting Indian Economic Development
re: Kamloops Amendment
- 6) The Economic Development Process

- 1500.....Coffee
- 1515.....Resume Workshop Sessions
- 1700.....Adjourn

Wednesday, September 27, 1989 (Corporate Sector)

- 0900.....Plenary Session (Wild Rose Room)
- Invocation by Elder
- Conference briefing by Chairman: George Calliou
- Theme Address By: Chief Walter Twinn, Sawridge Band
- 0930.....Forum on Forestry Development
- Topic: "Development for the 90's, Environment for the Future".
- Moderator: Gregg Smith, Treaty 7, Vice-President, Indian Association of Alberta
- Members: - Alberta Pacific Forest Industries Inc.
- Daishowa (Peace River Pulp)
- Northern Alberta Chiefs
- Aboriginal Resource Development Group

- 1120.....Question Period
- Introduction by George Calliou
- 1200.....Luncheon: Winston Wuttunee, Native Entertainer

1330.....Workshops (Assigned Workshop Room)

- 7) Tourism
- 8) Agriculture
- 9) Financing & Raising Capital
- 10) Indian Business Women
- 11) Taxation Issues for Indian Businesses

- 1445.....Coffee
- 1500.....Resume Workshop Sessions
- 1630.....Adjourn
- 1900.....Cocktail Reception (cash bar)
- 1930.....Banquet

Mr. Andrew Bear Robe, Master of Ceremonies
Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Address: Chief Billy Diamond, James Bay Cree
Dance: Entertainment by - "Fourth Generation Family Band"

Thursday, September 28, 1989

- 0900.....Plenary Session (Wild Rose Room)
- Invocation by Elder
- Conference briefing by Chairman: George Calliou
- Theme Address By: Chief Strater Crowfoot, Blackfoot Tribe
- 0915.....Address: Hon. Ernie Isley, Alberta Minister of Agriculture
- 0935.....Address: Horst Schmidt, Commissioner General For Trade and Tourism
- 1000.....Address: Hon. Ken Rostad, Minister Responsible for Native Affairs
- 1030.....Panel Discussion
- Topic: Federal/Provincial Directions for
Indian Economic Development for the 90's.
- Theme Address: Chief Roy Fox, Blood Tribe
- Members: - The Canadian Aboriginal Economic
Development Strategy (CAEDS)
- Federal Agencies
- Provincial Agencies
- Alberta Chiefs

1130.....Question Period

- Introduction By:
- 1200.....Luncheon: Mr.R.A. (Sandy) Slaton, Vencap Equities Ltd.
- 1330.....Plenary Session (Wild Rose Room)

Workshop Leaders Reports:

- 1) Oil & Gas
- 2) Small Business/Entrepreneurialism/Joint Ventures
- 3) Human Resource Development/Training
- 4) International Trade/Free Trade
- 5) Legal Issues Affecting Economic Development
- 6) The Economic Development Process
- 7) Tourism
- 8) Agriculture
- 9) Financing & Raising Capital
- 10) Business Women
- 11) Taxation Issues

- 1500.....Closing Prayer by Elder
- Adjournment