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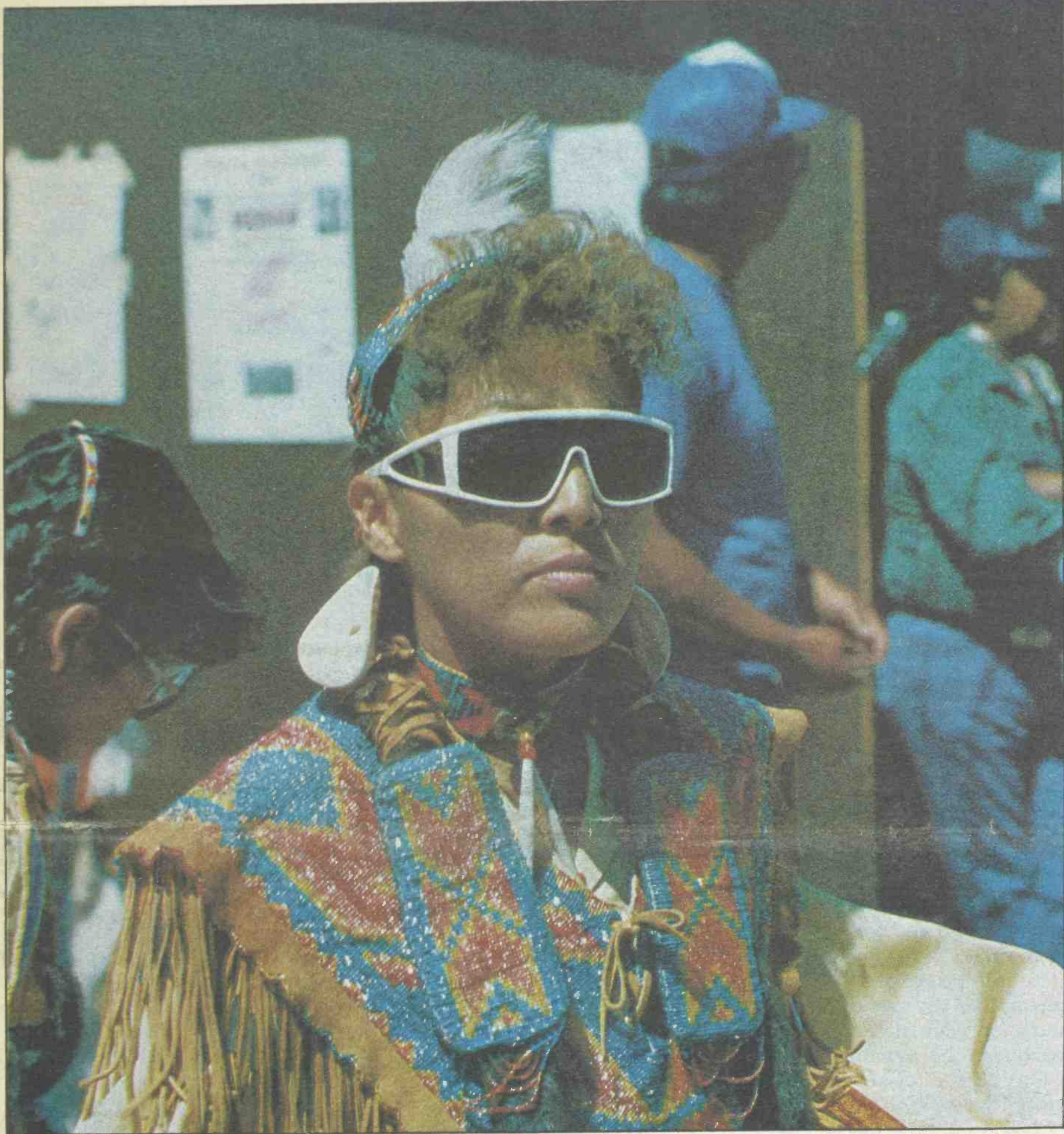
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PUNK MEETS POWWOW

Margie Dee is an interesting study of beaded tradition versus hi-tech plastic as she shades her eyes at the U.S. Rocky Boy powwow. Margie, from Montezuma Creek, Utah, competed in the jingle dance.

--Photo by Bert Crowfoot

\$25,000 project

Sucker Creek band gets heating system

By the time the weather starts turning colder this fall, residents of the Sucker Creek Indian Reserve will be able to turn on the gas and warm up in comfort.

Sucker Creek Band Chief Jim Badger says construction has begun on the quarter-million dollar project that will serve every residence on the reserve.

Badger says that the council has worked with Indian Affairs officials for over a year to bring the project to fruition. Band manager Ronald Sunshine, Badger says, prepared an excellent proposal and did a good selling job to get the project approved.

While not all agreements

are in place, it is expected that Sucker Creek will purchase natural gas from Prairie River Gas Co-operative Ltd. through an agreement with Gas Alberta. The Town of High Prairie is contracted to supply services for the operation of the Sucker Creek gas utility for a period of one year.

Chief Badger says that the band intends to train reserve service man Rod Willier to take over operation of the utility as soon as possible.

The band is in the process of joining the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops.

Car accident victim killed on impact

Dalton Arcand, 19, of the Alexander reserve died on impact when his truck hit another vehicle and burst into flames in a head on collision on Highway 26.

Arcand was driving to his home in Alexander when the accident occurred two miles east of Camrose shortly after 3 a.m. on July 31.

Investigating RCMP Constable Roger Coutuer said, "The vehicle he

(Arcand) was operating blew up after the collision. He was pinned under the truck, which rolled on its side."

Funeral services were held for Arcand at the Alexander reserve on August 5.

Prince Albert, Saskatchewan natives Nicole Flannigan and Nola Bird were the victims in the other vehicle. They were also killed on impact.

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Sinclair quits politics - considers new career

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time for that," he reported. Sinclair has been involved in a number of pet projects. He was involved with the World Council of Indigenous Peoples (WCIP) and as a board member of Indigenous Survival International, a world-wide support group chaired by Georges Erasmus and dedicated to the preservation of traditional hunting and trapping rights for Aboriginal people.

He looks upon those involvements with pride but conceded "one of the things I'm most proud of is to be involved in the constitutional First Ministers meetings."

Natives for sticking together on the constitutional issues and exudes confidence that, "eventually they will settle that (issue)."

Other concerns and programs that have been addressed and that Sinclair is particularly enthusiastic about include:

- participation in negotiating for the \$345 million economic development budget;
- securing funding for each of the MAA's six regions;
- the 300 homes under the Metis Urban Housing program;
- education improvements through Athabasca University and the Grouard sit-in for student housing to be built at Grouard; and
- progress within Northland School Division through

the institution of local community school boards.

Much of the credit for the achievements belongs to the people, said Sinclair. It was the teamwork of the MAA board and the communities which undertook such programs that created them and made them the successes they are.

Mainstream politics is an area requiring a harder look in that several constituencies are predominated by Natives. "If everybody got out to vote we'd have a lot to say on the outcome," professed Sinclair.

He spoke of a new riding which is to be created in northern Alberta and may spark interest for himself. He has no particular party in mind at the moment and

would like to visit Native communities to see if they might have any interest in supporting him if he were to run in an election.

Apart from the finances required to campaign, Sinclair was a bit critical of the fact that Aboriginal people do not go out and vote in numbers.

In projecting his own future, Sinclair is giving thought to a variety of possibilities in terms of work. The oil and timber industry interest him as does the potential of working with government again as he had prior to his election as MAA president in 1979.

Citing Red Earth as an example of what is occurring in the oil patch, Sinclair says he "sees only a small

handful of Native people" involved. "When you have communities all around those oil activities, they're just bypassing our people. That hurts," he confessed.

Asked whether he has any thoughts of retirement, Sinclair said, "I'll never totally retire; I'll always be doing something even if it's trapping." He admits to not being a "good trapper" but that he could get by if he had to and that it is a life he considers viable.

For now, there are no thoughts of moving away from Edmonton for the 60-year old president. However, should a job opportunity arise that he thinks would interest him, he would move, especially if it happened to be in the Slave Lake region -- "the area I love," Sinclair concluded.

National

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Canadian Broadcasting authority gets Native network applicant

The Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) is considering applicants for specialty service licences and one applicant is called TPTV Inc.

TPTV Inc. is aimed at Native people and is offering all Canadians educational and entertainment programming, according to President Peter Rice.

Suggested programs would include: various college courses, The Body Shop (health and fitness show), coverage of Native sports, a weekly talk show, an amateur talent show, and This Was the Land That Wasn't, a satirical current events show.

If the licence is given to TPTV Inc. the programming will air on national television as a basic cable service. The final CRTC decisions will be made on August 14.

Peltier's bad eye tended to by Soviet doctors

Leonard Peltier, former American Indian Movement activist, recently had two Soviet eye specialists examining his left eye.

Peltier, who is serving two life sentences in Leavenworth federal penitentiary for the shooting deaths of two FBI agents, said he had not received proper medical treatment from prison doctors and had nearly lost all sight in that eye.

Peltier said that he is aware that the visit by the Soviets might be used as propaganda against the United States. "I'm grateful that they (Soviet doctors) are willing to treat me," said Peltier. "If it will help bring medical treatment to mankind, both here and the Soviet Union, they can use it for all the propaganda they want."

Prison officials refused to comment on the visit by Soviet doctors, except to say the doctors could see Peltier.

"That's our policy," said William White, acting executive assistant at the Texas prison. "We're not going to explain it."

New Kenny Rogers movie kicked off with Indian sweat

New Mexico Indians working on the set of Gambler III insisted that a traditional sweat be held to get the picture off to a good start.

A makeshift sweatlodge was constructed on location. When the temperature inside the lodge reached 110 degrees Kenny Rogers, co-star Bruce Boxleitner and the Indians crawled in and sweated for more than an hour.

Fictional Indian helps put novel on top ten sellers list

Joe Pena, a fictional character in a paperback novel, is getting rave reviews from literary critics.

The novel, called Stallion Gate, was written by Martin Cruz Smith and is a historical account of the development of the atom bomb at Los Alamos, New Mexico, in the late 1940s.

Many books have been written on the subject, but Stallion Gate looks at the events that led to the invention of the atom bomb through the eyes of an Indian sergeant, Joe Pena. Book critics have praised the character's unpredictability.

The author, Martin Cruz Smith, also wrote 'And The Indians Won', a novel that speculated on the Indian nations of North America as a world superpower with the world's largest nuclear arsenal.

Stallion Gate is now the number three bestseller across the nation.

One job too many?

Indian Affairs minister takes on additional economic tasks

By Terry Lusty

Bill McKnight, the Minister responsible for Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND), is now more closely attached to western Canada, but is also in a capacity which is not directly related to his responsibility for Indians.

Recently, he was assigned the additional portfolio of Minister responsible for the Western Diversification Office. His Deputy Minister, Bruce Rawson, has been given the task of manning the head office located in Edmonton, which will be served by sub-offices in Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Vancouver.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney was in the city to officially announce the new initiative during a luncheon at the Convention Centre August 4. The luncheon, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, drew hundreds of customers but the number of Natives present was few.

The new initiative is the fulfillment of a commitment made in Prince Albert three years ago, said Mulroney. At the time, the west was undergoing far less activity in the oil, timber and fishing industries.

The purpose of the diversification package is to provide an alternative for dealing with the downturn in Canada's western economy and involves a \$1.2 billion tab. The funds are to be spread out over a five year period across the four western provinces. This amounts to an average of \$60 million per year for each of them. However, the actual sharing of the money has not yet been determined.

The prime minister lauded the concept as "an important step" attaining "profound long term benefits for all western Canadians."

Whether benefits will



BILL MCKNIGHT
...spreads himself thin

flow to the Native sector is questionable as Mulroney's speech proved vague and fraught with generalities. There was no explanation offered as to what the requirements would be to tap into the fund or who might be able to access them.

The program is designed to turn western Canada's economic situation around by focussing on alternative solutions to sagging, major industries. What those alternatives might be have not been defined by the PC government, albeit small and medium sized businesses were mentioned as potential beneficiaries.

Windspeaker asked member of parliament Jack Shields whether the initiative might have any significant implications for Alberta's Native communities.

"Absolutely!" exclaimed Shields, adding that Natives are as much citizens of the west as are white citizens. "Aboriginal people will be able to access the diversification funding the same as anybody else."

Shields views the windfall as a "blessing" for Native people. He implied that it is one more step in fulfilling the government's commitment "to get more of the activity and responsibility for Indian affairs into the hands of Native people."

McKnight found favor with Shield's comments. "The creation of jobs, the expanding of the economic base of western Canada is also part of my responsibility," he stated.

The minister admits that there may be an outcry from the Indian community over his additional duties which some may view as a displacement of his role in Indian Affairs.

"There have been concerns issued by Indian leaders about my ministry without this additional responsibility," he said. However, he argues that the extra work will not impair his ability to do his job in Indian Affairs.

Shields explained that the move is not an unusual one. When McKnight was the minister of Labour he was also responsible for the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Shields provided examples of other ministers who also wear more than one hat.

He expressed no undue concern over the possibility of McKnight thinning himself out at the expense of Native issues, concerns or programs. "His primary responsibility is still with Indians and his total, absolute commitment is still to Indian Affairs and Northern Development, to the Indian people of Canada...he can't negate that at all and he won't," added Shields.

McKnight sees his dual responsibility as "a very exciting initiative" that will "benefit all Canadians and that, naturally, includes people of Aboriginal origin."

Just how much work the minister will have to do in his new capacity was also explained by Shields who said that the technocrats will do most of the initial start-up and that any effort from McKnight will be "in a general way."

(Reaction to the additional portfolio given McKnight and what it means to the Indian community will be addressed in the next issue of Windspeaker.)

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Tornado victim hospitalized, happy to be alive

By Mark McCallum

Nancy Desjarlais is the "happiest person in the world right now because my son is alive, I'm alive...and I just want to continue with my life."

Desjarlais and her son narrowly escaped the tornado which cut a swath of devastation through areas of Edmonton on July 31.

More than 300 people were injured and another 26 were killed by the tornado which destroyed everything in its path.

"I'll still always have a haunting feeling," Desjarlais said, referring to that Black Friday. She is currently in the Royal Alexandra Hospital being treated for a fractured hip and pelvis and a deep, ten inch laceration in her right leg. Her son Aeron did not sustain any serious injuries.

Assistant Director of Nursing Karen Polowich reported Desjarlais is in "satisfactory condition."

The shattered remains of the Desjarlais home, at the Evergreen Mobile Home Park (on 167 Avenue and 10 Street in northeast Edmonton), is the scene where 15 tornado victims were found amidst the rubble.

Before the terrible storm ravaged her trailer, Desjarlais day began like many others. "After I put my son to bed, I started watching my soaps as usual...I looked outside and it was really, really dark. I saw a big funnel coming."

Desjarlais quickly wrapped her son in a thick blanket and grabbed a bed post, clinging for her life. Then she said a prayer that must have been heard.

"I heard all the boards cracking, windows breaking...the trailer was coming apart," she said in a steady voice.

"I felt myself rolling and my son flew out of my arms."

When it was over, Desjarlais immediately

hollered for her son. Covered in a heap of board only one foot away, he answered her.

Desjarlais was in a sitting position but unable to move because she was pinned down by rubble. She was helpless and couldn't help her son.

She explains: "I let the rain run into my mouth and face so I wouldn't faint before help came...all I could hear was kids screaming, and I saw people running around."

Minutes later a bystander took her son and then Desjarlais to his vehicle where "one lady was screaming because she lost her baby in the storm."

She describes the now-devastated area: "All you could see was boards everywhere. The vehicles didn't have any windows, and the trees were totally gone. They were torn away like a piece of paper."

When she is released from the hospital in a month, Desjarlais and her son will stay with relatives.

"I'm doing really well. A little sore and bruised, but I'm fine."

Desjarlais concludes, "God was there and He helped me."



CALAHASEN FAMILY & TIFFANY
... "God protected our home"

Twister's path narrowly misses couple's home

When the tornados that caused 26 deaths, more than 300 injuries and \$150 million in damages ravaged Edmonton, the Calahasen home was virtually untouched.

"We believe that God protected our home," said Roland Calahasen, in an interview at his Millwoods home located directly in the path of violent tornado funnels.

Sweeping through the city July 31, the tornado

caused extensive damage to neighbors on both sides of Calahasen's house.

Calahasen, his wife Jeanette, and their son Junior, were in Wabasca at the time of the destructive storm. Only the family dog, Tiffany, remained at the house and did not receive any injuries.

After taking detours through Sherwood Park, the family arrived at the house by 9:30 that night.

"The first thing we

noticed was that the houses on each side of us were ripped up. Their roofs and fences were torn apart."

"The strange thing is one of our neighbor's fences broke off right where ours begins...it's as if the tornado jumped over our home and hit all the other houses."

Watching a helicopter fly dead cattle from a nearby field, Jeanette Calahasen said, "Everytime we go somewhere we pray that God will protect our home."

Education symposium attracts big talent

ALEXANDER RESERVE — Enthusiastic response from across Canada to the National Indian Education Symposium to be held here August 17 to 19 has caused organizers to revise their attendance estimates.

After meeting with organizers from across Canada in Winnipeg last weekend, the team from the Alexander Reserve organizing the event here returned to revise their plans to accommodate 1,000 delegates (with contingency plans for up to 2,000), rather than the 500 originally projected.

More interest and support has developed as the symposium approaches, says Coordinator Adele Arcand, who is administrator of the Alexander School Board.

The Alexander Tribal Government took the initiative in organizing the symposium in reaction to planned cutbacks in education funding by the Department of Indian Affairs. Indian educators and other organizations and individuals across Canada are actively supporting that initiative.

The event's business sessions will feature a number of keynote speakers and focus on the exchange of information, discussion of strategy and development

of action plans in support of continued quality education for Indians.

The symposium will also have a strong cultural component, with Elders heavily involved in the business sessions, as well as a number of ceremonial and cultural activities.

Internationally-known Cree performer Buffy Ste. Marie and Oneida "comed-jun" Charlie Hill headline entertainment and social activities that will include a fashion show by Starlight Fashions of the Sarcee Reserve, a talent show, a round dance, a modern dance and a banquet.

Arrangements have been made with several Edmonton hotels to accommodate delegates, and transportation will be provided to the reserve. Camping facilities will also be available at Alexander, and food booths will be in operation throughout the conference.

Organizers emphasize that the conference is not restricted to Indian educators and leaders. Elders, parents and young people concerned about Indian education are encouraged to attend and participate.

More information can be obtained by contacting the Alexander School Board at (403) 939-3551.

Alexander Reserve

Housing project deemed a success

By Mark McCallum

After touring the Alexander reserve housing project on July 31 Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) official Mike Young called it a "success."

"The tour was very informative...I enjoy seeing the finished project on the land," he said.

Jobs and an economic base have been created by the ongoing housing project which has seen 34 houses built since 1983.

Funds have been approved by Indian Affairs and Alexander is in the process of building six more new houses. Through apprenticeship programs during the past six years band members have mastered construction trades. Project Coordinator Ron Arcand says, "We have a tremendous amount of people trained in different trades, so the labor is all supplied by band members."

Arcand adds an economic base is created because "a major portion of the materials are bought locally



RON ARCAND
...indicates renovations to CMHC reps

in Morinville (12 miles east of the reserve)."

A Housing Authority Committee, made up of band members, decides who is eligible for a unit, based mainly on the size of the family and need. As Arcand says, "There are nearly 40 people that apply for homes every year. But, we can only accommodate so many people each year."

Families not fortunate enough to get a house are

put on a waiting list, reviewed when houses are available.

When given a bi-level or bungalow unit, rent payments must be met by the owner -- houses are not given to them. However, CMHC subsidizes rent payments when necessary.

All homes, ranging from three to six bedroom dwellings, must be approved by CMHC.

The total cost for construction for one house is about \$12,500. But, this figure does not include the maintenance of units. This year Alexander will spend \$115,000 on renovations, while \$75,000 will go towards new houses.

After a \$485,180 loan from the Hobbema-owned Peace Hills Trust is paid in 15 years, the Alexander band will own the houses.



Horsemen meet at culture camp

Brian Chalifoux, Leon Chalifoux, and Brian Davis got ready to ride off into the sunset at the Swan River culture camp at mile 8 on Highway #33.

Swan River Band Chief Gordon Courtoreille says the site on the bank of the river has been used by band members for many years, but this year's culture camp is a first.

"It's nice for the kids," Courtoreille says as he looked across the sunny clearing. "And for the grown-ups, too."

Swan River's administrator Dustin Twinn says the camp was organized by

band workers Steve Sound, April Giroux, and Rose Sound. James Sound also lent a hand.

The Driftpile Band also had a camp underway just a few miles down the road, and a hundred miles down the forestry trunk road to Hinton the Sucker Creek Band ran a similar affair.

Cheryl Goodswimmer of the Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council says the bands were assisted financially through the regional child welfare program.

— Photo by Albert Berger

Youth camp examines culture

By Jerome Bear

A youth camp, hosted by the Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council, is to be held during the week of August 17 - 21. The camp will feature many activities as well as talks on issues which deal with youth today.

The camp is geared towards the youth between the ages of 13 and 17. It will feature activities such as canoeing, hide tanning, fishing and trapping. It will also include lessons on traditional games to be taught by Mike James.

A total of 11 groups from the Lesser Slave Lake area will be attending and groups from Alexander and

Edmonton have also been invited.

The camp itself is situated at Martin River which is 24 km north of Slave Lake. Each group will be responsible for supplying their own tents and sleeping bags. Food and other necessities will be supplied by the Slave Lake Regional Council.

Each group is also asked to bring two or three Elders so that the Elders can talk about their culture and how it has changed.

George Goodstriker, of the St. Paul Treatment Centre, will give lectures on the abuse of alcohol and drugs and how these problems can be stopped.

Mary Burlie, from the

Boyle Street Co-op Crisis Centre in Edmonton will be giving lectures on peer pressure and how it can be avoided.

About 120 youth are expected. National Native Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (NNADAP) Coordinator Cameron Willier says that the camp will be full of activity and believes it will be an overall success.

"I expect it will set a trend for years to come so that we may hold another camp next summer and other summers to come," says Willier.

If you'd like more information on the youth camp call him at 523-4390 or Marilyn Willier at 523-4426 or 523-4800.

Anti-alcohol program grads encourage band's stability

By Mark McCallum

After one month of alcohol and drug abuse treatment, O'Chiese reserve band members successfully finished a mobile treatment program on August 5.

The unique program is designed to treat abusers by literally going into their homes and working directly with clients.

Program Coordinator and Nechi Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counsellor Emile Ward noticed a difference between treating people in institutions as compared to dealing with them in their home environments.

Though he deals with addiction problems daily at Poundmakers, Ward said: "When you come to the reserve, you see the problem and experience it with the people you're trying to help."

For one week, participating band members agreed to stay in a camp set up on the reserve. They were then allowed to return home in the evenings, returning daily for treatment.

Ward stressed the support of extended family members at home was essential. Out of 33 people that entered the program, five did not finish it.

"It was harder for some of the people in the program to stop drinking because alcoholism was still very prominent in their homes," he stated.

Chief Theresa Strawberry first saw the need for treatment when she realized she was an alcoholic.

"The reserve wasn't accomplishing any of its objectives. We would apply for project funds, thinking this would solve all of our problems. But, we were wrong. Money isn't our problem -- alcohol is."

Strawberry entered Poundmakers and was soon followed by band



STRAWBERRY
...saw need

councillors and members. But, the problem could not realistically be stopped by sending people to Poundmakers individually. So, the decision was made to try the mobile treatment program on the reserve.

A firm belief in an alcohol and drug free reserve also prompted a band resolution,

which states the chief and council must be substance free at least six months after beginning a term.

Strawberry noted a high percentage of the deaths that occur in O'Chiese are alcohol related.

Director of the Nechi alcohol and drug abuse treatment centre Maggie Hodgson said the Alexis and Kehewin reserves are showing interest in the program. But, she points out that at least one year of preparation is needed to start it.

The graduates of the successful O'Chiese program will now participate in a 30-day after-care treatment program to discourage relapses.

The highs and lows of the people in the program were all recorded on video and will air at the O'Chiese reserve or Nechi. The O'Chiese reserve is located about 69 km northwest of Rocky Mountain House.

Champion eyes environmental issues

Champion Forest Products (Alberta) Ltd. recently announced that its fully bleached market kraft pulp mill, located in Hinton, Alberta, will undertake a modernization and expansion project which will double the capacity of the mill.

Prior to commencement of construction, the company will undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment which will assess the impact of this project upon Hinton and the environment, with special emphasis on Athabasca River quality and its downstream uses. This study will follow guidelines developed by Alberta Environment.

Any questions or opinions regarding the environmental impact of this project may be addressed direct to Champion at Hinton at: 865-2251 Ext. 458 - Larry Bowerstock, Human

Resource Department, or 865-2251 Ext. 381 - Bill Gunning, Technical Department, or by mail to either of the above contacts at: Champion Forest Products (Alberta) Ltd., Bag 8000, Hinton, Alberta T0E 1B0.

Picnic held in park

There'll be free corn-on-the-cob and hot dogs at the fourth annual "Metis Kids Picnic" tomorrow (Aug. 8) between noon and 6 p.m. at Victoria Park in Edmonton.

The picnic is being held for Metis and other Native children in Edmonton and surrounding areas. Kids will participate in games such as sack races, baseball games and other activities throughout the afternoon.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Northland School Division No. 61 will hold its next Regular Meeting on Friday, August 21, 1987 commencing at 7:00 p.m., and continuing on Saturday, August 22, 1987, at the Divisional Office in Peace River, Alberta.

All interested parties of the public are invited to observe, and to gain an understanding of their Board operations.

A question and answer period will be provided for the public as an agenda item.

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**WHAT
NEXT?**

In this issue of Windspeaker we take a look at self-government. The First Ministers' Conference has been over for several months now and of the four lobbying groups involved, only the Inuit Committee on National Issues has made a visible move toward following up on this subject. The other groups have kept quiet.

What is currently happening and what's next in the bid for self-government? Is the

objective still the same or has it changed?

The leaders of the Assembly of First Nations and Prairie Treaty Nations Alliance/Indian Association of Alberta were invited to comment on the current state of self-government and what's planned for the future. Next week, we'll present the opinions of the leaders of the Native Council of Canada, the Inuit Committee on National Issues, and the Metis National Council.

Political unfairness

Economic starvation staves off self-gov't

By Albert Crier

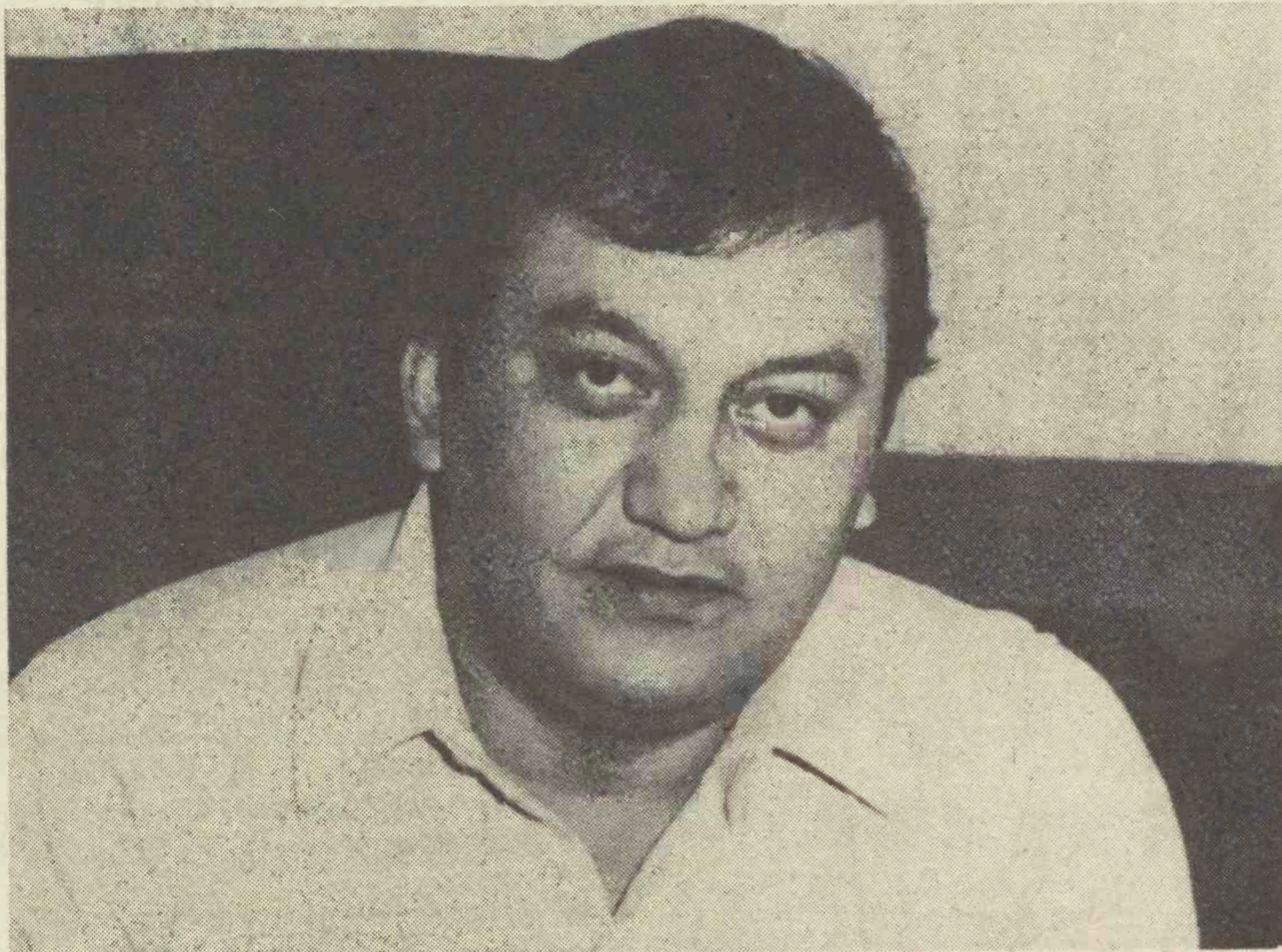
The federal government is trying to force Indian people to accept federal terms for Indian self-government by means of economic starvation, according to Gregg Smith, spokesperson for the Prairie Treaty Nations Alliance (PTNA).

"The objective in the eyes of the federal government is not to deal with Indian people fairly," said Smith, who is also the president of the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA).

Smith charged that the federal government has cut back funding for Indian band services. All program areas have been hit with cutbacks and some bands are forced to go into a deficit situation, said Smith.

This activity began years ago when the federal government transferred program administration over to Indian bands, followed by a reduction of program funding, added Smith.

Commenting on the lack of progress regarding Aboriginal self-government, Smith said the reason was because of the "very poor" relationship that the Progressive Conservative federal government under



GREGG SMITH

...**"no political system...deals justly"**

Prime Minister Mulroney had had with Indian people.

"There has been no political will to deal with Indian people justly. The government has not pursued their bilateral relationship with Indians," said Smith, who believes there is a need for community consultation with Indian bands by the federal government on Indian self-government proposals.

He pointed out that

under section 91 - 24 of the Indian Act, the federal government has a fiduciary trust responsibility for Indians and lands set aside for Indians. "But they don't have the authority to delegate authority."

Smith doubts any of the national political parties would deal effectively with Indian people if they were elected as the governing party.

What may help the cor-

rect the present situation of Indian people, is for the establishment of an office of a mediator, said Smith. "Someone that is not appointed by the government, but by Indian people. And who would be separate from the federal system."

This person would have the sole authority to deal with the government-Indian relationship, explained Smith.

He conceded that there

are Indian bands presently negotiating for Indian self-government. However, he added that the self-government submissions are only for the purpose of discussing the development of self-government status of the Indian bands involved.

"I think there is something wrong with the self-government unit of Indian Affairs regarding their initiative of self-government proposals. They fall short of what the bands require and focus only on the Sechelt model," said Smith. The Sechelt Indian band in B.C. is the only Indian community that has received government recognition of their self-government status.

Smith supports the idea of Indian bands taking the sovereignty stand.

"We have to stand up and say 'no!' That we will determine our own self-government position," declared Smith. "I would hope that more bands would take the sovereignty position."

Referring to the recent accord signed in June by the prime minister and Canadian premiers, Smith said, "I'd be very pessimistic that any future first ministers conferences, mentioned in the accord, would

achieve any type of success on Aboriginal self-government." Although the PTNA does not receive government funding, Smith said another tactic the government is using is to reduce federal funding for all Aboriginal organizations.

The PTNA will continue to work with other Aboriginal organizations on areas

'I think there is something wrong with the (Indian Affairs) self-government...'

of mutual concern, according to Smith. Those areas not specifically related to treaty matters, such as self-government.

The PTNA is at present operating through a band to band communications network, explained Smith. He added that the PTNA is planning to hold a Chief's conference, sometime in the fall, to discuss Indian self-government.

The IAA will continue to pursue lobbying efforts on an international scale, said Smith.

Groups stronger and more determined after FMC



GEORGES ERASMUS
...**optimistic toward self-gov't**

By Lesley Crossingham

The First Ministers' talks were not a failure and the fact that no constitutional amendment was formulated has only made Aboriginal groups stronger and more determined to entrench their rights and uphold treaty promises, says AFN Grand Chief Georges Erasmus.

"The talks would have been a failure if we had accepted the prime minister's proposal," he said. "However, as it turns out we must use another route."

The recent Meech Lake accord negotiated between the federal government and the provinces allowing Quebec to enter into the constitution has drawn

widespread criticism from many Native leaders who fear the new veto powers given to the provinces would preclude an amendment to the constitution allowing Aboriginal self-government.

However, Erasmus sees the accord in a more positive light and feels the fact that the federal and provincial government will conduct first ministers talks twice a year will allow Aboriginal groups to address the conference.

"We will have to lobby and try to get onto the agenda. Nothing is closed and anything is still possible. We are not at all downhearted," he added.

Erasmus feels the second route for the implementation on self-government, as

well as the reinforcement of treaties, is through the judicial system.

"We already have several cases in court. The courts are going to be very important in deciding our

'The courts are going to be very important in deciding our rights...'

rights and the obligation of the government. We intend to apply pressure to both the government and the judicial system."

Erasmus points out that the courts may rule against Aboriginal people and their

traditional rights. However, he adds that it is a risk Native people must take in order not to remain in limbo forever.

Meanwhile, Erasmus says that many of the pressing day-to-day issues of education, child care, welfare and social services have been neglected by the AFN in order to concentrate on more pressing national issues such as the First Ministers Conference.

"We have been guilty of ignoring some of these issues. But now we will be organizing study systems and holding conferences on these important issues."

A delegation from the AFN will be attending the education symposium to be held at the Alexander reserve later this month.

Opinion

Lonely inmate in Arizona puts out call for penpals

Dear Editor:

My name is Don Stow. I am a Chippewa Indian from Ontario (Kettle and Stoney Point Reservation) and I am incarcerated in the Arizona State Prison at present. My sister subscribed to you and got me a year's subscription. I really enjoy your paper although it doesn't concern my tribe. I'm down for seven years

(parole in three and a half). I was busted in September '86. I was adopted so my own family and people don't really miss me at all. I am lonely. I am 21-years of age. I guess I'm kind of disillusioned, that's why I'm in here.

One of your articles said that Indians belong among their own people which is so true I don't think you

realize how much. I tried to live in the whiteman's world for years (since I was adopted at two and a half) and it doesn't work.

I am a lonely, healthy male Indian. I want to get to know, through letters some women of other tribes. I am requesting you let some people know my address. If I had some money, I would ask you to publish a note requesting penpals, but I

am broke, except for prison pay. I am asking you for some consideration. I guess actually some sympathy, although I don't even know anyone from there. I thought it would be a good try anyway. I am gonna be out in '90 on parole, I hope. Please consider my request and please continue to write (print) those "origin articles," such as the articles on the Sacred Pipe, etc., as I said I was adopted and would like to learn something about some of my "brothers."

Respectfully yours,
Don Stow

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here's your letter, Don. Hope you get some response. Reader's interested in writing should direct letters to him at: P.O. Box B-61480, Florence, Arizona USA 85232.

In the Spirit
of Crazy Horse,
Andrew Iron Martin
President of
Brotherhood

Grande Cache jail has powwow

Tansi Windspeaker:

It is good to read the news you provide for us -- keep your words coming.

We had a first powwow in Grand Cache jail. It was nice to hear our drum beat in these prison walls. I close my eyes and soar over the mountains and

trees. The red people who are dancing over the nation -- we people have come far with our culture. Ho! We even have our drum heard by the brothers who are here for time of growing.

For once we are free. We can go back to our culture. The Whitebraided dancers gave us a good show. I

would like to thank all the people who read your paper and are fighting for our people in all ways.

Pair of letters slam feds for education cuts

Hon. William McKnight
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McKnight:

Although I have misgivings about doing so, I am compelled to write you directly to once again express my deep concerns about recent developments in your department's handling of funding arrangements for post-secondary education for Treaty Indians. I'm sure you've heard about some of the hardships these developments have caused to myself and many other Indian students.

I say I have misgivings because a year ago I wrote to Rod Murphy who represents the federal riding where my reserve is located, expressing concern about Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's (INAC) involvement in treaty education and the subsequent negative effect on my own circumstances. I had been cut off from regular education payments without explanation at that time. Mr. Murphy forwarded my letter to you.

Surprisingly, your response was that I was receiving assistance from Social Services in Regina while collecting education assistance at the same time. According to you and INAC I had committed a criminal offence and my removal from the education assistance role was justified. I don't know why you responded this way and I assumed it was an attempt on your part to side-step

Writer says his removal from education assistance unjustified

the real concerns I was attempting to raise.

I committed no such offence yet I couldn't help but be disturbed by this response. In effect you convicted me of welfare fraud and you wrote a letter about me that was probably libellous. It appeared as though you were trying to create as much damage to my reputation as you possibly could. But since my band quickly reinstated my assistance and because I couldn't afford the expense of legal action against you I chose to ignore your letter and go about my business.

Welfare fraud does occur in the treaty community but it wasn't my intention to deal with that question when I wrote Mr. Murphy and it isn't my intention to deal with it now. If you're so concerned about it, by all means call an investigation. You'd surely discover this problem is one that is forced upon Indian people with whole hearted approval and complicity of some INAC officials. If you'd like to talk about this just name a time and place, but for now let's just stick to the education issue.

Mr. McKnight, your government has continued to introduce new book-keeping strategies in the area of post-secondary

education for Treaty Indians. You say you're intent upon reducing the deficit that has been incurred throughout history by INAC under a succession of Tory and Grit

governments. This is a noble intention indeed; too bad the cuts are being made in the wrong places. Because the cuts are being aimed directly at the

Ambitious entrant wants to enter Banff-Jasper relay

Dear Editor:

I was reading your June issue of Windspeaker and was interested in getting more information on the relay race between Banff and Jasper, Alberta.

How would a person go about entering a team? Who would I need to contact? When is the next race scheduled for?

Thank you for your time.

Yours,
Raymond Neckoway
Chapleau, Ont.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Jasper to Banff 180-mile relay race (also called the Chasquis Run, named

after Inca runners who delivered messages throughout the Andes mountain range in ancient times) is always held in the first weekend in June.

More information about the footrace can be obtained by contacting Heather Scobie, who works for the sponsor Canadian Airlines International. They will send you a complete information package of the race, which included 120 teams and more than 2,000 runners this year.

Write or call: Heather Scobie, Jasper Banff Relay, Canadian Airlines International, 10405 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3N4 (428-8525).

Cutbacks deemed bad for future

Honourable Bill McKnight
Minister of Indian Affairs
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Honourable Bill McKnight:

This letter is in response to the pending cutbacks in education for Native people.

I have never spoken out in protest of anything before, but I feel these cutbacks will have a big impact on my life as well as that of my seven children.

There is one important thing that I stress to them and that is to continue their education, for without it they may not make it in this world today.

At present, I am attending NAIT working towards my Legal Secretary Certificate. Once my children are more grown up my plans are to enter university and major in Political Science. With the pending cutbacks this may not be possible for myself or for my children's future education.

I am appealing to you to readdress this issue, and to make the right decision with the best interest of the Native people in mind, for which you are responsible. Further to this, under the terms of Treaty 6 this issue of education was entrenched.

Yours in Honouring Treaty Rights,
Florence M. Whitebear
Ermineskin

students instead of at some of the totally useless INAC programs being financed by the taxpayer, hundreds of students right across Canada have been affected. Some have been cut off within a term's work of graduation. These tricky moves are being approved by someone in Ottawa but they sure aren't being approved by Indian people.

In my own case there has been only some minor inconvenience so far but something more ominous is lurking on the horizon. On July 2, 1987 my regular bank deposit wasn't made by Opasquiak Education Authority (OEA). I was told this happened because INAC's Manitoba region was late in transferring funds to OEA's account. My bank and me are getting tired of these stunts.

What is even worse is the effect your belt-tightening is having on entire Indian bands. At The Pas reserve a special committee has just been created as a result of INAC interference in education affairs. I'm told the "selection committee" was established because the amount of dollars available for post-secondary education has been reduced. This new selection committee is now charged with the grim task of deciding who

goes to school and who stays on welfare. This is bound to create bad feelings among band members because not everyone will be afforded this opportunity.

Mr. McKnight, there are a couple of things you should know about such matters. You, your government and the Department of Indian Affairs have no right whatsoever to alter the structure of education funding for Treaty Indians. Doing so was never truly within your jurisdiction and never will be. Surely by now you must realize that existing treaty rights are still protected by your country's constitution. Education is one of those rights. By standing idly by while your bureaucrats impose unpopular policies on Treaty Indians you are condoning criminal activity far more serious than welfare fraud. If any changes are to be made, treaty people will make them. Tell your people to keep their dirty hands off our treaty rights and leave the decision making to us.

If you don't do this, Mr. McKnight, if you and your government persist in ramming illegal policies down the throats of Indian people the unrest and civil disobedience you are trying to provoke will materialize. There will be more seizures of INAC regional offices and band council houses by irate Indians.

With all due respect,
Bruce Spence
Regina, Sask.

People

Wuttunee declines to sing opening song at Olympics

Being offered the opportunity to sing the opening song at the Winter Olympics is an honor at which few can boast. But for Winston Wuttunee, a Native folk singer, it is an honor he had to reluctantly refuse.

"I strongly support and believe in the Lubicon's boycott of the Olympics," says Wuttunee. "They are fighting for a cause they believe in, and I feel I am showing my support for them by refusing to sing."

While Wuttunee strongly supports the Lubicon's, he does feel some regret at his decision. "I'm very proud that Calgary got the Olympics, but I have to do what I believe is right."

Viewers of the '88 Olympics will be unfortunate not to hear Wuttunee perform the opening song. Wuttunee's music is important to him, and he puts great feeling and effort into every song.

"I was blessed by the Elders to heal wounds," he said. "My music is spiritually healing."

Wuttunee recalls several people who have been helped through his music, including several on the verge of suicide. One distressed woman in particular led him to write the song "I Cried."

"It is a song about a woman I met who was at the point of suicide," he



WINSTON WUTTUNEE
...sings song to help people

recalled. "But she put her life back together and is now a proud Indian."

Much of Wuttunee's music is based on people and events that have occurred to and around him. And it is that quality that makes his music appealing to such a wide audience, from children to Elders.

With songs such as "Handsome Warrior" or "My Son" Wuttunee has developed a loyal following of his traditional Indian music.

"Handsome Warrior" is a song about a girl who

meets the handsome warrior she has dreamed about," explained Wuttunee. "It is a song many young girls can relate to."

"My Son" is about children and how they can grow into great people, people like Louis Riel or Crazy Horse."

The themes of Wuttunee's music make his songs popular among children, who make up one of his favorite audiences. "Children are creative and free," said Wuttunee. "They're really fun to play for."

And what Wuttunee admires in children, he

expects from his band members. "A concert is 50 per cent visual and 50 per cent audio," he said. "Because of that I demand that my band be creative on stage."

Wuttunee's band consists of two female singers; Rainbow Bridge, as well as family, all of whom are artistic in some form. His sons are talented musically, his daughter is learning dance and his wife, Laura Calm Wind, is a poet and an author.

Wuttunee's heritage is also heavily steeped in music. "I will always

remember my grandfather playing Chopin, Mozart and Beethoven on his violin," he recalled.

Like his grandfather, Wuttunee first learned music by playing along with the radio and records. He picked up piano at the age of ten. At 16 he studied guitar, borrowing a friend's guitar and playing along with favorites of that time like "Party Doll," "Green Door," and "White Sports Coat."

"Once you have learned one keyboard instrument it is easy to learn the others," he said. "Likewise with reed instruments."

And with that philosophy Wuttunee soon learned to play clarinet, organ, drums, ukele, saxophone, banjo and bass guitar. His natural talent combined with an education earned him a Bachelors of Music degree.

Wuttunee is also fluent in three languages: his Native Cree, English, and French -- a language he picked up while stationed in Quebec during his time with the Canadian Armed Forces.

"I joined the army when I was 18 on the advice of my school's music teacher," he said. While in the army, Wuttunee played in the military band -- improving his musical skills and travelling extensively to increase his knowledge of the world.

In 1973, after leaving the army, Wuttunee returned to his native Saskatchewan to head a music program at the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural College. While in Saskatchewan, Wuttunee also had his own musical television program, featuring his own music and geared to the general audience with an emphasis on children.

Wuttunee's work in Saskatchewan earned him a letter from the Sask-

atchewan Board of Education which named him the finest Indian educator in the children's field.

Wuttunee's teaching skills were also applied in Manitoba, where he taught music at the University of Brandon. But, he taught only for a year there because he disliked the politics of the university.

In Manitoba Wuttunee met his wife. "She saw me at one of my concerts and just fell in love with me," Wuttunee said with a laugh. "I guess she was just captivated by my charm

'I strongly support and believe in the Lubicon's boycott...'

and fell into my spell."

Wuttunee now lives in Calgary with his family where he is adding to his ten self-produced albums. He is also working on several books and enjoys silversmithing and horseback riding in his spare time.

He hopes to have a television show in production soon and plans to continue touring with his music and inspiring people.

"We were all put on earth with certain qualities," stated Wuttunee. "We have to use these qualities or gifts to help others. I worry that when I am called to answer for my time on earth that I will not have put to use all the gifts that I have been given."

But whether it be through boycotting the Olympics or through healing with his music, Wuttunee is setting an example -- one of helping others.

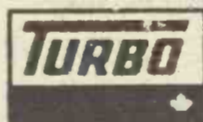
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Bannock burgers a hit at Heritage Festival

By Mark McCallum

The Edmonton Heritage Festival held August 2 and 3, marked the 11th time Edmonton's culturally rich ethnic communities enjoyed an exchange of traditional treasures.

"People seem more friendly here," observed Gordon Russell of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre. "Heritage Days brings a lot of different nationalities together, and everybody gets to taste all kinds of dishes while they watch the entertainment at each pavilion."

The friendship centre joined more than 40 "ethno-cultural" pavilions at Hawrelak Park in the celebration, dampened only slightly by an overcast

sky on the first day.

"The weather was a problem because our tent (pavilion) didn't get set up until 11:00 o'clock on Saturday. So, we couldn't bring in any food to sell," Russell said.

But, he said compared to previous years, bannock burger sales were about the same, despite the weather. Russell estimates about 1,500 of the famous burgers fed satisfied customers before the friendship centre completely sold out of food. His own favorite dish is the German shish kebab. "I have one every year," he said, smiling at the thought.

The weather did eventually improve on the second day and thousands crowded the park (located in the river valley).

The friendship centre Junior Jiggers and the more experienced Edmonton Native Square Dance Club had no trouble attracting a large portion of the crowd's attention, performing dances such as the Red River Jig and the Duck Dance.

"We perform in most places in western Canada and this is one of the events we never miss," explained square dance caller George Nolan, who belongs to the 12-member veteran dance club.

Another member of the square dance club, Vice-President Shirley Kegler, said it was difficult to dance in the cold rainy weather. "I hope nobody gets a cold," she remarked.

Kegler added, "I think it's great that everyone mixes in and people from different backgrounds can get together. It's something we all really need."

As friendship centre volunteers and dancers packed away coffee makers and microphones, a long final Heritage day, that began at 7 a.m., came to a close at sun down.

Chewing on a cigar, Russell leaned against a partially dismantled stage and glimpsed the future. "We'll be here again next year and it will probably be even better," he concluded.

In a message delivered at the park, Mayor Laurence Decore summed up the cultural celebration. "Heritage Days is more than a festival of song, dance, costumes and traditional foods of the participating communities. It is a celebration of our freedom to express our rich heritage and share with others the values we hold."



EDMONTON NATIVE SQUARE DANCE CLUB
...jigging for a crowd

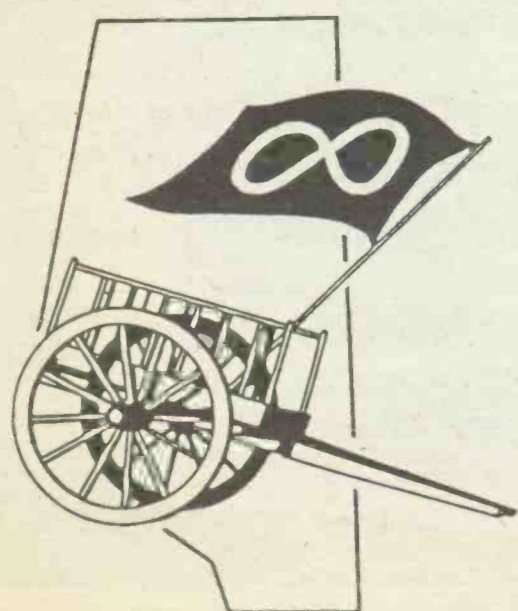
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For further information contact your Local President or Regional Vice-President as well as the offices of the Chief Electoral Officer at #120, 12520 St. Albert Trail, Edmonton, Alberta T5L 4H4. Phone number (403) 455-2200.



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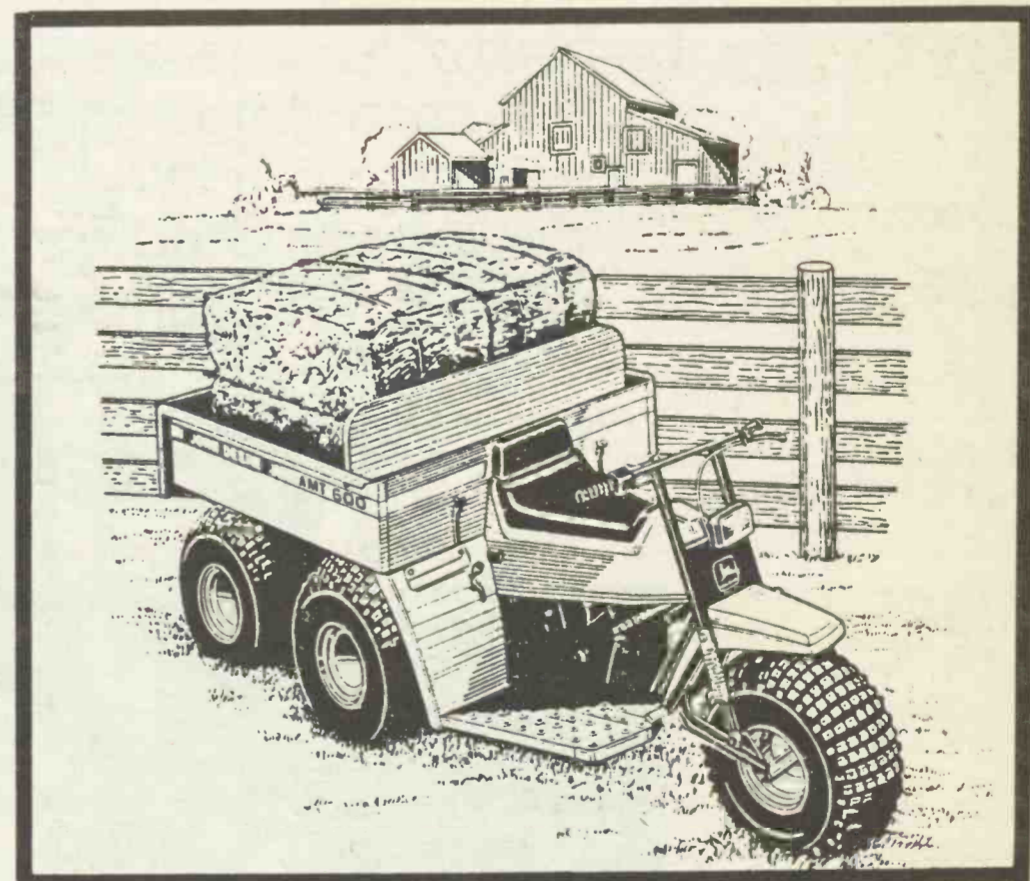
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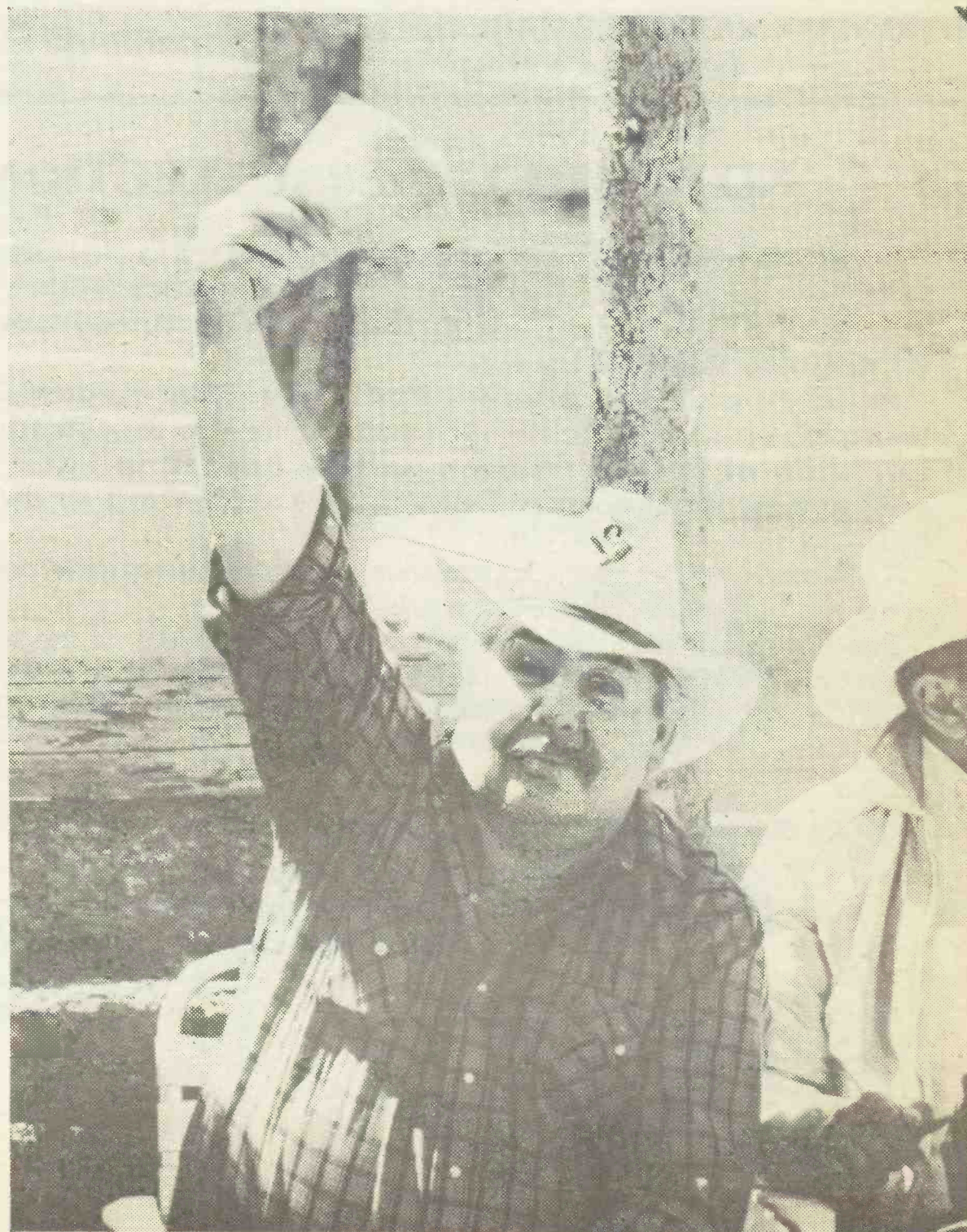
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West coast dress

The Chippewa-Cree tribe of the Rocky Boy Reservation near Havre, Montana played host to one of the largest powwows in North America last weekend.

There was over \$50,000 in dance and drum contest prizes that drew over 900 dancers and 40 drum groups.

There was also a handgame contest that guaranteed a first place purse of \$1,500.

The weather had co-operated with the powwow although there was strong winds on Saturday afternoon.



Brandon Daniels of Morley

The grand entries were spectacular as it often took four drum groups before all the dancers had entered the arbour.

The powwow was situated in the peaceful foothills north of the Bear Paw Mountains and is indeed one of the most beautiful powwow sites in North America.

The Chippewa-Cree tribe went well out of their way to ensure that all visitors were well treated.



Randall Wescott, Menominee Indian



Candice Anderson hails from North Dakota

Entertainment

Country singer Reba -- a "gypsy at heart" who loves the travel in her work

By Terry Lusty

Born in southeastern Oklahoma, Reba McEntire was raised near the Quachita Mountains and when she finds time, she escapes to her ranch there.

At one time, she followed in the footsteps of her father and grandfather who had been cowboys. She tried barrel racing and entered the rodeos.

Does she miss that life? Not really she smiled. "I miss the people but not the rodeo," she quipped "because I never was that good at it," she said in an interview after her show at Big Valley.

What are her favourite past-times apart from some songwriting which she manages to do while travelling? She gets quite a laugh in responding to this question. "Shopping," she exclaims "and some golf, but mainly shopping."

McEntire loves her work and claims to have been prepared for the lifestyle by her rodeo days. "I'm kind of a gypsy at heart. I totally love it, I really do. It's not boring at all."

Home, right now, is on the highway she explains, because she tours all year round. The night before her appearance at Big Valley she performed at Minot, North Dakota, to a "very responsive crowd. It had rained there too -- all day and all night.

She says she was impressed with a new group which sang at Minot called Restless Heart and expects the public to be hearing a lot more of them.

McEntire has a new album called "I Wanna Be Alone" as well as a Christmas album entitled "Happy Birthday Jesus," which will be released soon.



REBA McENTIRE
...loves to sing and shop

Her favourite artists are people like George Strait. When she first started singing, Dolly Parton impressed her a lot "because of her writing." She feels she learned a lot from her --and the "stories that she wrote about."

When informed by a reporter that if Randy Travis had a choice, he would like to do a duet with

her. "No kidding!" she exclaimed. "Well, I'm flattered."

Although they both record on different labels, she adds that such things have happened with others and "I'm a big fan of Randy's."

McEntire is recently divorced and has no children.

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Performer shares stage time between Canada and U.S.

By Terry Lusty

Being an entertainer and working with one's hubby who also entertains is no bed of roses claims country singer Glory Anne Carriere, a Metis.

"It gets a little testy at times," she says.

Carriere, born and raised at Gravelbourg in south-western Saskatchewan, is faring well in the country music industry. Now married for a year to singer Ronnie Prophet, she recently appeared as one of the Canadian acts for the gigantic Big Valley Jamboree at Craven, Saskatchewan last month.

A personable individual who likes to laugh, Carriere is preparing for a tour of Ontario, New Brunswick and New York before heading over to Lethbridge. She says that she and Prophet perform in Canada and the States on a 50-50 basis.

"Last year we were mostly in the States, this year we're mostly in Canada," she elaborated. In the U.S., they mostly tour the east side from New York, down to Florida and across to Texas.

Carriere outlined some of the many complexities that confront people in the music industry, especially people who are married to their work as well as each other and who are involved in handling the business and technical elements of their careers.

When on the road, says Carriere, she and her husband perform individually, but also as a duo. That



CARRIERE
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part does not interfere with anything, she says, but can lead to a kind of dependency if not held in check. She feels that if she performs too often with Prophet "we tend to get lazy."

Carriere and Prophet do a lot of duet work. That part of their career she describes as being "very strong." It helps the road shows they do, not to mention the boost it gives their record sales. From experience, Carriere has learned that cassette sales of their duets do not sell well unless they also operate as a duet.

The two work together 90% of the time and are never apart more than three or four weeks of the year. When you spend that kind of time together it can get pretty stressful, Carriere adds.

She confesses that it can become quite dangerous when "we go to bed still talking about the (music)

business and it gets to the point where sometimes we feel like co-workers and "roadies" with each other and we have to say, 'wait a minute.'

That is when they will take a break -- go out for dinner, take in a movie, do some fishing and re-evaluate their personal life. She says they need to do that about every six months.

And, there is the extra work -- bookkeeping, typing, stock taking, lighting for the smaller shows, record sales, and so forth. She does a lot of that and her husband shares the workload.

When it comes to performances, Carriere loves to do what she calls "fun" songs, like 'The Auctioneer.' It gets the people going, they can participate and that, she claims, is "the wonderful thing about country audiences; they warm up to you real fast."

As for her music, Carriere discloses that, yes, she has been making changes. Her new song 'Lucky in Love' (on the RCA label), is more contemporary.

It doesn't matter if the material is traditional country or contemporary, but whether the song is good for the artist. Is it suited to your style and your voice? That's what's important, she says.

Carriere and Prophet now make Nashville their home base. However, they consider Canada their real homeland and always appreciate the opportunity to perform north of the U.S.-Canada border.

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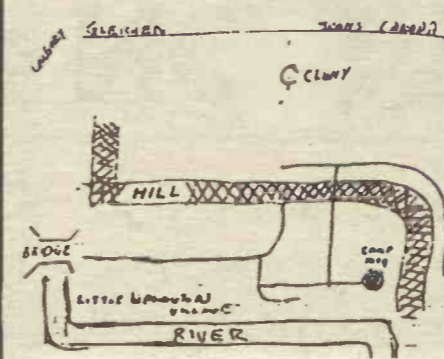


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PRISCILLA MORIN
...recording artist

Music top priority for Morin

By Terry Lusty

Already on a record label at the young age of 17, Priscilla Morin of Lac La Biche is proof that Native talent in Alberta is alive and well.

Morin was born at Golden, B.C. and moved to Alberta at age one. She is the daughter of Barbara and Morris Morin, originally from Kikino.

Her father, a heavy equipment operator tried to teach her how to play guitar, but "I really didn't have the patience to learn

from someone else," explains Morin.

At 13, she began to study the guitar from books. As with any youngster, she developed an idol in the person of Canada's "song bird," Ann Murray. Her favourite male singers are the legendary Hank Williams Sr. and George Jones.

Morin's first love has always been country music and she credits some of her uncles for enticing her to sing in a "fooling around" manner. But, she admits to still being "real shy" to sing in front of people.

Morin first developed musical interests when she learned to play the ukelele and recorder while in Grades 3 and 4. She joined the school choir in Grade 6, then learned tenor saxophone in Grades 7 and 8.

She didn't stop there. This year, Morin was the grand winner of the annual "Search for the Stars" talent contest at Cook County Saloon in Edmonton. Cook County was voted the top Canadian country club this past spring.

A couple of years ago Morin began to enter talent contests. She did not even place at Beaver Lake, she says, nor at Danny Hooper's Stockyard where "Search

for the Stars" originated.

Morin says she entered the Cook County contest this year "for the fun of it" and that winning was the furthest thing from her mind.

"I was waiting for them to announce somebody else's name and they said 'Priscilla Morin' and I couldn't believe it."

Wisely, Morin invested her \$1,000 winnings toward furthering her career. Through producer Ray Fox, director of Aboriginal Radio and Television Society in Lac La Biche, she cut a 45 RPM single at Trak Studios in Edmonton. With her winning song "Cheyenne" on the A side and "Pride" on the flip side, the record has had moderate success. It is on the top 40 chart in New Zealand and is receiving a fair amount of air play in Quebec and New York.

She has performed across Alberta, especially in the north. She was to perform at Back to Batoche Days, but prior commitment prevented her from accepting the invitation. Next month, she is slated to sing at the Beauval Jamboree in Saskatchewan which has gained popularity over the last few years.

Morin is to begin her final leg of high school come September. She acknowledges the need to have something to fall back on although she has no specific career plans.

Music takes top priority for now. She and Fox are planning to release a follow-up single which could be ready as early as this fall.

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Gospel singer narrowly escapes with life

By Terry Lusty

He stepped out from the backwoods of a tiny Indian community in northern British Columbia and into the bright stage lights of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

That was 15 years ago and a long 20 years after Harry Rusk first met country music legend Hank Snow, who fast became his idol, model, then friend. The meeting occurred in 1952, a time when the youngster nearly died from tuberculosis, a disease which claimed not only the life of his father but also his brother and mother.

Nonetheless, Harry Rusk is a survivor -- in more ways than one.

On July 13, Rusk was on his way to Prince Albert from Saskatoon where he had been sharing the gospel with the down and out of skid row. He was driving a 1982 station wagon with a new front windshield in the back that he was going to have installed once he arrived at Prince Albert.

About 6:45, Rusk noticed an on-coming vehicle stray across the centre line of the highway, barreling straight at him. The last thing he remembered was hollering, "Oh my Jesus, my Lord."

He had been travelling 100 km at the time and both vehicles were write-offs, so great was the impact.

Somehow, Rusk survived. Not a single bone in his body was broken. His nose, upper teeth and lips were badly smashed. He also suffered bruises to his knees, ribs, upper body and left shoulder.

Rusk could easily have



HARRY RUSK
...lucky to be alive

been killed. The windshield that had been in the back of his vehicle shot forward due to the impact of the collision and caught him in the back of the neck and shoulder. "It could have cut my head off," said Rusk.

Rusk attributes his good fortune of surviving the ordeal to Jesus. "He was there with me," he vowed, recalling a bible verse: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

"It is so reassuring to know," declared Rusk, "as the battle reaches a fever pitch and everything around us seems to be hopeless, that we can look to the Lord Jesus and ... he will be there."

Since his release from hospital, Rusk maintains that, "The devil will not keep me down. I am coming back stronger than ever to spread the Good News of Jesus."

Although he no longer performs songs as he once

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Sports



SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Jerome Bear

Hey everybody, do you want to know what went on last weekend or what is going to be happening in the near future? Well, the 'Bear' is about to tell you about a few things going on.

Right now, I'm going to tell you about how the Windspeaker team is doing in the play-offs. We're not doing too good at the moment because we lost our first two games.

Our first game was a very close one. We only lost by one point. We put up a big fight to try and defeat the ABSM Broncos but they were too tough for us. The final score in that game was 12-11 for the Broncos.

In our second game, we went up against the T-

Kehewin to host sports weekend

Baggers and I don't think the 'Bear' wants to tell you the score of that one. But he will tell you that our own Kim McLain hit his second grand slam this summer.

"When I hit the ball, I knew that I had hit at least a triple but when I reached third, the coach told me to keep running, so I did," said McLain, pitcher for the team.

HOBHEMA: The WIN Golf Association will be holding a Peewee and junior golf tournament at the Ponoka golf course on August 21.

The tournament will start at 10 a.m. and the entry fee for the tournament will be \$15 per person. Peewee division is open to anyone who is 13-years old and younger and the junior division is open for anyone between the age of 14 and 18.

For more information on the tournament, you can call Leona at 585-1401 or 428-6778.

KEHEWIN: The Kehewin Celebrations are being held on August 21-23 and they are going to have many activities going on there during the weekend.

First there will be a powwow which is offering big

prize money for the top finishers in each division. The total prize money being offered is approximately \$25,000. They will also hold a special event on Saturday evening, the event is the Ladies's Fancy Championship Dance where the winner will receive a \$1,000 first prize, a trophy and a jacket. Plus, there will be a princess pageant and Drum Groups will be paid \$150 per day and they are limited to six drummers per drum.

They will also have a rodeo and there is an entry fee of \$25 per event. If you want to enter the rodeo, you only have until August 17 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. and the number to call is 653-4996. Local entries are asked to call Irvin John at 826-3333 on August 17 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and they are to have the entry fees paid by 3 p.m. The stock for the rodeo is being supplied by Vern Franklin.

The Northeastern Alberta Native Golf Championship will be played on August 22, 23 at the St. Paul golf course. There will be prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive. For more information on the tournament, call Herman John at 826-3333.

During the celebrations, there will be a handgame tournament and the entry fee is \$150 per team. There will be \$3,000 in prize money (plus entry fee). For more information, call Norbert Jebeaux at 826-3333.

They are also holding their second annual road race on August 23 and the deadline for registration is 6 p.m. August 22. For more information on the road race, call Rodney John or Wes Youngchief at 826-3333.

Last but not least, a 12 team all-Native mixed slowpitch tournament will be held August 22 and 23. The maximum players per team will be 15 and you must have at least four women playing at all times.

The entry fee is \$275 per team and so far, they only have seven teams registered. If you are interested in putting a team into the tournament, you can call Rita Badger at 826-3333 and she will also fill you in on the rest.

There will be concession booths on the grounds and a fireworks display on Saturday evening at 11 p.m.

Well, that's it for now, but stay tuned for next week when I will have the results of three ball tournaments which are being held in Gift Lake, Edmonton and Louis Bull. This is the 'Bear' signing off...

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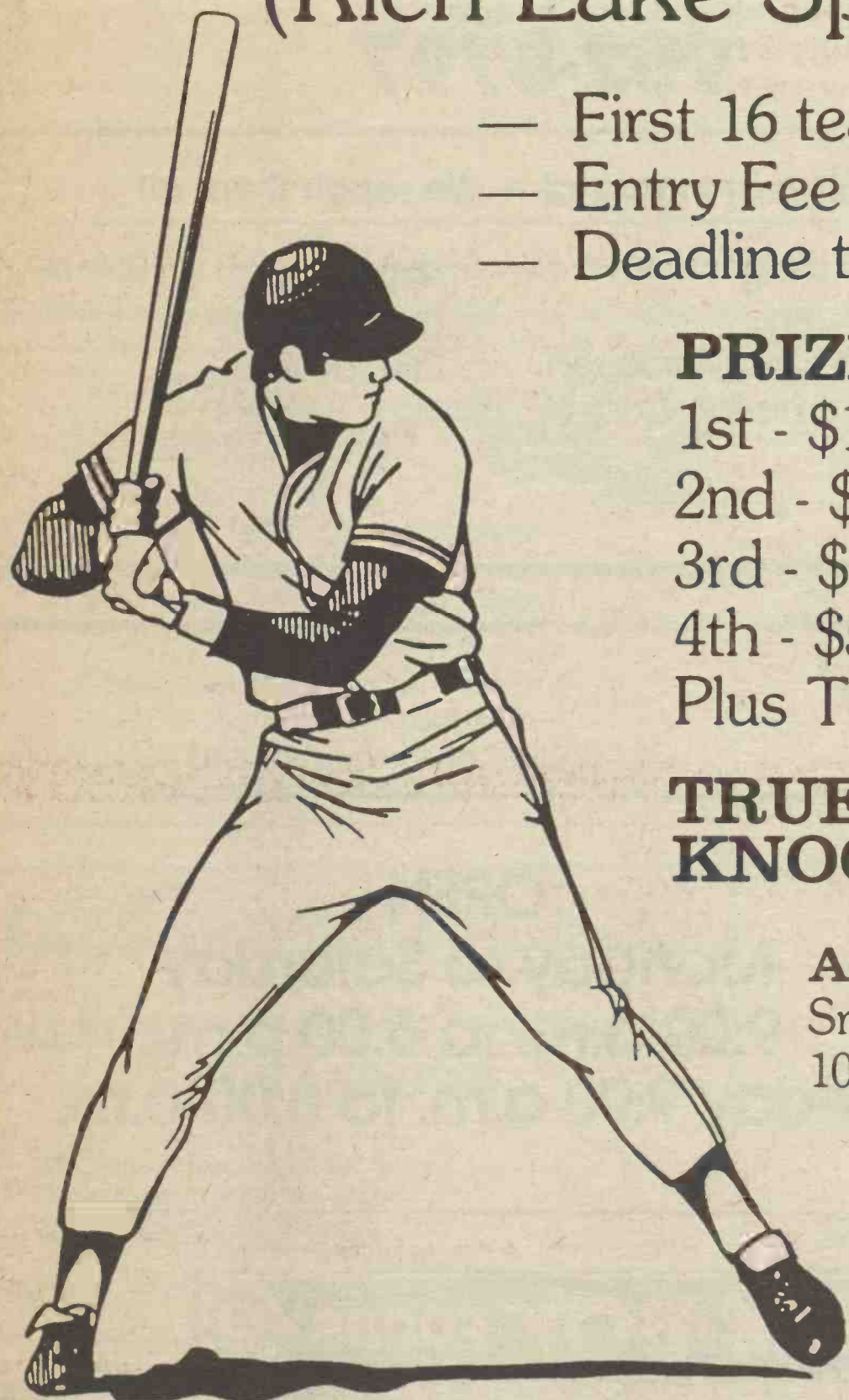
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But Bingo? Before the Canadian Native Womens' Fastball Championship held in Regina, Aug. 1 and 2, Lorna Arcand hollered to the Regina Raiders, "Finish them off so you can go to bingo!"

Actually, the bingo shot was a return catcall because the Raiders had made the same call to Lorna's team last week in Batoche, so Lorne was just getting even. It's an ongoing fun "feud."

In fact, the story of the ladie's Canadian championship is not bingo, but rather a story of the dedication of the Regina Raiders and their coach Garth Geddes.

Garth has organized this team three years earlier and those years of hard work and dedication finally paid off when the Raiders won the Canadian champ-

ionships in Regina.

When asked about how he felt after the final game Garth stated, "We worked three years together and finally pulled it off. Every weekend we were going to tournaments and I'm proud of these girls."

Ed Delorme, coach of the North Battleford Knights, had nothing but praise for Garth and stated, "Garth deserves all the credit and he deserved to win. He came with his own team and he went all the way."

"Everything was telling them that they fixed the draw but no way, they earned the title and they deserve it. I used a senior "A" pitcher, but got knocked out by Yorkton 3-2. Garth and his own team, that he's had for three years, has never ever imported any players."

In the middle of the championship game, The Pas had scored two runs to close the Raiders lead 3-2 and Garth called his team together for a pep talk.

Garth is a man of a few words and instead of saying "Let's do this one for the Gipper," all he said was, "Under the B - 5."

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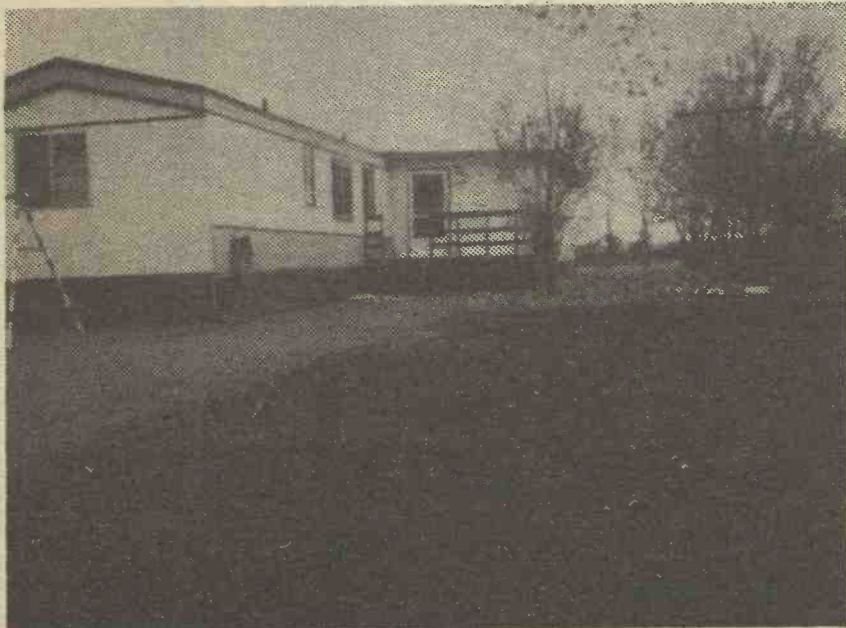
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Grand opening

Cree Airways links communities and plans cargo/mail service

By Jerome Bear

Cree Airways Corporation is open for business after holding a grand opening on July 31 at the Edmonton Municipal Airport. This was followed by flying to each of its destinations on July 31 where town officials welcomed the new business to their area.

Cree Airways will be serving the remote areas of Northern Alberta. At present, it serves High Prairie, Slave Lake and Wabasca/Desmarais, and will soon have flights to Valleyview and Fairview.

Opening ceremonies began with a prayer by Dr. Max Solbrekken and then the management team was introduced, consisting of Roland Calahasen, president, Dave Calahasen, vice-president and Garnet Chalifoux, secretary/treasurer. General Manager is Len Byl and the chief pilot Steve Szakacs, who has seven pilots underneath him.

A theme song entitled "Cree Airways Corporation" was written and performed at the ceremonies by Jeanette Calahasen, who was also the master of

ceremonies for the event. Chief Jim Badger of the Sucker Creek band was one of the guest speakers at the opening. "I grew up with the management team and I am quite sure that they will be very successful in the future," he told the audience.

Larry Nelson, director of aviation in the department of transportation and utilities, expressed gratitude regarding the corporation's role in opening up the north to the rest of the province.

On August 3, the corporation began air passenger and freight service in Northern Alberta, thus utilizing its five light

planes, eight pilots, chief engineer and mechanic. A cargo transport division and mail service will open in the near future and plans to provide water-bombing planes to help in fighting fires in Northern Alberta are in the works.

"It will take a lot more work and planning, but we hope to be able to serve all the northern communities in Alberta," said Roland Calahasen. "It is a new beginning for us and we plan to give our best so that we can better serve the people in Northern Alberta," he added.

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A.V.C. Lac La Biche is now accepting applications for the 24 week Pre-employment Fourth Class Power Engineering Course. Students successfully completing this course will qualify to write Part A and B of the Boilers Branch Exams.

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- Grade 10 with Math 10 and Physics 10 or equivalent
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Kehewin "children" come complete with treaty cards

By John Morneau Gray

The women at Ka Squaw-so-k-a-mick have generously given up many of their "children."

Many little ones -- with names like Cheyenne, Winterhawk, Sunrise, Lakota, Prairie Dawn, Wandering Doe, have been given into the hands of new mothers, complete with treaty cards, adoption papers and hand-beaded clothing.

These "children" are actually dolls created at the Ka Squaw-so-k-a-mick sewing centre on the Kehewin Reserve near Bonnyville.

Managed under tribal administration, the centre started out as a recycled clothing project in 1984 as part of a job creation project.

First taught out of a mobile trailer at the Kehewin School, the centre expanded and was moved to a renovated band hall. That was when the dolls were invented.

The band then bought equipment and machines and the "Kehewin Dolls" started reaching the homes of children across Alberta.

Edna Dibbin, manager of the centre, states: "The dolls became one of our major selling items. We make other things such as quilts, ribbon shirts, kitchen accessories, blankets and matching certain, baby clothing and are now researching the market for a new beaver doll." This doll will be made of real beaverskin.



INDIAN DOLLS
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Endeavors Communications in Edmonton is doing a complete market analysis of all Kehewin sewing centre products in a move towards better and more extensive marketing procedures, with the projected goal being total self-sufficiency for the centre.

"What we're looking at is a way to increase productivity without losing quality. The dolls themselves take anywhere from two to three days to make. The women who work here put a lot of time into their work. They're also in the process of going from an hourly wage to piecework. They were funded by the government for the past year and a

half while the ladies were being trained. They now have 13 trained workers.

"We've laid off for the summer until our marketing analysis is completed. We're hoping to become a completely self-sufficient business on our own and create new jobs for the women here on this reserve."

Most of the sewing centre's products are seasonal and the women will begin production this fall in preparation for Christmas. Three new products will be introduced and new industrial equipment will be used to step up productivity.

"I feel confident in our goal," states Dibbin.



CERTIFIED TEACHER Required, E.C.S./Kindergarten School Program For 87/88 School Year

The Bigstone Cree Band, under the Education Authority Board, has a Band controlled E.C.S./Kindergarten School Program and is on the Bigstone Cree Reserve in Desmarais, Alberta. A certified teacher is required to teach classes, Monday to Friday, throughout the school year.

The Bigstone Cree Reserve is located in Desmarais, (400 km) north of the city of Edmonton. The school is located approximately 135 km from the town of Slave Lake. In its 12th year of operation, the school will cater to about (25 four year olds) and (22 five year olds) within the E.C.S./Kindergarten School Program.

Job Requirements: Must have a valid teaching certificate for the province of Alberta; must have some experience teaching Native students in E.C.S. and lower elementary levels; E.C.S. specialty or Special Education Degree desirable; familiarity with Cree culture, history and language desirable; must be willing to work with parents and community in all aspects of the E.C.S./Kindergarten School Program; may be required to perform administrative duties to fulfill the requirements of a school operation efficiently throughout the school year; will be responsible for the supervision of two (2) teacher aide/assistants and a janitor.

Salary: Commensurate with education and experience; competitive within the Northland School Division #61, regional salary levels.

Deadline: August 28, 1987; September 1-4, 1987 - interviews of applicants; September 21, 1987, school year commencement.

Please send complete resume and at least three (3) letters of reference to:

H. Adrian Yellowknee, Director of Education
Bigstone Cree Band - Education Authority
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