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Lubicon band receives award

By Lesley Crossingham

Lubicon Lake Chief Bernard Ominayak arrived in New York this week to receive an award on behalf of his band for their stand against the government on their 47-year-old land claim.

The Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization Inc. will be holding an awards dinner as part of a 20th anniversary celebration Saturday Dec. 5. During this dinner Ominayak will receive a plaque for the band's long struggle against the government announced executive director Lucius Walker.

Walker says that the Lubicon's struggle counters the myth that in the "current climate of conservatism, poor people cannot fight back and hope to win."

The ecumenical foundation says it has raised more than \$15 million for community projects all over the world and more recently helped to organize the Spokane relief caravan that travelled to the band's home in Little Buffalo in April 1985.

Meanwhile, in Alberta the band received further support for its boycott of the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympic Games from well-known Metis Elder Dr. Anne Anderson and the Peigan band.

In an interview from his Calgary office Olympic Native Liaison coordinator, Sykes Powderface said he felt the Peigan band, was

being "pragmatic."

"You have to remember that there is a lot of pressure on the chiefs. You can't blame them for wanting to get involved in the economic benefits of the Olympics."

Powderface points to his own tribe, the Stoney band which is hosting a powwow for the Olympics as particularly in need of economic development.

"What is the chief (John Snow) supposed to do. Are we supposed to live on welfare," he said.

Powderface pointed out that the president of the Treaty 7 Development Corporation, Norman Greer, is a Peigan band member but "still is involved in the Olympics which will benefit his own band and the other Treaty 7 bands."

At press time, several media carried a story that the Blood band had also announced its support of the boycott. However, when acting chief Bernard Tallman was contacted in Standoff, he would neither deny nor confirm the rumor.

The Blood band-controlled construction company Kainai Industries recent tender for a \$25,000 building contract for the Olympic Games was not successful because of failure to comply with bid regulations. However, Kainai did receive a \$2 million housing contract earlier this year to supply media housing at the Canmore and Mount Royal villages.



MARK McCALLUM, Windspeaker

DOWN UNDER DANCERS SHARE TRADITION

Aboriginal Maori dancers entertain the audience at the Edmonton Friendship Centre. They are masters of expression and often drew members from the crown to join in their performance. The

Polynesian group will perform in a dozen locations around the province before Dec. 25.

The group is promoting Aboriginal traditional dance and entertainment, see story Page 9.

Conference looks at taxation

IAA may form law foundation

By Dorothy Schreiber

Delegates attending the first Alberta Indian conference on Taxation and Economic Development Issues were told that, "without taxation and revenue self-government is a dream."

In his opening address conference co-ordinator Bob Reiter stated, "It's economics that will bring it (self-government) into reality."

The two day Dec. 2 and 3 conference held in Edmonton looked at ways taxation can be used to promote economic self-sufficiency and the realization of self-government for Alberta Indian bands.

More than 200 delegates attended the conference sponsored by the Indian Association of Alberta, the Blackfoot band and the

Department of Indian Affairs. The conference consisted of workshops and presentations.

The president of the IAA, Gregg Smith told delegates during his opening remarks that he hoped there would be discussion on tax exemptions that Indian bands may or may not be taking advantage of.

"Tax exemptions used properly and to their full extent, serve as a catalyst for economic development," stated Reiter.

"The exemptions provide competitive edges to reserve economy and bring reserve economies into the mainstream of Canadian economy," he said.

He told delegates the conference will also provide practical information on how to limit Canadian tax liability with respect to

income tax, federal sales tax, and provincial sales tax.

In addition, conference members looked at special tax rights given to Indian people under Section 87 and 83 of the Indian Act.

A broader purpose of the conference was to rally Alberta Indian band support for the establishment of the Alberta Indian Law Foundation.

If formed the foundation would be a non-profit, non-political organization which would serve as the legal voice for Alberta Indians.

The foundation would research, educate and act as an advocate on issues such as economic development, Indian law issues, land law, and band bylaws.

Smith says it is important to have a body such as the foundation as it would pro-

vide a forum for any legal issues concerning Alberta Indians.

"We would like to catalogue all existing case law in this province relating to Indians and have the Alberta Indian Law Foundation (to) do work dealing with those cases," he stated.

Smith also told delegates that although invited, the minister of Indian Affairs would not be attending the conference.

"It continues to be unfortunate that the minister continues to refuse invitations to such conferences that deal with Indian issues which he's supposed to be responsible for," he stated.

Windspeaker will provide further coverage of the conference in next week's issue.

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Dr. Anne rejects Olympic booking

By Lesley Crossingham

Dr. Anne Anderson, well-known Metis Elder and director of the Native Heritage and Culture Centre in Edmonton, has rejected an offer from the Glenbow Museum to perform during the Spirit Sings exhibition and has sided with the Lubicon Lake Indian band's boycott of the Olympic Games.

In a letter to the Museum, a copy of which was obtained by Windspeaker, Anderson informed Dr. Hugh Dempsey, Glenbow's associate director that the exhibition's theme of "from oral tradition to

the written work" is not supported by the museum itself.

Anderson, who has been trying to research the background of Cree syllabary, says the research has been blocked by Dempsey.

"You have told our Governor-General...that she should no longer support research into the origins of my people's writing form when the evidence of the ancient origins of this writing form is abundant."

Anderson goes on to say that Dempsey supports the idea that James Evans, a methodist missionary, invented the syllables in 1840, but she contends that

"Evans could or would not have desired to invent such a writing form when the object was to teach the aboriginal peoples his way, not the way of non-Natives."

"My Cree writing system is not yours to suppress the investigation of, particularly not when the Governor-General is seeking good and fair advice regarding her support...therefore, until this matter is settled, that is, until Glenbow develops the respect for Native culture it is so capable of, my centre will not cooperate with your programs."

However, contacted at his office in the Glenbow

museum, Dempsey said he was "mystified" over the letter, saying he had not received any communication with Dr. Anne directly, but rather executive director Buff Parry.

"As far as I remember, I was asked for an opinion on studying the La Verendrye expedition. For some reason the rumor that La Verendrye travelled to the Crowsnest pass have been circulating, but he only travelled as far north as the Black Hills of Dakota," said Dempsey, who expressed his regret that Anderson will not be participating in the exhibition.

Dempsey denied he had

blocked any investigation of the Cree syllabary, saying he "had not been asked to give an opinion" on any investigation.

Director of the museum, Duncan Cameron refused to comment on the Anderson withdrawal, saying he had not received a copy of the letter. And Colleen Anderson-Millard, the coordinator of the exhibition, refused to comment or give any details on the Native author's event.

Contacted just before leaving for New York this week, Lubicon Lake Chief Bernard Ominayak said he was pleased with Anderson's decision and "other

Native people who got on board because we will be stronger."

Ominayak met with Anderson December 2 and said they "had a good meeting." Another meeting is planned for next week Anderson has yet to receive communication from the Glenbow museum, but after meeting with Ominayak says she feels "a new unity among Native people."

"We are never listened to," she said. "I always hear comments from people asking why Native people never do any research, but we are always blocked...what are they afraid of?"

Provincial

Petition rejected

Coalition will try to meet with federation

By Lesley Crossingham

The Alberta government has rejected a petition presented to the Minister of Municipal Affairs Ken Rostad by members of the Buf-

falo Lake (Caslan) Metis Settlement last month.

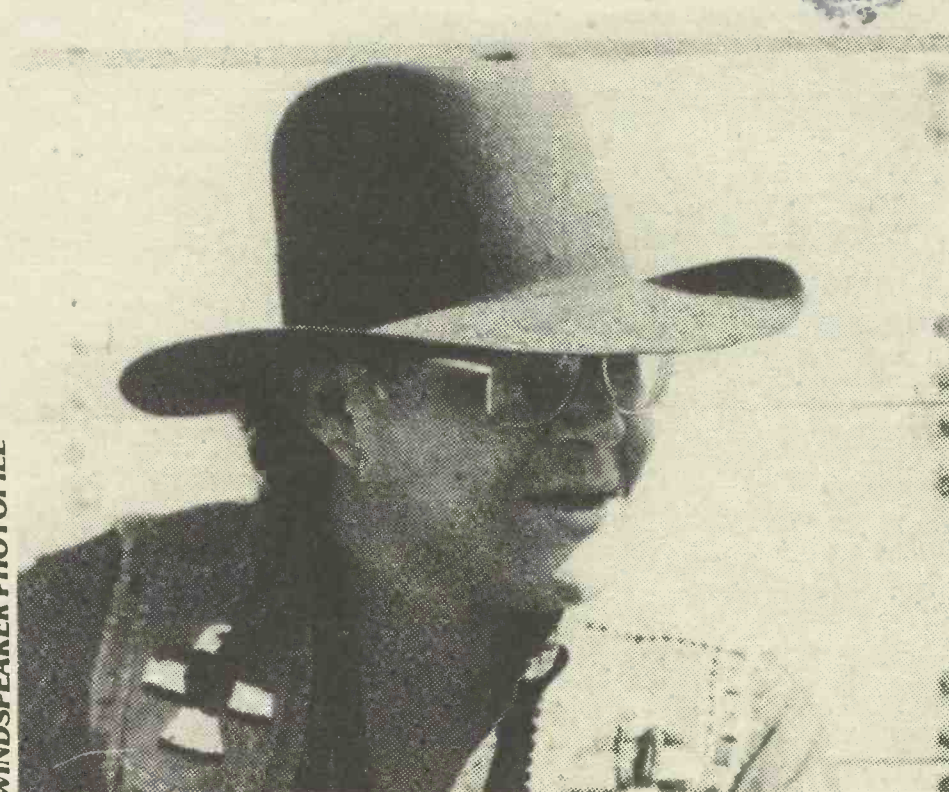
About 40 members of the Metis Settlement Members Coalition, headed by Caslan member Joe Blyan, walked into Municipal

Affairs offices Friday Nov. 27 demanding that the minister listen to their grievances over the alleged mismanagement of the Buffalo Lake settlement and others.

However, in a meeting with deputy minister Archie Grover, Blyan was told that the petition was rejected by the Attorney General's office because "there is no provision in the Metis Betterment Act for the removal of council by petition."

After the meeting, Blyan and other members representing five Metis settlements, made their way to the Eastwood community hall to resume discussions about the list of recommendations that had been presented to the minister.

The first recommendation addressed the need for a better system of communication. Several delegates felt people at the grassroots level were not informed of the decisions of their council or of the Federation of Metis Settlements. Delegates also recommended a system to



JOE BLYAN

...wants to meet federation

eliminate "family cliques" by forming a system of wards or zones in each settlement. But, the recommendation that a complete audit of settlement and federation financial records be presented to the government before Resolution 18, a government bill that would amend the Alberta Act is finalized, received the most discussion.

"We need this audit

because we just don't trust them...they don't have our confidence," said Blyan who has been calling for a financial audit of the Buffalo Lake settlement since financial problems surfaced at the settlement last spring. However, Blyan also blamed the government for their "inactivity" over the problem.

"Grover is trying to wriggle away from his responsi-

bilities," said Blyan. "And the federation is declaring themselves the boss; now we have two bosses," he said when both the government and the federation failed to attend the meeting.

"We invited them," he told about 60 people. "But they just don't show up."

Buffalo Lake council member Felix Desjarlais then telephoned the federation office and reported that his council has refused to "allow Randy (Hardy, federation president) to attend."

Some discussion ensued and meeting delegates were informed that a federation meeting is scheduled for Dec. 9. Blyan announced that he and other members of the coalition would attempt to meet with the federation during this meeting.

At press time, deputy minister Archie Grover refused to comment to Windspeaker on the situation. Federation president Randy Hardy was unavailable for comment.

Thom seeks legal advice for hunters

By Mark McCallum

The Metis Association Zone 1 vice-president, Gerald Thom is upset over Metis hunters he claims were unjustly charged for alleged hunting violations.

Metis hunter William Boucher was charged with illegal possession of wildlife (failing to tag a moose) under Section 39 of the Wildlife Act and paid a \$300 fine on Nov. 9.

And hunter Edward Cardinal of Calling Lake, pleaded not guilty on the same charges when he appeared in court on Nov. 9.

Thom says many Metis hunters are reluctant to go through court proceedings because they don't fully understand hunting laws and cannot afford expensive legal fee.

"Most of them plead guilty because they don't want to go through the court system," he says, adding the Boucher case is typical.

Thom explains that Boucher became so worried before his trial date that he "couldn't sleep at night."

Thom presented the hunters in negotiations with Alberta Fish and Wildlife officials recently. But, he says "nothing is being done" and adds that he is now seeking legal council.

Fish and Wildlife official Ron Hanson says he recalls meeting with Thom but adds that they could not discuss any of the alleged



GERALD THOM
Zone 1 vice-president

hunting violations before court proceedings were completed.

However, Hanson states that all of the Fish and Wildlife district offices in the province have an open-door policy, to discuss hunting issues with Metis and Native communities.

"We are prepared to meet with them at any time in our offices or in their own communities," he says, adding officials will also explain any hunting regulation that is in question.

Hanson also notes that interpreters are available to officials if communicating with concerned hunters requires one.

Hanson concludes that his department investigates all the cases of alleged unfair treatment or harassment that comes to their attention and makes amends if necessary.

Metis hunter Edward Cardinal will appear in court Feb. 8, to fight the alleged hunting violation.

U of C prof says media biased

Lubicon protests not reported

By Jackie Red Crow

LETHBRIDGE — An outspoken member for the Committee against racism, supporting the Lubicon Land claim, charged that there's been a news blackout of the Olympic Torch picket.

Speaking at the University of Lethbridge Dec. 2, Dr. Joan Ryan, a university of Calgary anthropologist said the committee set up peaceful pickets at every city where the Olympic torch was carried since it started in November but had received no media coverage.

"The media has been so blatant. At one point a picketer actually went up to a CBC cameraman but the cameraman turned his back," Ryan told about 35 people attending the Lubicon Lake lecture hosted by the university student's association.

The Lubicons who live at Little Buffalo about 100 km east of Peace River in northern Alberta have launched an international boycott of the Native artifacts displayed called the Spirit Sings and the Calgary Winter Olympics torch relay. They hope to draw attention to their 47 year old land claim dispute with Ottawa and the province.

The Lubicons were left out when Treaty 8 was signed in the late 1800s, but were promised a reserve in

1939. Since then both the federal governments and provincial governments have failed to recognize the Lubicon band. In 1975 they launched a caveat claiming legal interest to a large scale development occurred. The Lubicons say their traditional life style and economy has been disrupted by the oil companies and the problem has escalated in the community.

Ryan says she is appalled that there is a news blackout in a democratic society and contends that the media doesn't want to smear the Winter Olympics by reporting on the Lubicon Pickets at torch relay centres.

Ryan also blasted the media because "they have distorted the Lubicons boycott of the Olympics."

"The boycott of the Olympics is not against the athletes, but against the major sponsors Shell Canada and Petro Canada because they are the major operators at Lubicon," she said.

Ryan criticized Joe Clark, External Affairs Minister, and Calgary Mayor Ralph Klein for misinforming the public.

During Mayor Klein's recent European promotional tour with Blackfoot Indian Adrian Stimson, they deliberately invited only elite press who reported on a favorable picture of the Calgary Olympics. Other

reporters were left out because the press conference locations were changed at the last minute, said Ryan.

As well, Clark sent out information which was "loaded with misinformation on the Lubicon case," added Ryan.

However, the United Nations, with support from 18 countries—excluding Canada, has sided to hear the Lubicon case under the UN act section 27, regarding political and religious harassment.

Ryan said she finds it ironic that Shell Canada is sponsoring the "Spirit Sings" Native artifacts exhibition.

"How ludicrous to celebrate the Indians with artifacts of the past rather than live Indians," said Ryan.

Asked by an audience member if Treaty 7 bands supported the Lubicon cause, Ryan said the reaction is mixed. "Some support the land claim but not the Olympic boycott." She added it's an individual decision if Natives in southern Alberta choose to participate in the Olympics.

"It boils down to money," said Ryan, referring to the fact that some Natives will benefit financially from the Olympics.

She said \$3 million has been allocated to the Stony band near Morley to host an Olympic powwow. Another \$150,000 will be

given to a Native group to coordinate a Native youth conference during the Olympics.

Despite the Lubicon's struggle, Ryan believes they will not resort to violence to push their land claim. "They are a non-violent people but they are growing more frustrated. And if the land claim issue is not settled shortly, the Lubicons' spiritual and economic ties to their land will be severely threatened, she adds.

Ryan urged the audience to petition and write letters to their MP's about the Lubicons' land claim dispute. The Native American Student's Association plans to picket the Olympic torch when it passes through Lethbridge in February.

However, Olympic Native Liaison Coordinator, Sykes Powderface disputes Ryan's figures saying that he "doesn't know where she (Ryan) gets her information."

"We have budgeted \$70,000 for the powwow," said Powderface. "\$35,000 will go to the Stoneys for the powwow out at Morley and the other \$35,000 will go toward the powwow at Lindsay Park."

Powderface also disputed the figure given to the Youth Conference saying the Olympic organizing committee is not sponsoring the event but the federal government.

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Metis may make history next year

By Lesley Crossingham

Alberta Metis may become the first Aboriginal people to have their right to self-government and their land base entrenched in the Canadian Constitution.

After the failure of the First Ministers Conference, which many had hoped would entrench Aboriginal self-rule into the constitution, many Native groups began to look for other methods. But for the Federation of Metis Settlements, self-government is more than a dream.

During the last FMC conference, Alberta premier Don Getty reconfirmed his predecessor's pledge to amend the Alberta Act and allow for Aboriginal self-government. When Resolution 18 and the new Metis Betterment Act are introduced into the Alberta legislature this spring, Metis people will be making history, says president Randy Hardy.

Currently Hardy and other members of the federation are making road trips to all eight Metis settlements in order to educate members and allow

input and comment on the proposed legislation.

Resolution 18 was tabled in the Alberta legislature June 17 after the federation asked for some time to educate the members. The document proposes the transfer of settlement land titles to the Metis and gives constitutional protection of those lands as well as a new framework for managing and governing those lands.

"If the proposal becomes a reality, the goal of protecting Metis land base on the settlements will be achieved," says Hardy.

The federation has already outlined its vision of self-government in the proposal: "We want to see constitutionally protected Metis lands set aside. Number two, settlement councils responsible for local government and with additional powers to make decisions on membership and land allocation. Number three, a central land holding body with trust fund responsibility to be called Okimawiwinn. Okimawiwinn will address common concerns of the settlement councils — such as the establishing of common

policies for land use planning and resource developing. And number four, provincial jurisdiction consistent with the protection of the constitution over the lands and institutions."

Okimawiwinn says Hardy will be based on the current federation association and will be governed by the eight settlement councils with a board made up of the eight chairmen.

It will have land holding and trust responsibility and would provide a mechanism for dealing with common concerns on the settlement. However, Hardy stresses that the Okimawiwinn mechanism would hand down binding policies and provide an arbitration mechanism for disputes.

"Right now we are living on paternalism," says Hardy of the current legislation. "And that is not democracy. We want to make decisions for ourselves not have decisions made for us by the Alberta government," he says.

Currently, the old Metis Betterment Act only allows councils to make recommendations to the Alberta government. All proposed

bylaws must be approved by the minister who can refuse any bylaw without reason at any time.

Since settlements were officially formed in the 1930s Hardy points out that close to a million acres of land has been lost to the province. He is determined "we don't lose another acre because our land is being chipped away."

Hardy feels that only with the entrenchment of the land base in the Alberta Act, and thus the constitution, will this erosion stop.

Hardy also points to the fact that the Alberta government and the federation have been embroiled in a law action over sub-surface resource rights since 1978 and because of the long drawn-out battle, programs and services to the settlements have been affected.

"People don't realize that housing (spending) has dropped by 40 per cent and the allocation of houses is left to local houses...often they fight among themselves, which is exactly what the government wants."

In 1979 representatives

of the Metis Development Branch simultaneously appeared at all settlement offices in Alberta and seized settlement and government files that were, in their opinion, relevant to the natural resource law case.

This action was followed by a public uproar which led to an investigation by the Alberta Ombudsman who later recommended that a committee be established to review and recom-

mend changes to the Metis Betterment Act.

Then in 1984 the Grant MacEwan committee submitted its report to the minister noting that "one of the main concerns of our committee has been the largely paternal nature of the 1938 Act."

Now, almost ten years after the initial recommendation to the change of the act Hardy hopes to see the new Act read in the legislature in the spring.

Provincial Briefs

Band's election illegal

The Alexander band's funding has been cut off after the Department of Indian Affairs declared the Sept. 11 election "illegal" this week.

The band voted to move to custom elections in July, however, according to department officials the band's decision to reduce the number of council members from eight to six or the raising of the voting age from 18 to 21 was not ratified by the government.

Until the Sept. 11 election the band had run its election under the provisions of the Indian Act.

Band officials will be meeting with Regional Director Dennis Wallace and members of the Indian Association this week.

Cartoon offensive

The Alberta Press Council has ruled that a Calgary Herald cartoon depicting the Lubicon Lake Indian band was "offensive beyond the bounds of good taste" and "denigrated the Indian race."

The cartoon which appeared Oct. 23 and depicted a four-panel story on the Lubicon band was created by cartoonist Vance Rodewalt. Since the publication of the cartoon the newspaper has received numerous complaints.

However, publisher J.P. (Pat) O'Callaghan said he disagreed with the council's finding saying he was astonished at charges that the cartoon was racist. O'Callaghan said the newspaper is not racist and has a tradition of encouraging equality in all things.

Gov't broke rules - lawyer

Environmentalists are trying to quash the proposed dam on the Old Man River, saying Alberta minister Ken Kowalski broke the rules when he approved construction of the \$350 million project.

During a hearing a Calgary Court of Queen's Bench, a lawyer for a group opposed to the dam said the government's licence for the project should be cancelled because the government failed to notify the public, did not obtain written permission from the municipality and neglecting to consult the Energy Resources Conservation board and other affected parties.

The proposed dam will flood three valleys near the Peigan Indian reserve, destroying hundreds of irreplaceable Indian historical sites.

Student dies in wreck

A Native medical student who studied medicine to help his people was killed in a car accident two days after his 25th birthday.

Darcy Tailfeathers, a Blood band member and third-year student at University of Alberta, died Nov. 22 when his car hit a patch of ice near Fox Creek.

Tailfeathers was the university's first and only Indian medical student and recently returned to Alberta after studying at the Indian medical program at the University of North Dakota.

He had also studied at the Brigham Young University of Utah on a hockey scholarship.

Tailfeathers is survived by his wife and three children. The funeral was held Nov. 26 at the Cardston West Stake Centre.

Planes still grounded

Financial problems still plaque Cree Airways

By Lesley Crossingham

Cree Airways is still not operational despite the reversal of a default judgment last week.

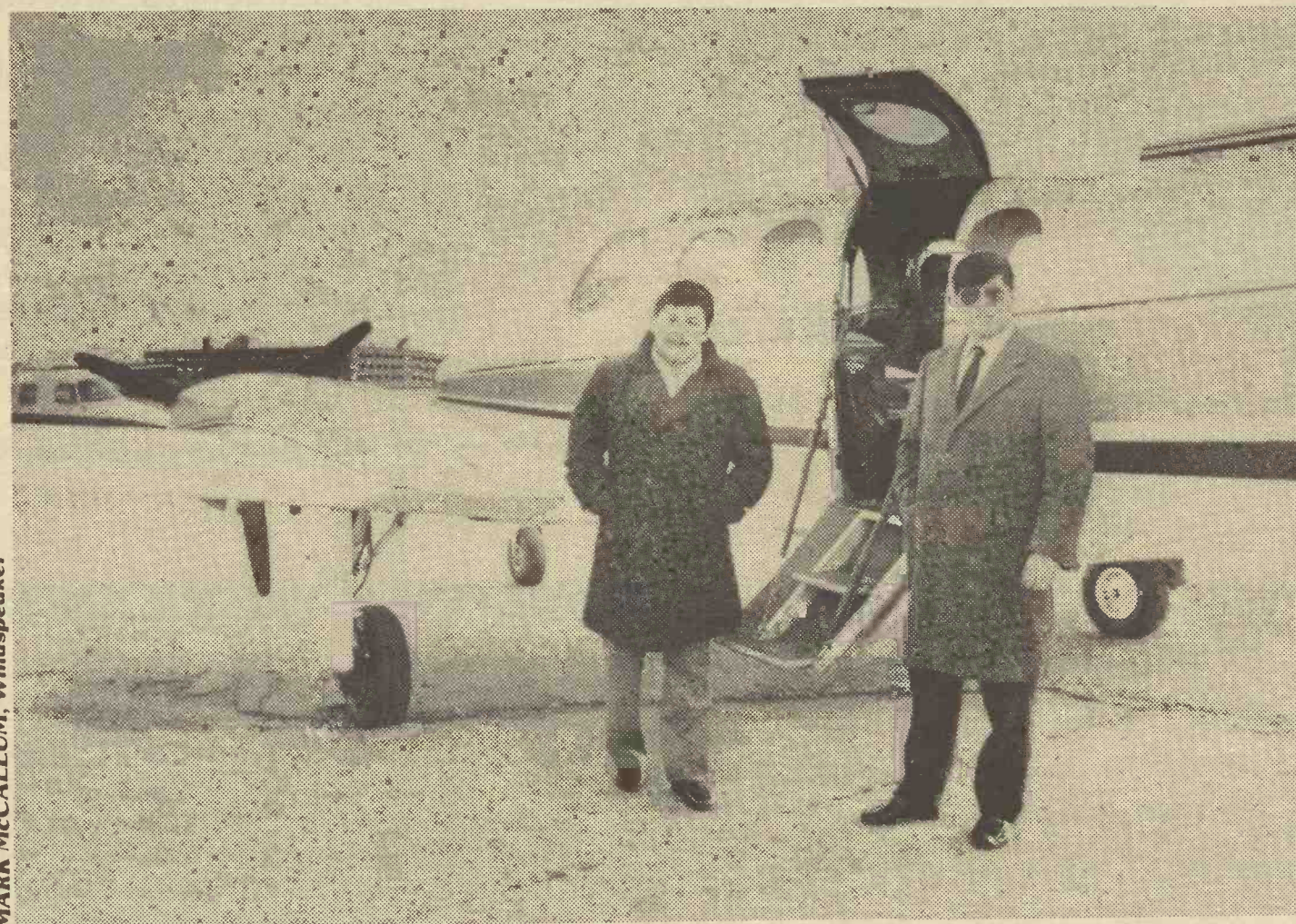
The airline received a default judgment when it failed to submit a statement of defense to a lawsuit. This judgment has now been overturned and the lawsuit will be brought to court.

The airways is being sued by former marketing manager Kim Klokeid, and two shareholders Marion Klokeid and Mark Samagalski, for more than \$180,000 and has had bank accounts frozen and assets seized by the Toronto Dominion bank in Spruce Grove.

In an interview last week Dave Calahasen said the lawsuit levied by Klokeid had prevented the operation of the airline which opened for business last August. However, in an interview this week Klokeid said his lawsuit did not prevent the airline from carrying out its service to northern Alberta.

"I have seized the office equipment, but they (Cree Airways) can still use it," he said. "If other equipment has been seized it has nothing to do with me."

Klokeid said he formed the business plan and



GARNET CHALIFOUX and ROLAND CALAHASEN
...still negotiating loans

agreed to work with the airline as a marketing manager to recover his investment. Klokeid claims he invested about \$30,000 plus a year of work and had signed a contract with the directors, Dave and Roland Calahasen and Garnet Chalifoux.

"I am suing for breach of contract," said Klokeid. "I am not trying to break Cree Airways...it's in my best interests that they survive."

Cree Airways six Cessna light planes originally

served Slave Lake, High Prairie and Wabasca-Desmarais but ceased operation in October, just ten weeks after the company was launched.

In a High Prairie Town Council meeting last month the council expressed concern over the lack of service from Cree Airways saying they had "not heard from Cree since September."

Mayor Don Lorencz said the "council may have got egg on its face" by support-

ing Cree Airways over Wapiti Aviation and is currently meeting with Wapiti to provide a medivac service.

Contacted at his office Dave Calahasen refused to comment on the financial problems of the airways other than to state the company had still not resumed its service to the north.

"We are negotiating a loan right now," he said. "We'll have a statement later."

Editorial

Tasteless criticism oversteps bounds

The recent ruling by the Alberta Press Council that a Calgary Herald cartoon, which ridiculed the Lubicon Lake Indian band, is racist should encourage those who support Indian rights and freedom of the press.

The Herald has responded by indicating freedom of the press is in jeopardy, but this "freedom" does not mean that anybody, including the press, can do exactly what they like. The press is indeed powerful and it is a newspaper's responsibility to take this power and freedom seriously, and use it wisely and respectfully.

While editorial cartoons are expected to be satirical, a mainstream newspaper should know better than to make fun of the ethnic background of a race.

This cartoon did not respect Indian lifestyles; it ridiculed them. The pipe is a most sacred and meaningful object to Natives; to suggest that it be used outside of rituals for smoking material other than tobacco is an insult to tradition.

Does the Herald ever suggest that the Prime Minister smokes strange things in his pipe? Does the newspaper suggest the Calgary mayor ferments blueberries and therefore acts irresponsibly? No. The Herald reserves this kind of tasteless criticism for minority groups like Indians.

"Fair comment" criticism does not take pot shots at peoples' race or ethnic background. It attacks the issues, not the people.

The press council unfortunately did not ask for an apology from the Herald, although it does have the power to demand an apology. It seems to be a "toothless" organization when it comes to demanding action. Herald publisher J. Patrick O'Callaghan has expressed surprise over the decision and says he will stand by it, and presumably all it stands for.

It is a sad day for freedom of the press and genuine political criticism when a major daily newspaper so blatantly abuses its power in this manner. Without respect for peoples' differences we have no freedom at all.

Opinion

Reader urges Native unity

Dear Editor:

In your Nov. 6 edition of Windspeaker's Editors Notebook, the editor commented on how people sometimes use the Windspeaker's gallantry in allowing peoples opinions to be publicized to attack one another. And I agree that this is wrongful, and people should come face to face with people whose actions offend them. Our people (Native people) should listen to what our Elders have been telling us. The Elders have often said we should all unite in our efforts in dealing with the Canadian government (or whiteman as some refer to the government).

The Canadian government has succeeded in doing only one thing with the Native people in the last 50 to 60 years, and that's to divide us into smaller and smaller groups. These groups quite often become rivals which are pitted against each other in the competition of proposal writing for federal funds. Yet one cannot attack the government of Canada, for it is not one system which can be criticized, it is the

implication of a number of systems designed to serve, administrate, and facilitate for the public. We the indigenous people of Canada are finding out, by having to deal most with these systems, that the systems defeat their own purpose. They succeed in doing this by taking the decision making away from elected leaders who care about people, and giving it to the bureaucrats who are trained not to think, but simply do.

One of the most known rivalries, which only became rivalries over money, land, proposals and a bureaucratic system, is the Treaty Indians and the Metis.

If each and everyone of us Native people took a close look at our family trees, more than likely somewhere along our blood lines we would find that most, if not all of us have relation to both Metis and Treaty. By our attachment to these two groups we owe it to the preservation of our race to get along and band together for what we want. I sincerely hope that this will someday be a common thought, not only in Alberta but throughout Canada.

I believe that the government of Canada, has unknowingly pitted Treaty and Metis against each other. The first thing I see is that treaty people get funding but little land, while our brothers the Metis get land but little or no funding. From this point the observations can go on and on.

Now back to the point. Natives, we Natives, should look to one another as brothers the way it was meant to be, and not rivals. If we respect one another as brothers, hear each others wants and needs, and act as dignitaries of two branches of the same race. No governmental bureaucracy would be able to hold us down. Fighting, bickering and creating frustration

amongst ourselves only puts the governments hold on us stronger. What I'm getting at is Native people should learn through their Elders that we all have common bonds no matter what organization we belong to. We are all Native people, with common wants and needs. Let's work together instead of against each other. Let's blend new idealism with the guidance of our Elders and let the wise show, the willing to learn. Through this process we the Native people of Canada can prosper once again in the land of our forefathers.

Sincerely,
Hughie Chalifoux

Special applauded

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your Nov. 13, 1987 special report on "Alcohol & Drug Abuse Everybody's Problem."

In your special report you cover a broad range of topics; you present information on specific drugs, on some of the major negative consequences, and on some of the success stories. A balanced perspective of this nature is essential to understanding and dealing with alcoholism and drug abuse.

As you indicated, alcoholism and drug abuse is everyone's problem and everyone's challenge. It is

through working together in our communities and families that progress can be made. We must all strive to educate ourselves and our young people about the many factors affecting alcoholism and drug abuse. We must also equip our children with the skills and abilities necessary to help prevent alcohol and drug problems now and later in life. For yourself, for your family, and for your community, it's important to get involved.

Again, congratulations on a job well done.

Yours very truly,
Stan Nelson, MLA
Chairman

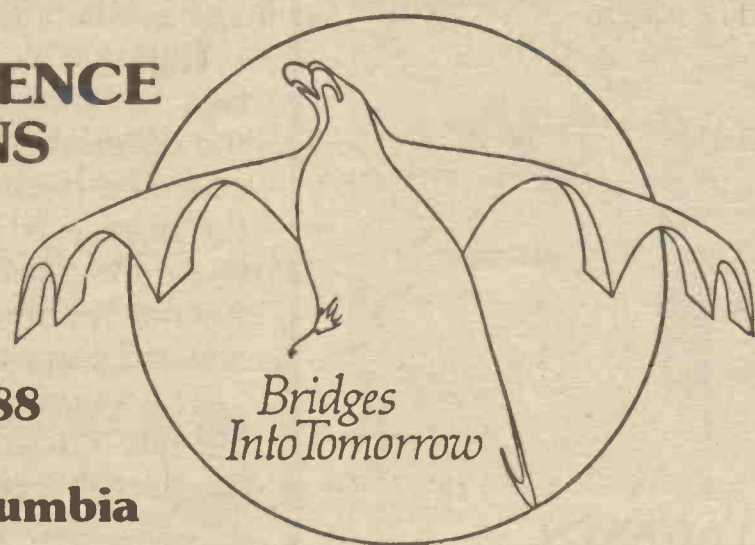
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DROPPIN IN

By Mark
McCallum

Hello Alberta! As you can see by the name and mug shot above, I'm Mark McCallum and I'll be your new Droppin' In correspondent.

Your old Droppin' In pal, Rocky Woodward, decided to leave Windspeaker recently. But, in an effort to keep tradition alive, I am going to try fill his cowboy boots. That won't be an easy job because I know Rocky was a good friend to a lot of folks out there but, I hope Windspeaker readers take to me like they did Rocky, who was an outstanding community person and will probably do a great job wherever he decides to hang his hat. Best of luck to you Rock — you'll be missed.

To bring the best possible community news to you, I would appreciate any suggestions readers have about what kind of news should be featured in this column. If you feel anything is being overlooked or missed in your community, give me a call and let me know (455-2700).

I'll be waiting to hear from you but don't be surprised if I happen to drop into your community in the future. I'll be phoning communities all over the province, asking for the latest. And, Windspeaker will be giving me enough gas money to drive up and visit your communities. With notebook in hand, I'll be reporting news as it happens from your community. I'm looking forward to meeting our readers and hope to make some new friends.

But, before I start getting mushy, let's see what's happening in our neighboring communities around the province.

FORT CHIP: The winter road to Fort McMurray (located about 235 km south of Chip) is not open yet, says recreation director Steve Courtoreille. He says the road is usually open by at least the middle December, but "they haven't started flooding any of the rivers yet."

Courtoreille explains that they create nature "ice bridges" over rivers by drilling holes in the ice and pumping water to the surface where it freezes and

Share-a-thon brightens Christmas

creates a thick sheet of ice to drive over.

Square dancing fever has caught on in Chip, but they're in need of volunteer instructors. Lessons are being held three days a month at the community hall and, Courtoreille explains "there's been a pretty good turnout, but the problem is we need more instructors because we only have one now."

Courtoreille can be reached at the recreation department if you're interested. And, he also wanted to remind Chip residents that the community gym will be closed until after the Christmas concert play is over Dec. 16. He says students from the Athabasca Delta community school will be rehearsing in the gym until then.

HIGH PRAIRIE: The Canadian Native Friendship Centre has loads of activities, to celebrate the Christmas season. And, to help make everyone's Christmas a little brighter, assistant director Loraine Duguay explains the centre is currently running a "Christmas Share-a-thon" and asking residents to donate food hampers or gifts that will be given to low-income families in the area. "If you can't afford a donation, then come down and volunteer some time," adds Duguay, who says they could always use some

help delivering the hampers.

Duguay also says that Santa will be at the centre helping residents celebrate a children's Christmas party that will be taking place Dec. 12. Mr. Claus will be handing out treats to the children and taking pictures with whoever wants to climb up on his knee. Duguay adds there's no age limit and invites everyone to drop in and warm themselves with a hot cup of coffee.

EDMONTON: The Metis Urban Housing Corporation is on the move in more ways than one. Giving low-income families subsidized housing since 1983, the organization has moved its Edmonton office to a new location in the city (11922 - 121A St.). The reason for the move, explains acting corporation manager, is they needed more operating space because the organization will be expanding its single family homes from 295 to 385 houses in March next year.

Their new facility will give them an additional 4,040 square feet of office space — 850 more than they had before. And, the \$20 million organization will be adding to repairs and maintenance staff to their payroll.

Have a good week and remember to call if you have some news that you want to share with your community and the rest of Alberta.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Family support workers act as role models

By Mark McCallum

Metis Children's Services began training its first group of family support workers Nov. 2 and hopes are high that the students will help decrease "the tragic number of Metis children in foster homes," says an instructor.

An emphasis on "preventing family break up" is being placed on the 20 female students enrolled in the 42-week training program, explains Metis instructor Lucille McLeod, who adds that the service organization has been providing family support services since 1985.

McLeod says there is a "high percentage" of Metis foster children in the welfare system that are losing their cultural identity and may be suffering abuse in foster homes. To solve this problem, she believes family support workers could be more effective in helping Metis families secure a bond. She adds that the family will benefit by staying together rather than being separated by the welfare system.

When students were selected for the training program, McLeod explains one of the qualities they were looking for in students was "a strong sense of identity and pride that they could transfer to clients...in effect, they would be role models for the family."

The training program builds on these strengths and tries to relate course material to "real life experience." McLeod says she chooses films, for example, that accurately depict the Native and Metis communities.

"We have to be careful when we select material because the class can't relate to a film about an upper middle class family like the Brady Bunch. Our home life is not like that. But, that doesn't mean we choose films that are downers; we select something true-to-life," she explains, adding the students learn more quickly because "they feel the course content is relevant to them."

Students are educated on topics such as child



MARK McCALLUM, Windspeaker

LUCILLE McLEOD
...instructs Metis Children's Services family support workers

rearing, family communication and health, budgeting wisely, cross-cultural difficulties and forms of abuse. McLeod adds the students must also research

and become aware of the child welfare system and resources that are available to families with home crisis before they get practical training outside of the

classroom.

Students will complete their training by getting work experience from Alberta Social Services, which has agreed to act as

"training place host."

Students will be working on a "fee for service" basis with social services and other organizations such as MCS, she concludes.

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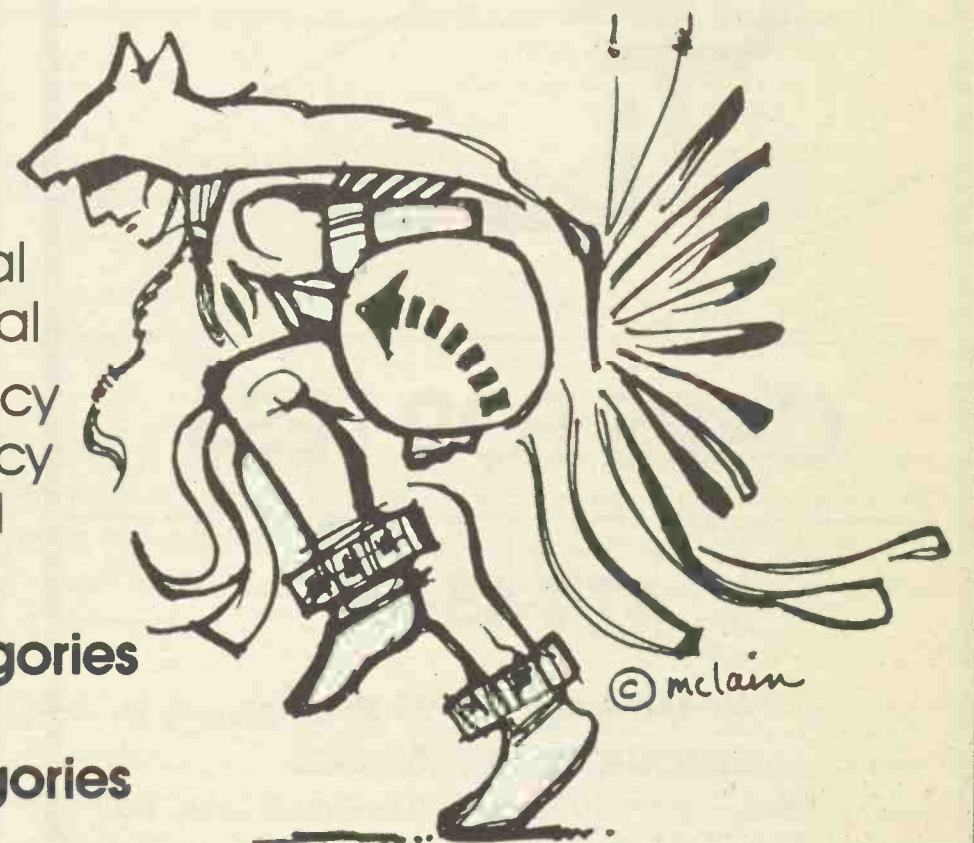
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IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Welcome mat put out at friendship centre

By Mark McCallum

Although the Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Centre has scarcely put down a welcome mat, officially opening on June 26, it is already establishing a firm base by helping residents.

The centre came to the aid of a Lac La Biche family in October after their trailer home was destroyed by fire. Acting executive director of the centre Lester Whitford says they used a "disaster fund" to help the fire victims with a \$150 contribution.

"It's not much, but we hope the money helped a little," says Whitford, adding that the money for the disaster fund was raised through bingos the centre holds every two weeks. The centre plans to set aside more funds for other projects such as sponsoring athletes from the community. They formed a softball team over the summer and plan to sponsor curling and volleyball teams for winter-

time recreation.

The centre is also securing funds for a scholarship program, which will award four students from the local high school with academic and recreational scholarships in May. The scholarships will be worth \$150 but will increase if funds allow.

Located in the heart of Lac La Biche, the centre is operating a drop-in referral service on a volunteer basis. If funds can be secured for full-time staff positions, Whitford hopes the centre can then expand its services, which he says will focus on programs for seniors and youths.

Rent payments are being made for the centre's office space with a \$3,500 grant from Secretary of State.

The centre is planning to hold a Christmas party at the Lac La Biche Inn Dec. 12 and will be splitting all the proceeds between Santa's Anonymous and the Northeastern Alberta Winter Games Special Olympics.

Land title transferred

Metis secure historic land through persistent cooperation

By Tim Kihn
Lac La Biche Post

Members of Metis Local 2951 will soon have the opportunity to live on 'land of their own' after securing title to 50 acres near Imperial Mills, 30 miles northeast of Lac La Biche. One hundred members and guests celebrated the transfer of title at a banquet and dance on Friday, Nov. 20 in Lac La Biche.

Gerald Thom, Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) vice-president outlined the history of the effort to obtain the land. According to Thom, he and Emil Cardinal were on a trapline with their families in the summer of 1979 when they first discussed the possibility of the Metis people moving back to their "historic lands" near Imperial Mills.

After asking government officials, they were told to come back with "solid

proof" the people really wanted to move back to Imperial Mills. A Metis Local was formed and land committee formed to deal of the land committee's work, said Thom, are secured timber rights, a forestry worker project with the assistance of Alberta Forestry and Alberta Vocational Centre, and the land itself: fifty acres purchased from Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation for the price of \$1,000.

Various dignitaries congratulated Local 2951 on its accomplishments. Dave Enns from the Town of Lac La Biche and Chamber of Commerce, compared the Local's progress to that of raising a child: "There will be difficulties in the future as the idea grows, but with good direction and hard work it will turn out well."

Athabasca-Lac La Biche MLA Leo Piquette was on hand to offer his congratu-

lations. He said he followed the land proposal closely as it developed and was proud to assist in its fruition. He said he will continue help, and added "...my door's always open to you."

Other speakers included Ray Fox of the Native Perspective, Larry Desmeules, MAA president, Tom Maccagno of the Lac La Biche Mission Historical Preservation Society and Metis Elder Sam Laboucane.

Laboucane's comments were especially poignant.

He cited the land acquisition as an example of what can result from cooperation among Metis people. "If we want to get together we will have the power. If we split up we won't," he said.

June Fleming, association administrator for Zone 1, said details on how the land will be distributed are still to be worked out at further meetings between the association executive and the land committee.



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Arts and Crafts

Winning artist portrays life cycles

By Terry Lusty

David B. Williams, an Ojibway living in Winnipeg, is this year's winner of (\$2,000) the 5th annual Native Art Collection contest sponsored by Peace Hills Trust.

Second prize (\$1,000) was won by Dale Murray Stonechild of Drumheller and third (\$500) by Farron Callihoo of Edmonton.

The winner was introduced at a Nov. 17 awards ceremony in Edmonton by Dennis Wallace, the regional director of Indian Affairs, who informed the audience that Williams was "in a state of shock" over his good fortune.

The preservation of Indian culture and art, said Wallace, "is very dear to Indian people." It is a means by which ideas and feelings

are communicated he added.

A self-taught writer and photographer, Williams left his home at Garden River, Ontario, to seek work in Vancouver in 1977. Since then, New York, Chicago, Saskatoon and Winnipeg have also been home for him.

His art portrays the life cycles of nature by encircling different elements with fine graphic lines. Williams has an original style that employs bold bright colors, abstract, realism and stark geometry which are combined with graphic lines.

Williams' art also reflects an affinity for his children who are presented by sun symbols in his art. Three red circles denote his three sons and a distant yellow sun represents his daughter

who no longer resides at home.

Continental art is the label that Williams applies to his art form because he sees it as "reflecting the values of Indian people right across North America" rather than being from any particular tribe or place.

The winning entry was a watercolor entitled, *Tracking Wood Buffalo*.

Second prize winner Dale Stonechild is of Cree-Sioux ancestry. As a youth, he worked in watercolors and focussed on wildlife scenes. Stonechild later made the transition to acrylics on canvas, stipple (dot work), silk screen printing, and serigraphy.

Evident in his work is the knowledge of Indian traditions and legends, stories which move not only the artist but also the viewer. His work also contains a spirituality that reveals his relationship with his Creator.

Spirit Helpers was the title of Stonechild's acrylic on canvas entry.

Farron Callihoo, a Grant MacEwan College student in Edmonton, plans to use his third place money to assist him in his schooling. He works primarily in pen, ink and gouache (transparent watercolors) as is the case with his third place finish in this competition.

This is the second consecutive year in which he has placed third in this contest.

Earlier in the year, Callihoo came second to Kim McLain in the Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Society's *Asum Mena* art contest.

Samson Chief Jim Omeasoo paid special tribute to this year's judges: gallery operators Galal Helmy of Jasper and Kathleen Laverty and Kay Buttler of Edmonton; Samson band councillor Leo Bruno; artist and management consultant



DAVID B. WILLIAMS
...displays winning entry

Terry Munro; and, artist Jane Ash Poitras.

The contest also recognizes three children's categories. Kindergarten through Grade 3 was won by Nahka Bertrand-Canmore, Morgan Saddleback - Hobbema, and Shelly Bruno - Morinville.

Grades 4 through 6 winners included: Lisa Marie Arcand - Morinville, Kimberly Clark and Myrah Anderson - Bissett, Manitoba.

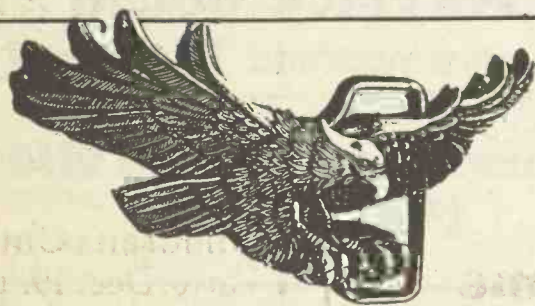
Winners in the Grade 7 through 9 class were: Jeff Crowe - Saskatoon, Michelle

Belcourt - Edm., and David Hallett - Bissett, Manitoba.

Peace Hills president Thomas LaPointe says the competition gets "bigger and better every year" and is an activity which the company "takes very seriously."

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Dancing troupe

Maori's promote stage production

By Mark McCallum

Maori performers from New Zealand were at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre, November 28, promoting their country with a unique blend of songs and dances.

But, the Polynesian entertainers also have another purpose for performing in Alberta; they hope to create interest in another group of performers from the Red Thunder Cultural Society (located in Calgary).

The society is hosting the 12 member group while they're in the province, touring reserves and Metis settlements.

The group was invited to Alberta by the society after Red Thunder performed on a tour of their own at New Zealand. Performers from the society went "down under" last May and returned six weeks later after performing traditional Native dances for more than 15,000 students at various schools in the country.

While the Red Thunder group was in New Zealand, they discovered a trust company in the country

that trained people in performing arts and was being completely operated by aboriginal instructors from the Polynesian island, located off the north eastern tip of Australia.

The society decided to take the inventive idea and introduce it to Alberta, says Red Thunder director Aroha Crowchild, wife of Sarcee athlete Lee Crowchild, who adds that the organization has received a grant from the government to prepare ten Native students for different aspects of show business such as working "in the art of stage production and performing traditional Native dances."

Crowchild says that response to the training opportunity has been poor although she adds the touring Maori trust company has been promoting it since their arrival to the province, November 5.

By performing for Native audiences, the Polynesian performers want to show youths that aboriginal people can be successful in the field of entertainment.

They produced an entertaining hour and a half of contemporary and culturally rich performances that



MARK MCCALLUM, Windspeaker

MAORI DANCERS

...range from modern to traditional dances

was received with much delight from a crowd at the Friendship Centre.

Some of the performers sang contemporary rock 'n' roll hits from the 50s and 60s and also sang original songs to promote New Zealand. For example, they performed a song about the Kiwi bird, who "only comes out at night and sleeps in the day," or so the song goes about the bird which is unique to the Polynesian islands. And, to give the audience an added visual effect, the singers wore a hat that had a stuffed replica of the kiwi perched on top of it.

Other members of the group enacted more traditional performances that

date back about 400 years before the arrival of Europeans to New Zealand and other surrounding Polynesian islands.

Group leader Tterangi Huata explains that the traditional Polynesian performances are unique because "ours is one of the few cultures where entertainers combine singing and dancing to tell a story."

"The performers are

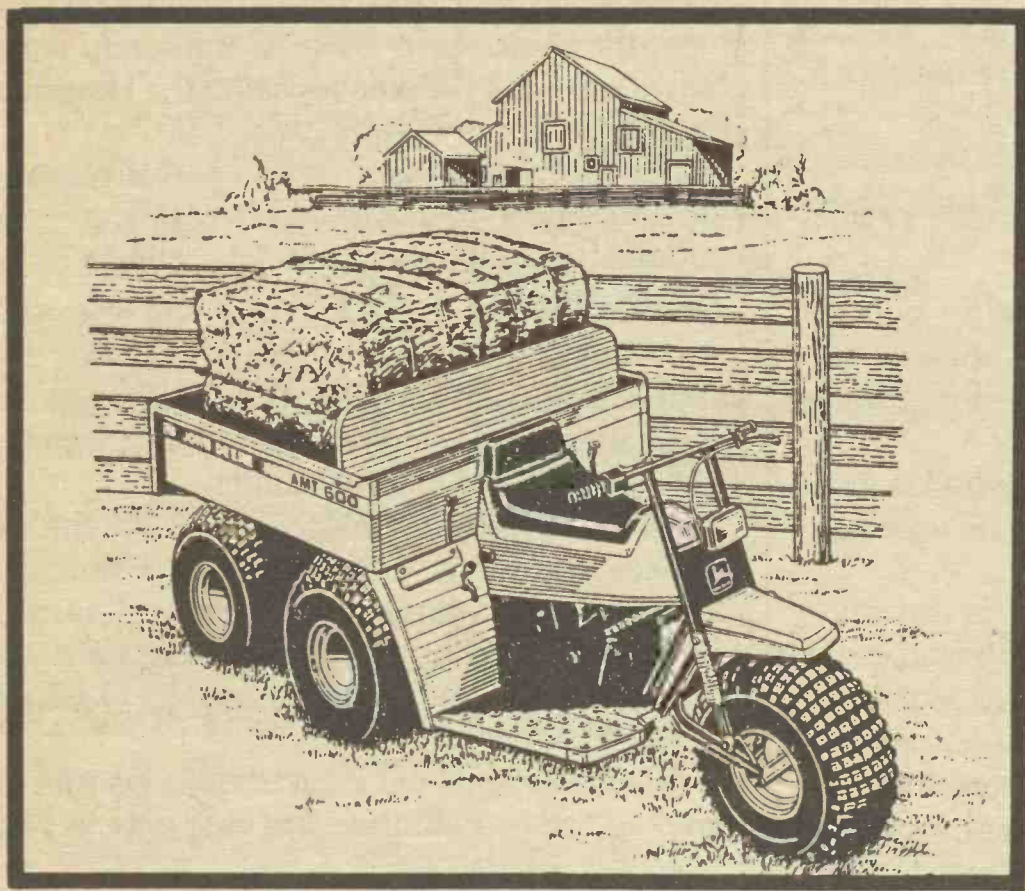
masters of expression," adds Huata. "They use facial expressions to depict fear or surprise and hand motions to draw the audience a picture of waves gently meeting the shore, for example.

The audience joined the act when some of the men from the crowd were selected to be "honorable Maori warriors." The participants awkwardly followed one of

the performers through a "form of Maori martial arts."

The Polynesian trust company will finish its tour on December 25 after they perform at about another dozen locations in the Calgary area. (Contact the Red Thunder Cultural Society for details at 256-4331.)

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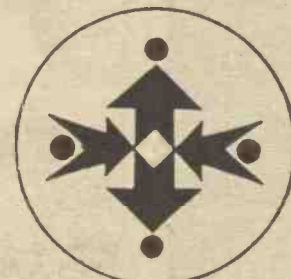
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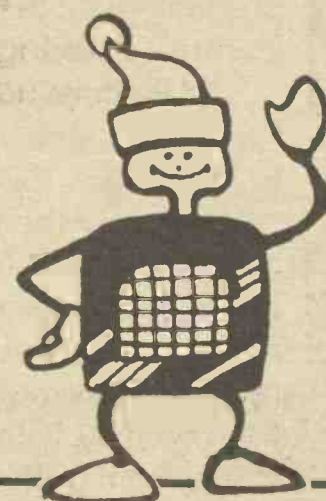
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Sports

New social club opens in Cromdale

By Mark McCallum

A new social and recreation club officially opened Nov. 28 and is already getting a positive reaction from the community.

The Oteenow (urban) Indian and Metis Social and Recreation Club received support from guests who attended the opening at Edmonton. Dr. Anne Anderson, Metis Association of Alberta president Larry Desmeules and New Democratic leader Ray Martin supported the club.

"I think this club is an excellent idea. It has my full support and let's hope it goes well in the future," said Martin, echoing the message of the other guests.

Club president Joe Blyan

and executive director Metro Cardinal proudly displayed the new facility (located at 8119 - 118 Ave), which houses a boxing ring, weight room, pool table and other recreational games.

Although Edmonton already has a Friendship Centre, Cardinal explains that the club will cater to people in a different part of the city. He points out that the club is located in the Cromdale area where there is a "high population" of Native and Metis residents "who are usually living on low incomes and can't afford vehicles to drive them to the Friendship Centre."

Cardinal also reasons "people will feel more comfortable here because the

club is being run by people from their own community."

By getting guest speakers such as Elders to talk with youths, Cardinal says the club will also be placing an emphasis on cultural awareness. But, he quickly adds they will not turn away a person from a non-Native background who wants to join the club.

The club has already formed its own hockey team (the Oteenow Warriors), but Cardinal says they're still looking for some boxers, adding that parents are welcome to use club facilities and train their own children.

The club is currently operating with a volunteer staff and a donation from



(Front row - l to r) - RAY MARTIN, JOE BLYAN and METRO CARDINAL

the MAA for office supplies. But, Cardinal says they have approached Alberta

Parks and Recreation for operating funds. If the club does raise funds, he adds

that they will be holding camps and field trips at the beginning of spring.



SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

Fort Chip boasts three tough volleyball teams

once, just stared out straight ahead, as if he was deep in old-man thoughts. Great, I thought to myself. He doesn't know that my pants are wet. Just hang tough and he'll leave any minute. Be cool. Be calm.

Then after what seemed like hours, my Moosum sighed a deep breath and let his arms fall to his side. Whew...he leaving. And just when I thought that I was going to get away with it, he reached down and pinched my pant leg. Then he looked me right in the eye and shook his head, once to the left and once to the right. And each time his head shook he made a "tsk" sound. Then he straightened up and walked into his bedroom without saying a word.

This memory leaves me with two lessons.

One, don't play down at the creek if you're not sure if it's completely frozen over.

The other; don't think you can hide things from your grandfather's eyes, because old men don't need their eyes to see.

GRANDE PRAIRIE: If you're the kind of person who always cheers for the underdog, then you'll probably want to root for the Grande Prairie Friendship Centre's Falcons hockey team.

The Falcons are the only Native team in the Grande Prairie Industrial League. They're also the newcomers to the league, this being their second year.

Right now the team sits in seventh spot in the nine-team league. But things are going to turn around, says an optimistic Oliver Badger, coach of the young team. Badger says that the team will be getting some new talent this week. One guy being Lyle L'Tendre who used to play with the Beaver Lake 77s and a Slavey Indian from Yellowknife, Willis Simon.

Although the Falcons have only won once and tied twice in twelve game so far, Badger says the scores were all close and the new guys should "inject new energy into the team." And the experience will add to the team, too.

Despite the team's low standing in the league, they

have the league's top goal scorer and point getter. His name is Herb Badger, but he's another story.

It should be interesting to check back with the team in a month or so and see what kind of difference these new guys will make.

FORT CHIP: Just to let you know that the top three toughest volleyball teams in Fort Chip are: the Scholars, Spikers and the Hammers.

These three teams emerged from a group of eight teams that belong to the Kewatinak Recreation Society volleyball league. The coed league has been meeting every Sunday, Monday and Wednesday in a friendly challenge. The Scholars are a teachers' team compiled from the Athabasca Delta Community school. The Spikers are the Gladue boys and the Hammers are the Kewatinak society team.

This Dec. 5 weekend, the league will meet for the last time this year to decide who gets the trophies and ribbons. We'll let you know who comes out on top.

GOODFISH LAKE: As the Goodfish Lake community mourned the death of Casey Halfe, 31, a spokesperson from that community sent "deepest sympathies and condolences" to the Halfe family from the residents of Goodfish Lake.

Casey Halfe was the goal-tender for the well-known hockey team, the Goodfish Lake Flames. Casey is survived by his wife Delia and parents Laura and Ernest Halfe, and his four children. He will be missed by his brothers Brian and Gary and sisters Denise Halfe and Cathy McConnel.

Many residents of Goodfish plus visitors from other hockey teams paid their last respects to Halfe Friday Nov. 27.

Elaine Redlick, 21, and daughter Amber, four months, and driver Don McInnis, 21, were killed in the collision. Robert Potskin was the only survivor of the accident and remains in critical condition at this newspaper's press time.

That's all for now.

My Moosum firmly told us never to go play at the creek. But being 12 and free to roam the reserve, the creek seemed like a perfect place for some winter adventure.

So there we were, my cousins and I, running down the bank and sliding across the ice like arctic surfers when I went too close to a clump of bushes in the middle and fell through the ice. It really wasn't any big deal since the water only came up to my waist. I easily pulled myself out of the hole. It wasn't until I was standing on the bank with soaking wet jeans that the real horror of situation came over me. My Moosum would know I'd been playing at the creek.

The only thing I could think of was to go to the barn and wait until my pants dried. Five minutes later, me and my cousins are standing in the barn watching my pants steam. It really was a phenomenom of nature. My legs became incredibly hot and I grew sleepy. It was so strange, it was dangerous. So thinking that I was getting hypothermia or something, I had no choice but to go in the house. Where Moosum was.

I managed to get my coat and boots off without any commotion. Then, without incident, I strolled into the living room where the wood heater was. Luckily, I was wet only up to my waist so it was impossible to tell that my jeans were wet, they just looked dark. Standing in front of the fire, I couldn't help but chuckle at my own cleverness — soon my pants would dry and no one would ever know what happened. Then my moosum walked into the room and stood right next to me. All 6 foot 4 inches of him. His long arms stretched above the fire stove.

And just when I thought that I was in big trouble something became clear. He never looked down at me

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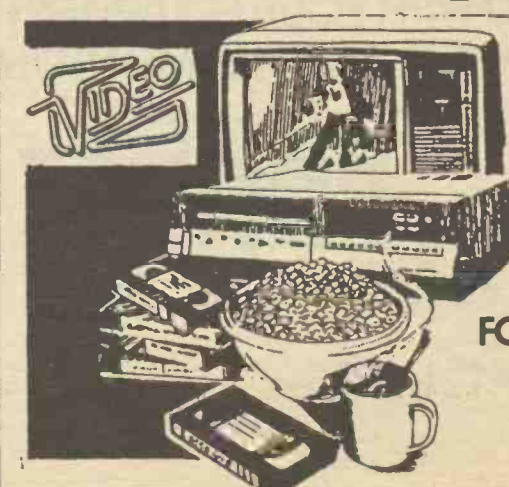


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Maskwachees Cultural College has made arrangements with the Alberta Vocational College, Lac La Biche, and the Fish and Wildlife Department to offer a Basic Trapping and Conservation Training Course. This course will be offered at the college January 25-30, 1988. Times will be Monday to Friday from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A practical field trip will be held on that Saturday.

The course is intended to train new people in the industry and to upgrade the knowledge and skills of licenced trappers. Preference is given to people who have not attended a Basic or Advanced Course within the past season and who are 14 years of age or older.

A maximum of 20 spaces are available in this course. Trainees will be accepted on a first-time basis.

Costs are \$25 for the course (\$20 for AVC tuition and \$5 for MCC costs). Fees include a manual and coffee.

A full description of the course may be picked up at Maskwachees Cultural College. Interested persons must complete a registration form available at the College and fees must be paid in full at registration.

For further information, please call **585-3925**. The contact person at MCC is **Dr. Fred Carnew, Director**.

Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Inc. LOGO CONTEST

Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Inc., committed to provide business financing to Metis and Non-Status Indian entrepreneurs in the *Province of Alberta*, is holding a contest for individuals to design (draw) a logo for our corporation.

To qualify to enter this contest the individual must be either a Metis or a Non-Status Indian. Proof of this qualification will be required prior to the awarding of any prize money.

To assist in your conception of the design, the mission of Apeetogosan is:

- Provide business financing to Metis and Non-Status Indian entrepreneurs.
- To assist these individuals in developing a business plan.
- To invest in these individuals' businesses.
- To eventually become a focal point for all Metis and Non-Status Indians in the development and funding of businesses.

The deadline for entry is December 18, 1987.

Entries must be a drawing on a 8½" by 11" sheet of white paper and be forwarded to: **Jan Willey, 6604 - 94 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, T6B 0X9**.

No entries will be returned. By entering this contest all individuals understand and acknowledge that they waive any rights, privileges, royalties or any benefits of any kind whatsoever and by submitting the entry it becomes the exclusive property of Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Inc., or any future company it may turn into or merge with. It is also understood that Apeetogosan is under no obligation to use any of the entries as its official logo.

Prizes are:

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- Winning Entry** (1st Place) \$250
 - Runner Up** (2nd Place) \$100
 - Honourable Mention** (3rd Place) \$50
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The judges of the contest will be Apeetogosan's Board of Directors. Their decision will be final.



ADVANCE NOTICE

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Presentations will include an overview of inner city health problems across Canada with examples of special Provincial program initiatives. Sessions will include consumer perception of needs from interested groups. Workshops will deal with solutions for problems of mental health, school functioning, parenting, prenatal and medical care. Methods of bridging the gap between professional caregivers and Aboriginal peoples will be explored.

This symposium will be of special interest to professionals in health, educational and social agencies working in the inner city areas. It will also be of interest to political and social leaders responsible for these problems. For more information, contact Continuing Medical Education, 12 - 103 Clinical Sciences Building, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2G3. Phone: 432-6346.

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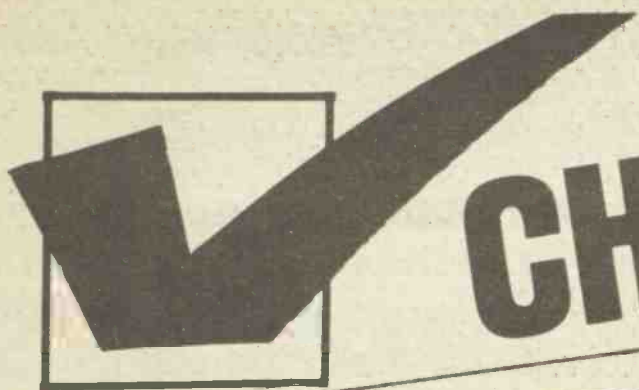
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