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'This is not what I expected'

By Rocky Woodward

WABASCA/DESMARAIS — On November 21, I made my first trip into the Wabasca/Desmarais area, approximately 145 km northeast of Slave Lake. First impressions were not what you a

impression after driving through the Bigstone Cree Band reserve and into the hamlets of Wabasca and Desmarais was one of "this is not what I expected."

Modern buildings clashed with older ones, all of them lining the banks of Wabasca Lake. I drove by a new high

school, new stores and older ones like the Hudson's Bay. There was even a pizza joint.

When I left the pavement 30 km from Slave Lake and turned onto the gravel road that would take me to Wabasca/Desmarais, I fully expected to see a cluster of

run-down houses, of course an old Hudson Bay store, and possibly a rented trailer used for administration. How wrong I was.

Wabasca/Desmarais is taking care of its self.

Wabasca is located on

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By Donna Rea Murphy

ELIZABETH SETTLEMENT — Amoco Canada President T. Don Stacy has announced that his company will spend nearly \$8 million during 1987 on further evaluation of the company's Elizabeth Settlement heavy oil lease. The spending will be in the form of a 16-well project with drilling expected to begin in July of next year. In accordance with the agreement, members of the settlement will participate in much of this work.

The co-signing of the master agreement document is unique in that never before has so comprehensive an agreement protecting the wide-ranging interests of people on a Metis settlement been concluded.

Immediately after the signing at Elizabeth Hall, 25 miles east of Grand Centre, Amoco Vice-President Sherrold Moore presented

Settlement Chairman Archie Collins with a cheque for \$100,000. One half of the amount goes to the Settlement association for the acquisition of lands by the settlement to replace lands which will be used by Amoco for exploration and development. The company hopes to drill approximately 500 wells on the 26-hectare settlement. Each wellsite uses between 2 - 3 acres, excluding road allowances.

The other \$50,000 is payment for the establishment of a Resource Development Impact Office (RDIO). Of that sum, \$25,000 was paid as a result of signing the agreement and the other \$25,000 is the first installment, covering the period January 1 to December 31, 1987, of a series of annual payments of \$25,000 per year lasting the lifetime of the agreement.

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NCC(A) split widens over membership

By Rocky Woodward

A membership issue that held up the third annual Native Council of Canada (Alberta) meeting at the Rafter "6" Ranch in southern Alberta, October 4th, was the subject of a special meeting at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre, November 29.

At Rafter 6, there was a resolution to amend the current membership bylaw, which reads that a non-Status Indian who is not an Inuit or Metis as defined by the Constitution Act, 1982, or a Status Indian who has been placed on a general list of Indians under the Indian Act, or a Status Indian who is also on a band list because of Bill C-31, and who has resided off reserve for more than three months, be established as members and be represented by the NCC(A).

After giving a 21-day notice of the special

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Status Indians for Alberta Council

By Rocky Woodward

A new calling it Indian Council with a president by former and men Council dissatis

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ident, Doris Ronnenberg, and the organization she represents.

At a special meeting November 29 in Edmonton, arguments regarding two resolutions that were to be voted on and were not because of a lack of members in attendance, led the group to split from the

NCC(A). Other arguments erupted also, dating back to the Rafter 6 NCC(A) Assembly in southern Alberta in October.

Incorporated as a society under the Alberta Societies Act, the new organization has 11 objectives it hopes to reach. One of the main objectives is to represent all

off-reserve Status Indians and their descendants at the local, provincial and national level, including the 1987 Constitutional Conference.

NSICA representatives say it will also assist in finding legal assistance for all those non-Status Indian descendants who wish to

regain their Indian status and rights for themselves and their children, such rights to include treaty rights, including rights of urban and off reserve Status and general list Indian people.

According to Russell White, Ronnenberg, along with NCC(A) supporters

walked out of the November 29 meeting once negotiations broke down.

"We wanted to defeat those two motions (resolutions), then Doris and her supporters walked out. She left all the members just sitting there. When they

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MAA offers support to Manitoba comrades

By Rocky Woodward

Moral support has been offered by the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) to the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) in what is being called a beginning of new strategic approaches toward the achievement of constitutional rights to land and self government for the Metis.

At a press conference November 13 in Edmonton, MAA President Sam Sinclair and MMF President Yvon Dumont were in agreement for the MAA to join in the constitutional land claims case, launched earlier this year by the MMF and scheduled for court on January 7 of next year.

Although the MAA will join as plaintiffs alongside with MMF, Sinclair says he wants it perfectly clear that the MAA's only involvement is moral support and the action does not affect any money being spent by the organization he represents.

After intensive discussions by the MAA to join the MMF on the legal process, it was undertaken to highlight the importance of forcing the federal and provincial governments to live up to their commitments to the Metis and their descendants across Canada.

"It was discussed yesterday (November 12), and as far as I am concerned, there is no money commitment. It is a matter of supporting the MMF on their submission. It is also a known factor that the Metis National Council (MNC) is in full support," said Sinclair.

Asked how it would benefit the Metis of Alberta, Sinclair said it helps all Metis of Canada, "but the part where we are bringing up about these particular concerns is because the Alberta (government) has certainly been dragging their feet in regards to their responsibilities towards the

Metis people and away from settlements," commented Sinclair.

The case is being litigated by lawyer Tom Berger on behalf of the MMF and now the MAA. Berger has spent the last year working on the legal and constitutional aspects of the Metis land case which is centred on the original allotment of river lots to the Metis people of the Red River Valley when Manitoba entered Confederation. Both organizations wish to emphasize the importance of the land claims case to all Metis across Canada.

Giving a brief history of why the land claims case is now in the courts, the President of the MMF, Yvon Dumont, commented that in 1870 the Constitution of Canada placed a legal constitutional obligation on the provincial government of Manitoba and on the federal government to make sure the Metis heads of families who lived in the Red River Valley area at the time were able to hang on to the land they lived on.

Secondly, 1.4 million acres was supposed to be set aside for the children of the Metis heads of families who lived there in 1870.

"Through deceit and deliberately cheating the people out of this land, both the federal and provincial governments were successful in making sure that less than 15 per cent of this land got into the hands of the Metis."

"We're saying today that there is a legal obligation, a constitutional obligation, in regards to the governments today to straighten this out because the effects of what happened in 1870 linger on and affect the descendants of those Metis people today," said Dumont.

The MAA's participation in the legal process will be to boost the level of participation that the Metis will bring to the constitu-

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tional negotiations related to self-government. This legal process is separate from the political process involved in the constitutional negotiations leading up to the First Ministers' Conference on Aboriginal Rights to be held in Ottawa in April 1987.

In a joint statement by the MAA and MMF, it was

said that they want it made clear that the preferred course of action is one that will ultimately lead to a political solution through the First Ministers' process.

"We are looking for the courts first of all to determine that we have a legal claim. Secondly, and in my opinion, it will re-educate the Canadian

public as to who the Metis people are, where they are, why they live in the kinds of conditions that they live in today and the positive contribution the Metis made towards the development of Canada, which we call our home. After all, this is where our Nation was born," commented Dumont.

Questioned on how this land case which is separate from the political process which will happen at the First Minister's Conference, is going to help the Metis in

April, Dumont says it will raise the awareness of the Metis people across Canada and particularly in Alberta, of the importance of the constitutional negotiations.

"Louis Riel and the provisional government of 1870, tried to make a deal with the government so that their rights would be constitutionally protected and so what we are trying to do today in this constitutional process is to further define and entrench the rights of the Metis as Aboriginal people."

OTTAWA REPORT

By Oweñadaka

A tiny Indian band in a remote region of British Columbia has reluctantly ended a remarkable chapter in the history of Indian politics. For years the Kluskus Indian band waged a brave and lonely campaign for financial independence. The struggle ended in April, though, when the band began accepting government funding. The Kluskus band was probably the last band in Canada to refuse government money.

On the face of it, refusing government money is crazy -- especially when everyone else is complaining they don't get enough.

It's not as though the Kluskus people are rich. The people -- 100 Carrier Indians who live in the wooded high country of the Nechako plateau -- are dirt poor. They live 20 miles from the nearest road. The only way in or out, aside from expensive airplane rides, is by snowmobile or horse-and-wagon. The people live in log cabins that should be condemned. There is no local industry. The local hunting and trapping resources have been stretched to the limit.

For the past five years the band leaders have been trying to improve living conditions. They've been working on long-range development plans. They've taken an active part in national Indian politics. And all along, they've refused to accept government money to pay for band salaries and expenses.

The central figure in the Kluskus story is Roger Jimmie. He's been the band chief for the past 14 years. He's just 33 years old.

The last time I saw him was a little over a year ago at the annual meeting of the Assembly of First Nations. He stood out in the crowd of well-dressed, well-fed Indian politicians. His tall, skinny frame was topped by a dirty black cowboy hat. He wore cheap running shoes, a t-shirt and his bony knees poked through the holes in his ragged blue jeans. The look on his hawk-like face shifted between a piercing glance and a toothless grin.

How he travelled to the meeting was a story in itself. Like the other chiefs, he received airfare and expense money from the Assembly of First Nations. But he travelled in a class all his own. He used the money to bring a carload of Kluskus men to the meeting. They all stayed in the same hotel room and ate sandwiches from home. They ended up saving money and using it to make even more trips on band business.

Roger Jimmie was not paid to be chief. He used part of his meagre income as a trapper to pay his travel expenses.

But things weren't always that way. The band used to receive funding in the 1970s. The band rejected funding six years ago, Roger Jimmie says, because it wanted the freedom and satisfaction that comes from financial independence. The band wanted to escape the government's financial straightjacket, he says, because the strings that government placed on the funding dictated what the band could and could not do.

The Kluskus chief says government money was also responsible for killing some of his band members. With no roads and no electricity, Roger Jimmie says the people had nowhere to spend their money and almost nothing to spend it on, except for bootleg booze. So the death rate soared. In some years the Kluskus band buried three, sometimes four of their people -- a staggering figure for a band with just one hundred members. Once the band rejected funds, though, Roger Jimmie says the death rate plunged.

The band decided to accept funding this year, he says, because it became just too hard to carry on without help. The band will get \$300,000 this year to operate their own school, administer their own social welfare, build their own houses and run the band office. It isn't much, but Roger Jimmie says at least there are no strings attached this time.

Now that it has money, he says the band intends to stretch it as far as possible. He says the band learned many valuable lessons from years of going without. As a result, the band is building two houses and renovating others for what the government has allotted to build just one house. The band has also hired two teachers -- a husband and wife team -- in a two-for-one deal. People from the community are even volunteering to clean the school.

The government funding has not solved the problems on the Kluskus reserve. The Kluskus chief is worried that the salaries and expense money will start killing his people once again. He says he doesn't want to take government money forever. He hopes the band will someday be financially independent and be able to reject government funding again.

The spirit of self-reliance still burns at Kluskus, however, and it's fueled by old-fashioned Indian courage. I don't expect any other band in the country to refuse government funding. My only wish is that the pride of the Kluskus people will spread across the land.

The story of Roger Jimmie and the Kluskus Indian band holds one other lesson as well. The next time you see some Indian dressed in raggy clothes -- don't start feeling superior. It just might be someone with more real Indian spirit than most of us will ever know.

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Sarcee re-elect Clifford Big Plume

By Lesley Crossingham

SARCEE RESERVE -- Chief Clifford Big Plume, who narrowly lost the 1984 election, was soundly re-elected last Wednesday with a substantial majority.

Big Plume defeated incumbent Roy Whitney by nine votes, receiving 106 votes to Whitney's 97. Other challenger Bruce

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Starlight received 55 votes.

The election was the third election in as many years for the band, whose reserve lies on Calgary's western boundary.

Last year, due to an appeal to the Department

of Indian Affairs over a one vote majority Whitney received in 1984, another election just for the chieftainship was held. Whitney won that election with a majority of 31 votes.

This year the band had a

high voter turnout of about 73 per cent and about 253 of the band's eligible 360 voters cast ballots.

Elected to council were incumbents Bradford Little Light, Tom Runner and Harvey Meguinis. New councillors are former chief Gordon Crowchild, Gilbert Crowchild, John James Whitney and Margaret Big Plume.

Provincial

Seven new councillors

Bloods re-elect Roy Fox

By Jackie Red Crow

BLOOD RESERVE — In what was termed the lowest voter turnout ever, only five incumbents were re-elected including Blood Chief Roy Fox in the November 27 tribal elections.

Incumbent councillors who were re-elected to two-year terms are: Stephen Fox, Randy Bottle, Andy Black Water, Rosie Many Grey Horses and Bernard Fall Man.

Defeated in this year's elections were Everett Soop, Joyce Goodstriker, Orton Eagle Speaker and Dan Weasel Moccasin. Incumbent councillors Esther Tailfeathers and Jim Wells were not nominated. Former Blood councillor Henry Day Rider had resigned in July because of the council's failure to enforce conflict of interest codes.

Elected for their first term in political office are: Virna Many Fingers, personnel clerk; Levine Divine, economic development secretary; Richard Day Chief, who worked in the fire department with Protection Services; Jerry Wells, self-employed farmer and rancher; Gilbert Eagle Bear, University of Lethbridge student; Richard Mills, board member of the Blood Tribe Health centre; and Pete Big Head, Blackfoot commentator with Indian News Media.

Despite only 47% of the estimated 3,199 eligible voters who cast their ballots, Chief Roy Fox managed to win his fourth term in office. He received 142 votes more than his nearest competitor, Addison Crow. Crow was "pleasantly surprised" about the high number of votes he received. He tallied 250 votes.

Chief Fox, in a later interview, said he does not actively campaign at election time. "Actually, a number of people campaign for me on a one-to-one basis. We don't use the public media.

"It's up to the people to decide whether they want me or not based on my past performance as chief. The reserve is small enough that most people are aware of what I'm doing," said Chief Fox.

Asked if it was unusual that more than five councillors were not re-elected, Chief Fox said it was a "fair turnover." He said there has been as many as seven incumbents who were defeated in past council elections.

The Blood protestors who stormed Blood Council chambers in October did not gain any seats on council. They had five candidates who were in the running for one of the 12 posts on Council.

According to a source who wished to remain anonymous, in 1980 a number of "radical" Bloods were elected. But the

group had overspent millions of dollars in that year's budget to keep up with the demands and wishes of their membership.

"I'm glad that they (current Blood protestors) were not elected. The Band is now in deficit because of that council's (1980) overspending." The source did not say how much the 1980 Council had overspent.

However, Chief Fox said that he can't recall if the 1980 Council had significantly overextended their budget. "I need the band's financial statements from six years ago to compare. But at that time, the Band had more funds to expend, more monies from our natural resources, and naturally more of our own funds."

Chief Fox admits the newly-elected council has tough challenges ahead of them. With decreasing government funds, a depressed agricultural economy (which is the main industry on the reserve) and the rapidly depleting natural resources such as oil, will all be important issues the new council will have to deal with.

He said council will plan their preliminary strategies next week to set priorities and goals for their term.

Blood Chief and Council were sworn in on December 1 in Standoff by Blood Indian lawyer Eugene Creighton.



ELIZABETH COUNCILLORS SIGN DEAL
... (l. to r.) Ambrose Leping, Lee Desjarlais,
Mike Jackknife, Lydia Cardinal

Amoco activity to provide jobs for Elizabeth Settlement

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It will also assist with the expense of operating the RDIO.

Collins explained the idea of a Resource Development Impact Office dealing with employment and training is still in the early planning stages. "This office will play a key role in combining the terms of the agreement to fit in with our plans for employment and training of our people. It will make sure we don't miss any opportunities for work with oil companies in the future. We'll have staff searching out contracts for us to bid on." He said out of a population of 500, there is a potential work force of 110. Seventy-five per cent of these are now unemployed.

In addition to the cheque presented, Amoco deposited \$195,036.59 to the Metis Betterment Trust Fund as compensation for wellsites and access roads associated with drilling activities. That fund acts as the band account for Alberta's eight Metis settlements.

Amoco's interest in developing heavy oil on settlement land goes back to 1965 when the company concluded mineral rights agreements with the provincial government. Since that time 40 evaluation wells have been drilled, most of them since 1980. Last summer drilling stopped and local contrac-

tors were laid off because of the severe drop in crude oil prices.

Stacy said Tuesday's spending commitment comes as a direct result of the federal government's removal of the Petroleum & Gas Revenue Tax and the Alberta government's reduction of the amount of production it takes as a Crown royalty.

Amoco Public Affairs Manager Don Smith says "this agreement gives us the assurance that we can continue with our evaluation program here. What it gives the settlement is the assurance our activities will go forward with proper consideration of this settlement's concern that the work will benefit the community and its people and will have a minimal environmental impact."

Collins said "we're very satisfied with the negotiations because Amoco is recognizing we have Aboriginal rights to our land here. Before, oil companies — Amoco included — would simply go to the provincial government for a permit and come here whether we liked it or not. They'd say basically 'you're on Crown land and we can come in if we want to.' But we've been fighting to get our Aboriginal rights to this land recognized and now they've come to us with this agreement. It strikes another blow for us in our

land claim and actually fortifies our position in getting the province to agree we have a justifiable claim."

Stacy indicated that while he is encouraged by the evaluation results, Amoco was still a long way from making a decision to proceed to commercial-scale development. He cautioned the price of oil would determine the go-ahead with a commercial development that would see 10,000 barrels of crude oil per day maximum production for the life of the project. "We're hoping to see \$20 per barrel (U.S.). That price would be sufficient to go ahead with a large expansion such as Esso Resources (Canada) has."

This newly-announced development will be built in increments. A 16-well group will be drilled in 1987 and this will be repeated one after another until enough wells have been drilled to produce 10,000 barrels/day. That could take up to three or four years. Stacy assured the Settlement council that the agreement stated clearly that where possible, local contractors will be given first chance to bid on work for this development. Prior to shutdown last year, Amoco had 112 workers servicing the wells. Almost three-quarters of those were Elizabeth residents.

Ontario outlet

New market for fur

By Rocky Woodward

A representative for the Aboriginal Trappers Federation of Alberta is requesting that Native trappers from across Alberta send their furs to the Ontario Trapper's Association (OTA) for sale, here in Edmonton, where a deal has been struck between the two organizations.

"We have negotiated a deal with the OTA where they will market Native fur at seven per cent. That is what the OTA will take off for marketing the furs. What we are doing is giving this system a test to see if the OTA have a good deal. We will compare it with others, so it's sort of on a trial basis," said Trappers Association Chairman Russell White.

The Trappers Federation is currently negotiating for dollars for projects like

trappers' supply stores, fur collection stations, a transportation system and raw fur tanneries, some thing that White says the OTA is interested in.

"The OTA is willing to put up front money for collection stores that we want to organize."

Trappers can send their furs C.O.D. if they so desire. However, this expense will be deducted from their fur sale. Advances will also be given and will be no less than 50 per cent of the total sale of fur.

According to White, the Trappers Federation is looking into the marketing of wild animal carcasses that they would like to "process into pet food. It's economical and we therefore are exploring it."

Standard training courses and advance courses in trapping are being considered by the federation which would in turn certify

a trapper. White says if it goes ahead, it would open new doors for the trapper to be recognized as a tradesman.

"We are dealing with many projects, but the main one I am stressing is for the trappers to send their furs to the OTA," commented White.

The address for the Ontario Trappers Association is 10524-106 Street, Edmonton, Alberta. You can also call the OTA at 425-8718 for more information.

White is asking any trappers who have had past experiences in this sort of deal and who are going to send their furs to the OTA under the new agreement, to please notify Russell White at the Trappers Federation in Edmonton at 425-5824. The federation wants to monitor furs sent to the OTA.

NCC(A) split widens

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meeting at the CNFC, the president of the NCC(A), Doris Ronnenberg, stated that the meeting was held up for approximately one hour in hopes that more voting members of the organization would show. Fifty members attended the meeting.

In order for any special resolution to be passed according to the Alberta Societies Act, and according to the rules and regulations of the NCC(A), 50 per cent of the membership must be in attendance. Out of that number, 75 per cent must vote in favour of passing a special resolution in order to make it legal and, "it is in the Societies Act of Alberta," commented Ronnenberg.

The NCC(A) paid-up membership stands at 330,



DORIS RONNENBERG
...NCC(A) president

but the estimated overall membership is said to be close to 930 members.

Although some of the members at the meeting were dissatisfied with the way things are being

handled at an executive level in regards to membership and the representation of Indian people under different categories — full band membership people, non-Status and general registry Indian people — Ronnenberg says the NCC(A) is still moving ahead.

"There is talk that some of the members will be forming their own group, but we are still working at what we feel is important. We had about 30 creditors down to a dozen. We are organizing fundraising drives to raise money so we can take as many of our people as possible to the First Minister's Conference next year.

"We are getting our house in order and now there are a lot of positive things happening," stated

Ronnenberg.

Ronnenberg further mentioned that she fully supports Native leaders who say there is a need for new lands and resources in Alberta for the Native people that the NCC(A) represents.

"This is the NCC(A) stand," said Ronnenberg.

Asked if another special meeting will be called to vote on the resolutions, Ronnenberg did not comment other than to say that special meetings can be called by two-thirds of the board of directors agreeing on it, or by the president.

The other resolution not dealt with was regarding the appointment of a constitution and bylaws committee.

The next general assembly for the NCC(A) is scheduled for late 1987.

New Indians in Alberta form council

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walked out we said let's start a new society," commented White.

Resolution one would have allowed Status Indians who are also on a band list because of Bill C-31, and who have resided off reserve for more than three months, to become NCC(A) members. This bylaw article now only allows Status Indians who have been placed on a general list of Indians under the Indian Act for less than three years to be members. This clause was to be discussed at the next annual assembly.

The other resolution dealt with the board appointing a Constitutional Committee, composed of the President (Ronnenberg) and four members, who would examine submissions from members regarding the constitution and bylaws.

Don Cardinal is the first as grand chief of NSICA. Three vice-presidents were also elected, and Cardinal says that according to tradition, they will be called chiefs. They are Russell White (Treaty 6), Theresa Bone (Treaty 7) and Madge McRee (Treaty 8).

Also elected as the Board of Directors are Mary Willier, Sam Dumais, Gordon Shaw, Lewis Cardinal and Marlene Cardinal, with one more board member to be appointed from the Treaty 8 area.

The recently elected board of directors will be known as headmen.

"The titles are not new, and we are just keeping within the Indian custom and tradition," said Cardinal.

White says the bitter arguments between the two groups started at the

Rafter 6 assembly when they interpreted the NCC(A) Bylaws to not "represent general list Indians and off reserve Indian people. Many of us were excluded from the NCC(A) at Rafter 6," said White.

General list Indian people are so-called because they are on a list of Treaty Indians with no voting privileges.

"Off-reserve Indian people feel the same as new general list people because we don't have any say or voting rights on our band councils. We are not getting our full benefits in regard to our Treaty rights. We feel we should be enjoying those rights," said Cardinal, who also said that was why the NCC(A) was started.

"I was a full member of the NCC(A) and a board member. I paid my membership at Rafter 6, but was excluded from voting because the NCC(A) Bylaws excluded off-reserve Indians. About 30 of us were excluded," Cardinal added.

"If they (NCCA) want to represent non-Status Indians but not the new status Indians and their descendants, it is fine with us. What does the NCC(A) do? Nothing. What is their mandate? There is no new band creation, no new lands," White said.

Cardinal believes that most off-reserve Indian people know there is nothing to return to on their designated reserves and that most reserve areas are already allocated to band members, "so rather than fight, we must try and find a home for these people like myself. I have been off my reserve for 30 years. Treaty 8 is the strongest treaty across Canada and we will model after them to try and acquire new lands. It's not an overnight deal, this we know," said Cardinal.

The new organization will be looking into core funding and meetings are soon to be planned between themselves and various levels and departments of governments.

"After the meeting, our board members went back to their homes to build up the membership. We have the jurisdiction now in front of the funding agencies. We have legal letters and a legal option to do it now. All we need now is to build up our membership," commented White.

"We are very positive that we will have a very good response in the next couple of weeks," Cardinal added.

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The ARTS Column

By Ray Fox

Hello there, loyal Windspeaker fans. I made it back from Yellowknife, the Great White North. I went up there to take part in the grand opening of the latest Aboriginal radio station, CKNM Yellowknife.

This marks a definite achievement in the hard work of the Native communications of the western Northwest Territories.

The actual grand opening took place on Friday at 11 a.m. There were a lot of people there. Nick Sibbeston, the NWT parliamentary leader, and CBC Yellowknife's pride and joy, George Tuccarro was the MC. Allan Adam and Bernalda Wheeler were also there representing the CBC.

After the ribbon cutting and the speech making, KNM held an open house and had a table set up featuring dried fish and dried caribou meat, bannock and wild cranberry sauce that was absolutely delicious.

Later that evening, starting at 6 p.m. the NCS of the NWT held a banquet and presented some of their talent with special achievement awards. One of their photographers, Dorothy Chocolate, got a special award for her photography. Some of it has been featured in national magazines. My good friend and CKNM's broadcast manager, Louie Goose, got an award in recognition of his achievements in broadcasting. There were four other people receiving awards. Someone — I believe it was Louis — suggested that NACS should have national awards at our next NACS annual meeting and I, of course, think that's a terrific idea. We now have to figure out how to coordinate it. Anyway, where were we? Oh yea...

After the banquet, which featured caribou, there was a dance, and you'll never guess who was pickin' and a grinnin'! The one and only George Tuccarro, with some help from Louis Goose and a couple of other guys. They laid down some pretty good music.

All in all, a good time was had by all. Yellowknife is a great place to visit.

Now, on a more serene note, I need your help. That's right, YOU.

Remember in my last column (the one with all the quotations??) I said that I would have to write something original soon?

Well, I guess you're not the only one that had that thought.

I had the pleasure of speaking with the editor of this paper, and he tells me that he's received a few complaints about my writing — the style, the focus, the grammar, etc.

Although at first I thought, you can't please all of the people all the time, it suddenly occurred to me that maybe these people are right. Maybe nobody's reading this, and worst yet, maybe people are reading this and I'm actually turning people off with my writing and here I have a bunch of people disliking what I do and I don't know anything about it.

So right then and there I got paranoid and I made up my mind that I would ask you, the reader. How am I doing so far?? Could you do me one little favor?? Write me a card or a letter and tell me if I should keep on with this column, or if I should quit wasting your time and mine and put my pen away.

Now quite honestly, my heart won't be broken if it turns out the majority of you would rather see me doing something else. I never claimed to be a writer. As a matter of fact, I'm the first to admit that I'm not. But I thought I'd give it a try and if it turns out that it didn't work, then so be it. But I have got to know from you, the reader. So please drop me a line.

Here is an opportunity for you, the reader, to stand up and be counted.

I have decided to write three more columns after this, and if I don't have a clear consensus to continue, then I will stop. Makes sense?? Good.

You know, it never ceases to amaze me that everyone who sits down to write starts out with the same 26 letters of the alphabet. It sound so simple when you think of it that way.

Anyway, until next time, remember...the world likes you better when you're smiling.

Drum Mass at Pastoral Centre

By Rocky Woodward

Reverend Brian Janawardhana seemed very pleased after his first Drum Mass with the way our Native people at the Native Pastoral Centre, conducted the church service on Sunday, November 23.

The Drum Mass that is usually held once a month began with the Five Nation Traditional Singers. Throughout the mass, and while various individuals recited paragraphs from the Bible, Lloyd Auger blessed each person with sweetgrass in the Indian tradition.

The mass was held in honor of the Eucharistic Celebration, "Feast of Christ, the King."

"Christ is King, but his realm is not like any on earth. His kingdom offers peace, truth, trust, forgiveness and love," said Jack Bell, while welcoming everyone to the mass.

The mass was indeed unique in the sense that both the traditional (spiritual) way of life and that of the church were drawn together in union with the Lord.

Bread and wine were blessed by Auger with sweetgrass and collections were taken up by using Indian blankets, while hymns were sung in Cree by the choir.

A blessing of the Auxiliary Eucharist Ministers, Audrey Lawrick, Betty Logan and



PASTORAL CENTRE ROUND DANCE ...part of Drum Mass

Emmy Yamkovy, also was held. These three people take time out from their schedules to visit with the sick and homebound.

At the end of the mass, everyone joined hands in a

round dance. Later people came to gather for a feast of pancakes and sausages and a raffle was held. It was a great way to spend a Sunday morning, among friends.

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Member defends NCC(A) leadership

Dear Editor:

I recently joined as a member of the Native Council of Canada (Alberta). I have never joined any Native organization with a serious intent because of the constant bickering and power struggles going on among the members and directors.

Imagine my disappointment when I attended a meeting held on Saturday, November 29 at the Friendship Centre, and we were subjected to one of the crudest of power struggles I have ever witnessed. The place was absolute chaos.

One fellow was yelling that he had incorporated yet another Native organization. Do we not have enough of them already? Where does he

expect to get funding? His reputation, I am told is not all that great.

Another woman was yelling something about the post office and that she was once again employed by the post office.

One fellow was yelling that he was a Treaty Indian and didn't want the NCC(A) to represent him. Why did he bother coming to the meeting?

While all this was going on another fellow wanted to read a letter out loud. The whole purpose of this meeting was not to discuss

any of these ridiculous things, but to discuss a certain resolution.

It is with deep sorrow that I and others had to witness the infidelities of certain people at the meeting. Doesn't anyone realize that in order for Native people to succeed in our future endeavors, we

must band together and fight as one voice instead of many voices which are fighting amongst ourselves.

I must admit that I was totally impressed by the display of class the president of NCC(A) showed when confronted with the terrible manners others displayed.

I am very glad to have

had the wonderful opportunity to have met and talked with this wonderful lady. She shows a determination along with a caring attitude towards her people. Her goal is to make the NCC(A) a success. I am proud to have her and the rest of the NCC(A) represent me and my family.

My hats off to Doris, the president, and Frank and all the other board members of the NCC(A). I am quite sure that with their caring attitude, honesty and the love of their people, they will climb the ladder of success because they are there, for their people.

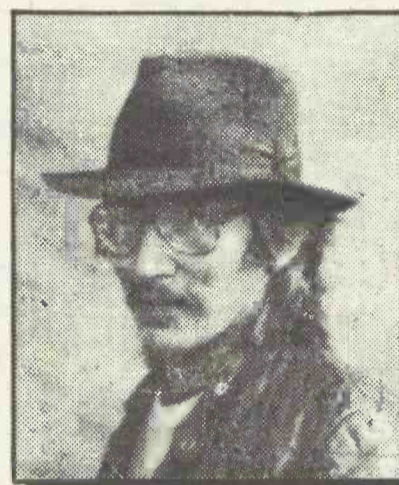
Sincerely yours,

**Kathy Logan,
An Innocent Member**

NOTE: This letter has been edited slightly for legal reasons. THE EDITOR.

Opinion

From One
Raven's Eye
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Leadership role applauded by M.L.A.

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Dear Roy:

I have just read the article by Maggie Hodgson from the Nechi Newsletter as published in the November 14, 1986 issue of Windspeaker.

As you know, since June of 1986 I have been the Chairman of the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission in addition to my responsibilities as M.L.A. for Banff-Cochrane. I would like to compliment you and Maggie for the comments you have made and for your taking a leadership role in a very serious issue affecting so many Albertans, particularly our Native communities.

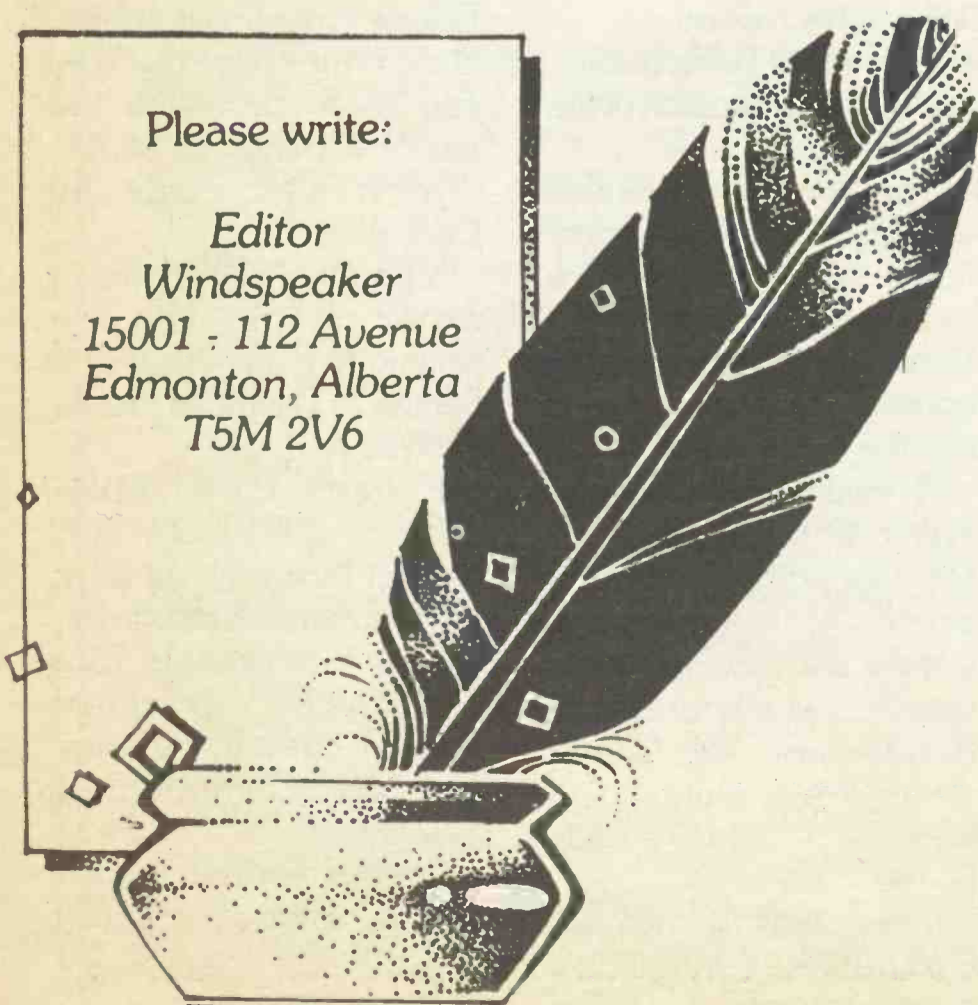
Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

**Gregg Steven, P.Eng., M.L.A.
Banff-Cochrane Constituency**

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Hello, ahneen, and tansi. Before you read another sentence, run off and hunt down a pen, pencil, a cigarette butt...anything that will make a mark on paper. Okay, all set? As you know we have been going over this and that in this particular corner of Windspeaker — still the AMMSA paper for over a year now. Therefore this week is the week for that test I sorta mentioned a column or so back.

Whoa, whoa, whoa. There is no need to panic and stampede off in a billow of snow. This test is to find out how much you know, not how much you don't. Also this memory check is designed with cheating in mind. In learning circles its called an open book test. Feel free to look back through any past columns if you have to. Or sit behind someone shorter and smarter. You can resort to the old reliable eenie-meenie-minie-mo-catch-a-bigot-by-the-toe method if you have.

This first part is called multiple choice. Underline, circle or smear over with that burnt out cigarette which every answer looks good to you.

1) Why do you never see Indians doing those jazzy beer commercials on TV? A) because those bottles wouldn't show up well enough in our brown mitts, B) because the advertising people who make them don't know we live around here? or, C) because too many non-Natives figure Indian is an Indian word meaning inebriated?

2) Ethnocentricity means A) going through life with one eye covered by the belief your people's way is the best possible way for everybody else? B) a city near Oz where everyone is treated with total respect and equality? or C) a way of making electricity using ethnic types on stationary bikes?

3) If you are at a restaurant and these white people keep staring at you through during the whole meal, would you A) Eat as sloppily as you could? B) Hold up mirrors? C) Ignore them until they grow up and learn manners? or D) Tell the waiter to go over and slap them for you?

4) Sixty-six per cent of inmates in the federal corrections system, prairie region are Native. We make up about three per cent of the population. There are lots of us in jail because? A) We make three mistakes in a row, one legal the other two being born poor and brown? B) The lawyers, cops and judges are all Indians who know what's best for their brothers? C) We all look so much alike they probably count us at least twice?

5) When do you think this country will have its first Aboriginal prime minister? A) After a woman gets made one first? B) Sometime after a certified Indian gets to be the minister of our very own affairs? C) After the ozone layer burns away and excessive ultra violet rays from the sun turn the whole population brown?

This next part has what you call essay questions. You can either write out your thinking or talk it over with a friend. You are also allowed to nod like you know

the answer without doing either of those first two things.

1) In Edmonton, if you pull in less than \$12 thousand a year, or if you spend at least a third of your monthly income on rent, then you are officially living in poverty. Are you yourself poor. Why are you that way? (Psstt...here's a hint. If you figure its completely your fault, you're wrong already.)

2) In the old, old, old days a hunter, if he could support them, could have more than one wife. Some men these days still act like that tradition is still alive. If a married man can do that, shouldn't a wife be able to also? (If it looks like the answer might cause a fight at your house, go on to the next one right now.)

3) Despite enough economic, cultural and social problems to make even a grown horse cry, why do we still have that ability to laugh and joke? Are we nuts, silly from stress or still in possession of a strength that hasn't been broken yet?

This last part is known as matching. You draw a line from the word to its meaning on the other side.

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| money ain't everything | because we are a circle minded people that makes sense our sandwich-making material should be that way also |
| kids | having this stupid idea that what is true for one or two is always true of the whole similar looking group also |
| bannock | instead of keeping stupid prejudices to yourself you go and actually act them out against the people you hold them about (i.e. in housing, jobs, hotels, etc.) |
| discrimination | a gift they say is given to us to raise - by the time they finish getting taller, most of us are on our way to shrivelling up and getting smaller |
| prejudice | when you look at five-year-old photographs at your smiling self and you see you're wearing the same teeshirt today as you were back then |

So how did you do? What are the answers you ask? Well that part of the test is for me. See, this whole paper way of talking is about communicating. While we try our best to have fun, there are also certain ideas being explored and fired around. If you got most of the answers, then I'm doing alright. If you couldn't get hardly any, well then I just have to do my work better.

Anyway, that's it for this week. Hope whatever personal testors and life quizzes you run into, you can figure them out or at least give honest to heart guesses to.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

By Rocky Woodward

The first annual Santas Anonymous talent show held at the Mistassini Junior High School in Desmarais was loads of fun, with even Chief Mike Beaver becoming involved as a contestant.

Held on November 21, the talent show was co-ordinated by Chuckie Beaver and, according to master of ceremonies James Yellowknee, many people were involved to raise money for families needing help during the Christmas season in the many isolated communities.

"We have people handling ticket sales, bake sales and back stage workers. It's nice when everybody comes together for an important event such as this," said Yellowknee.

Last year the members of the Bigstone Cree Band raised \$6,200. Yellowknee says the one reason for raising so much money was because of the involvement of the members, but "this year there are only a few of us on the Santas Anonymous committee so it makes it a little harder this time around," said Yellowknee, while mentioning the night before the talent show a bingo brought in \$400.

Yellowknee, like Chuckie Beaver, is hoping this will continue year after year.

The talent show opened with Beaver using a sing-a-long machine (taped country music without the vocals) doing some George Jones numbers and then Chief Beaver told the packed gymnasium to remember to cheer for each contestant as "it is hard to come up here on stage to perform. They do get nervous," he said.

The judges for the talent show were Virginia Cardinal, Marian Wolitsky and Gordon Gladue.

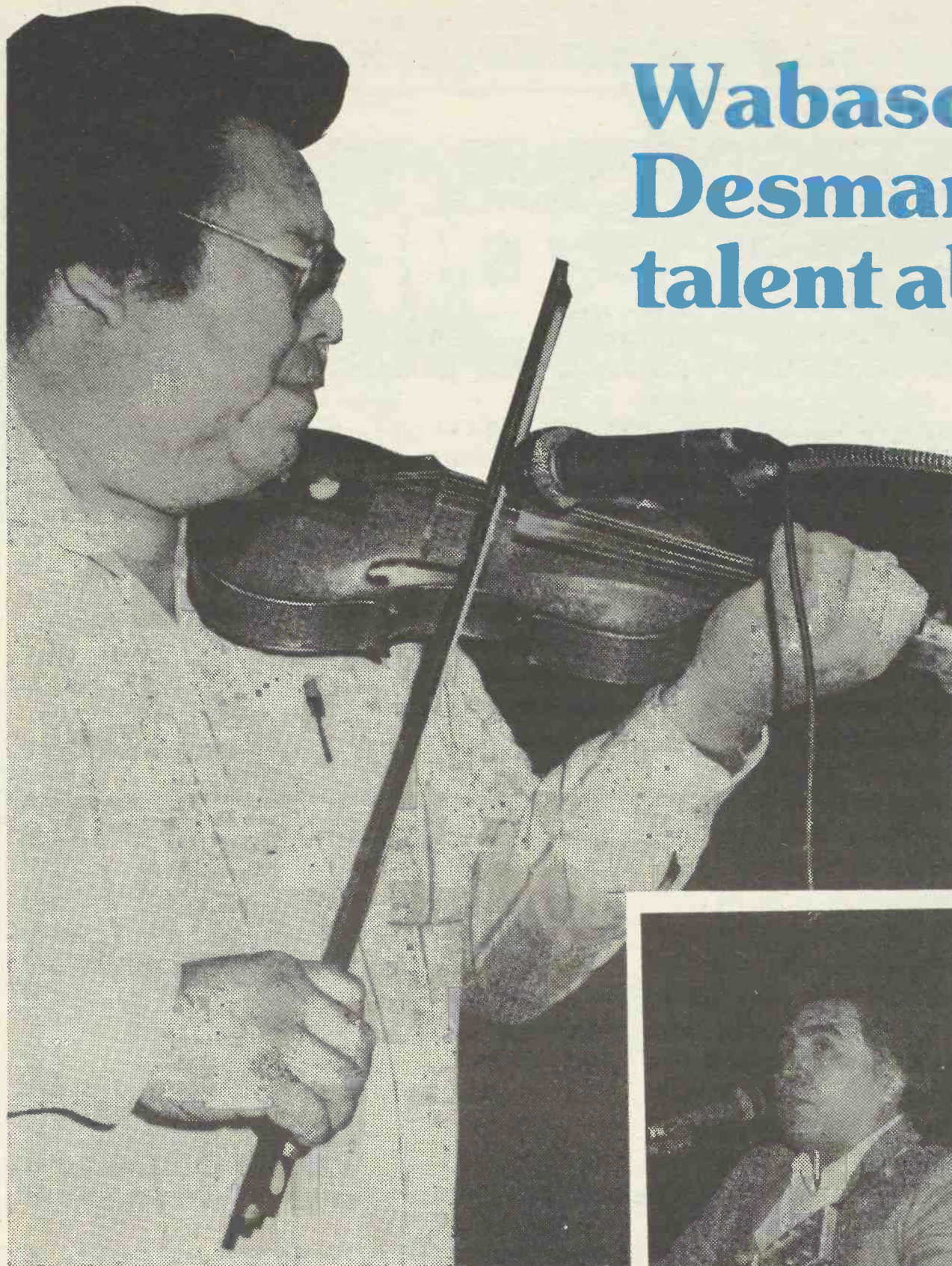
The talent show began with the male vocal competition, and although I really believe that one of the singers, Ken Cardinal, could have a future in the music business if he pushed himself to learn some more (he has a fantastic voice), it was none other than Chief Mike Beaver who went on to win the first place trophy, winning over eight contestants.

Second place went to Clement Auger and third to Roy Beauregard.

All the trophies were donated by the Bigstone Band Recreation.

With no women entered into the senior female category, the junior male vocalists were brought up, and although timing was somewhat difficult, the three performers entered put on quite a show for everyone.

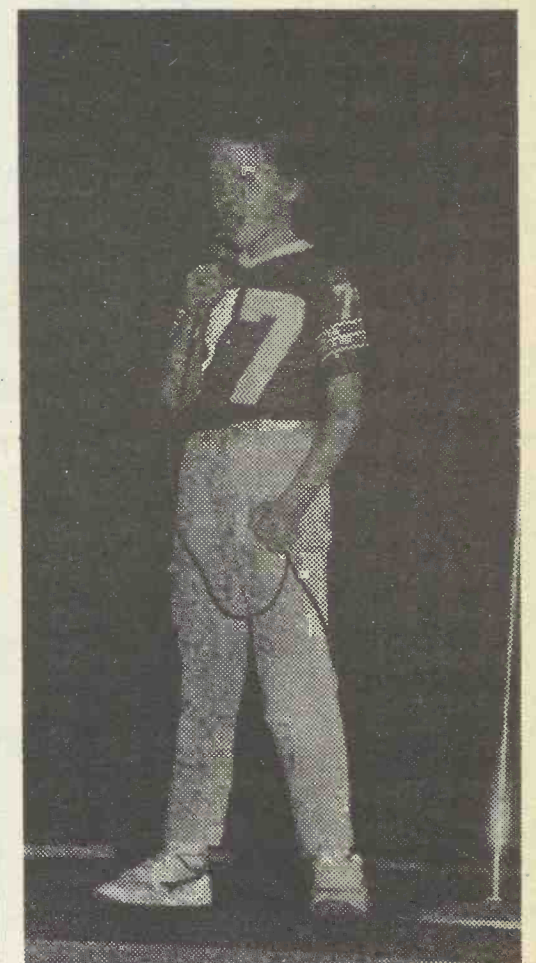
Wabasca/Desmarais talent abundant



PAUL BEAUREGARD
...fiddle champ



CHIEF MIKE BEAVER
...top male vocalist



HARLON BEAVER
...air guitarist



APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE
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The Windspeaker Calendar of Events

Check it out!

4th Annual Elder's Banquet & Dance, December 6, 1986, Legion Hall, High Prairie. For free invitations and details call the Friendship Centre at 523-4511.

ANWA — Bill C-31 Workshop, December 13, 1986, 1-3:00 p.m., Peter Pond Community School, Fort McMurray.

Children's Christmas Party, December 13, 1986 at 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., High Prairie Native Friendship Centre.

Christmas Share-a-Thon '86, get involved with the Friendship Centre in High Prairie. Call 523-4511 to make a tax deductible donation or help with hamper assembly and distribution.

OKI 10th Annual Men's Basketball Tournament, December 21, 22 & 23, Pincher Creek. Call 627-4224.

Memorial Hockey Tournament, December 26, 27 & 28, 1986, Saddle Lake.

Hockey Tournament, December 27 & 28, 1986, Kehewin.

Worlds Only Cowboy Xmas Rodeo, December 26, 27 & 28, 1986, Panee Agriplex, Hobbema.

Native Nashville North — to air on January 3, 1987. Every Saturday 10:30 p.m. on CBC Television.

7th Family Memorial Round Dance, January 2 & 3, 1987, 6 p.m., (Feast) 8 p.m. (Round Dance Nightly), Saddle Lake. For information contact Celina McGilvery 726-3829 Ext. 172 (days) or Rosemarie Cardinal 726-2381 (nights).

In the end, Simon Beaver placed first while Lyle Cardinal and Dwayne Bigstone came in second and third respectively.

In the ladies junior vocals, Leona Beauregard came in first after a fine performance. Nancy Young took second place while Lisa Cardinal came in third.

Great fiddle music played by Paul Beauregard, and the judges made no mistakes choosing him as the grand champion of fiddle music. In second place was another great fiddler Albert Cardinal.

"The only champion senior male jigger in Wabasca is now Donald Yellowknee," said master

of ceremonies James Yellowknee, after Donald finished his jiggling. He was the only one entered but that did not stop him from jiggling on stage to the applause of a very entertained crowd.

In the seniors couple jiggling category, it was again Donald Yellowknee along with his partner, Clara Yellowknee, who took first place.

One little guy deserves all the credit in the world, when he stood up on stage to do his part in the air guitar competition. He was the only person entered, but put on a show and, although shy (even I would have been) he deserved first place once he was

finished his routine.

Hats off to Harlon Beaver, Air Guitar Champion of the Bigstone Band.

The talent show ended with the comedy competition. Adrian Yellowknee took first place over Simon Cardinal, after telling some unusual jokes that earned him the trophy.

"I would like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting this worthy cause. With your help, tonight we have managed to collect \$1,500 for Santas Anonymous," said James Yellowknee, while saying they are at approximately \$2,500 to date.

The Santas Anonymous Committee have many more events planned

before Christmas arrives, and it is their hope that they can break or match last year's earnings of \$6,200, which was done by December 15.

Yellowknee recognized other people who are helping to make this year's Santas Anonymous just as good as last year.

I thank Chief Mike Beaver, Lillian Sinclair, Robert Moberly, Janette Gladue, Adrian Yellowknee, James Yellowknee, Rita Auger, Judy Yellowknee and, of course, Charles Beaver," commented Yellowknee.

For this reporter, it was a relaxing evening, spending time with the people of the Bigstone Band.

IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Bigstone Band building for brighter future

From Page 1

the southeastern shore of North Wabasca lake, while Desmarais is situated on the northwestern shore of South Wabasca Lake. The two communities are joined by three miles of gravel road from the centre of one settlement to the centre of the other. In addition to the hamlets, there are five Indian Reserves bordering the North and South Wabasca Lakes. These reserves are occupied by the Bigstone Cree Band.

NATIVE ANCESTORS

I must add that the original settlers to Wabasca-Desmarais were the ancestors of today's Native population.

After driving up to the Band Administration, I was introduced to a friend of mine, Charles Beaver, councillor, with his portfolio held in education, and another councillor, Denys Auger, head of Land and Estates. I didn't have a clue at this time where the reserve lay and always thought that Wabasca-Desmarais was a reserve. My confusion was not to last for long as these two gentlemen filled me in, clearly, on the history of the area.

The first chief of the Bigstone Band was Chief Joseph Bigstone, thus the name of the reserve. Roughly around the latter part of 1800, there were no

councillors, but instead headmen. The chief and his headmen formed the tribal council.

Today, the governing body for the Bigstone Band consists of 12 councillors and one chief, Mike Beaver.

The people of the Bigstone Band have always kept their problems to themselves, working it out at a community level along with their chief and council. Just once, in 1980, they staged a walk from Wabasca to Edmonton, when William Beaver was chief, and this was in demand of their rights.

They have had their problems like other reserves working towards self determination goals. But today, they seem to be overcoming many of the problems they once faced.

"We are at a point now where we know where we are going," commented Chuckie Beaver.

ISOLATED MEMBERS

The Bigstone Band also administers to isolated areas such as Calling Lake Reserve and the isolated communities of Trout Lake, Chipewyan Lake and Peerless Lake.

"These isolated communities are on Crown land, except for Calling Lake, but there are a tremendous land. Because of the distance and isolation, there is no funding coming from Indian Affairs to help them out, so we try to help

them," Beaver said.

There are approximately 2,500 Bigstone Band members, and this does not count people under Bill C-31, which number around 1,500. Council is still working on the Bill C-31 project and no details were available. Many of these people live off reserve and in the isolated communities. It is believed that the Bigstone Band has the biggest membership in the Treaty 8 area.

The Bigstone Band has moved towards a more progressive landmark, especially over the last three years. Much of the activity consists of oil exploration and lumber, but since Wabasca/Desmarais has become less isolated because of the access of new roads, other businesses such as hardware and food stores along with a garbage have opened in the area.

The band is hopeful that water and sewer will be put in next year in the subdivision areas, but as Beaver says, chief and council have been holding regular meetings and their hope is to put into effect a five-year community plan very shortly.

Inside the council chambers at the Band Administration, maps line the walls, showing future projects that the band is considering. Maps of road corridor locations, potential land use, settlement suitability, industrial and

commercial outlines — much of what the band wants to start developing in their five-year plan. There are also outlines of gas and oil exploration.

MINERAL RIGHTS

"Right now we are working with Decore Resources. They are the first ones that really started working with us and they are fair," says Denys Auger, while further mentioning that Decore makes sure they "don't screw up as far as mineral rights are concerned."

"Decore Resources surveys the land looking for oil, and if it is found they dig and put oil wells in. Once this is done their next step is to contact major oil companies interested in the oil," continued Auger.

There is a lot of oil in the Wabasca/Desmarais area, but according to Beaver, it is heavy crude and if in the future it is decided to venture into the oil business, the expense will be tremendous.

Away from the oil industry, the band has other hopeful ideas such as the opening of a hotel and mall. They would like to see these ventures constructed within the next three years.

"Right now we are negotiating with Native Economic Development Program (NEDP) people and other financial institutions regarding our future prospects," said Auger.

MANY FACILITIES

Today the band has for community use, housing — single and for families — a mobile home court, senior citizens housing (lodge with multiple units), community centre and arena, just to mention a few of the bands goals reached.

"The membership supports us most of the time, but we always make sure we do what they want," commented Auger.

Jobs at the moment are scarce, one reason being that any created employment does not last for long because many projects are not in place as yet.

The band is depending on education to help people stay involved with the community once things move ahead, "however, we are limited on our job programs right now," Beaver said.

The band once owned a sawmill and planer with a timber quota, but it was not efficient enough to create a profitable margin. In fact, it drained the band's revenue to create employment in the lumber business, so they sold the mill.

"Chief and council are right now negotiating for a portable sawmill. It is a future prospect," said Beaver.

GREAT FUTURE

The Bigstone Band has a great future ahead. Their negotiating principles —



MIKE BEAVER
...Bigstone chief

meetings in the community, strict no-nonsense agendas have been applauded by government officials. Working with experts, learning about business and staying in tune with the outside world has led to the Bigstone Band's progress. They indeed have a future.

"We have our rough times, but now we are ready for them. Chief and council know how to deal with any problems that might surface," said Auger.

"Sooner or later it will balance out. It may take a few years of hard work and many meetings of negotiating, but in the long run it will work out," added Beaver.

The Bigstone Band has a good body of people now prepared for negotiations and, according to Auger, are in good standing with both levels of government on a business level and, "our progress may be slow, but it's sure," Auger said.



Dropping In Rocky Woodward

Hi! Native Nashville North, don't forget, will begin airing on CBC Television on Saturday evenings at 10:30 p.m., January 3, 1987.

A series of 13 shows will be presented on each Saturday following the first air date. Although the half hour shows have not been lined up to give you the entertainers who are appearing on Native Nashville North in any order, watch in future issues of Windspeaker for those details. The line-up has not been established as of yet.

Some of the people to appear on the show are, Winston Wuttunee, Laura Vinson, Harry Rusk, Hoop Dancer Jerry Saddleback, Christine Daniels and the White Braid Society Traditional Dancers, the Red River Wheelers, Elizabeth Junior Settlers and Kikino Northern Lights Square Dancers, Kathy Shirt and her Native designs along with models, Percy Tuesday, Teri House and the Whispering River Native Nashville North Band.

This is to mention only a few who will make their appearance on the show.

Native Nashville North will air regionally, and also we have heard that CBC in the Northwest Territories have picked it up. Negotiations will continue through CBC representatives for the show to air nationally in the near future.

Native Nashville North was produced through the co-production with AMMSA and the CBC.

Also on January 3, BEYOND THE BEND OF THE RIVER, a documentary based on the life of Harry Rusk, will go on air on CBC Television at 10:00 p.m. Saturday.

Rusk is a full blooded Slavey Indian from the Fort Nelson area, and was the first Indian entertainer to ever appear on the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee — a plus for Native people everywhere.

The documentary follows Harry's life through his childhood days up until his present position as an ordained minister and gospel singer.

The documentary is worth watching as it portrays the many obstacles that Harry had to face throughout his life until finally overcoming these problems, making it in the music world as an entertainer of country music, nationally, and when he finally found Jesus.

Follow Harry to Nashville, Tennessee, his home at Kantha in British Columbia, his stay in the Charles Camsell Hospital when he was a boy, and meet legendary country singer Hank Snow and Jimmy Snow, in the documentary. It is a documentary that will make you proud to be of Native blood. Remember, January 3, on CBC.

FORT McMURRAY: Thank you, Metis Local 649, for the great letter you wrote to Dropping In.

On November 20th, Sally Dionne, office manager of the local, said they received their first "Windspeaker" issue.

Dionne says in her letter that Dropping In mentions to send us material on what is happening in YOUR communities, and so she has.

"For us here at the local, this will be our first attempt at hosting a Christmas Party for the membership. The Christmas Party will be held on December 14, at the All Saints Anglican Church in old Fort Mac," Sally writes.

Hey Sally! Can I return the compliment you sent me? Let me tell you that it is sure nice to see people, like yourself and the local, doing something in regards to our Native people. Keep it up.

Wouldn't it have been nice if there were active locals when I was growing up in Fort Mac.

Sally says the Christmas Party is more like a social gathering, and will be geared more towards the children, although there will be a turkey buffet for everyone, "so we're all enthusiastic it will be successful."

The local has also extended an invitation to myself or anyone on the "Windspeaker" staff to attend the function.

We will check with our Editor, and I would hope we can make it up. It is important. Let you know later.

EDSON: Here is another Metis Local (44) under Dan Martel that continues to work towards the future and betterment of Native people. I wish you a lot of success in your endeavour to help the unfortunate people in regards to the fire there recently, Dan. Please call me, at 455-2700.

SLAVE LAKE: Congratulations to the president of the Metis Association of Alberta, Sam Sinclair and his wife, Edna, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on November 15 in Slave Lake. I wasn't there, but I heard it was a successful party.

HOBBERMA: Okay. Where were you Willie Littlechild? If you are still involved with minor hockey, I have a great team of beginners called the "Little Warriors" who would like to play any beginners team at Hobbema, on your turf or ours. We have a few Saturday afternoons open for ice time. Interested? Call Coach Woodward at 455-2700.

EDMONTON: It's getting fairly busy around here because of the Christmas season. Please follow a good example from the Metis local at Fort McMurray and send us anything to do with the Christmas festivities.

We are really looking for children's Christmas drawings or stories. Come one, you can do it!

By the way, two of my ugly dogs escaped. If you see them, please keep them.

Have a happy weekend everyone.

COMMUNITY

Counselling 24-hour job for Willard Cardinal

By Donna Rea Murphy

ELIZABETH SETTLEMENT — Being roused out of bed at all hours of the night and on call 24 hours a day is just part of the job for Willard Cardinal, Bonnyville Indian-Metis Rehabilitation Centre's fieldworker for Elizabeth. Taking on the job as resident counsellor in October, Cardinal knew exactly what he was getting into as his wife Lydia had held the position for three years previously.

Bonnyville Rehab is one of several AADAC-funded agencies in Alberta. Fieldworkers are selected by the board of directors, who oversee the alcohol and drug programs delivered to different areas. Elizabeth is one of these.

"It's not an easy job," Cardinal says. "You get all sorts of calls to come into a situation in the middle of the night besides being at the office available to clients during the day. It can get rough at times and your

home life can be disrupted if you're not careful to separate the job from the family."

Cardinal is no stranger to counselling situations. Long before he went for Nechi Training in 1984 he'd worked in the recreation department at the settlement office. There were always young people and parents who sought him out seeking solutions to problems, and as much as possible he'd find ways to give positive reinforcement

to self-improvement efforts. "For 10 years I'd been in recreation, and the last three years I worked with the dance group (the Junior Travellers) doing preventive work and counselling on the side as problems came up. The only difference is that now I get paid for listening."

The fieldworkers mandate is diverse. He must be a referral service, act as liaison between conflicting parties, maintain good public relations with the

RCMP, Women's Crisis Centre, Social Services, health departments; and he must be knowledgeable in areas of human nature and community resources. Above all, he must be versatile and discreet in his dealings with clients.

"One of the things we continue to assure people is that when they come and talk to me their conversation is confidential. What they tell me or what I find out about a situation is kept in these four office walls or in my head and doesn't get talked about at the supper table or the neighbor's backyard. If people believe that their problems will be kept private, they're more likely to seek the help we can offer."

If a situation arises where a client doesn't feel comfortable talking to a counsellor from his home area, Cardinal will refer them to an outside agency or nearby district also served by a fieldworker.

"Sometimes we get people from Frog Lake, for instance, or we'll send one of our people to Grand Centre. Whichever place

where they'll feel comfortable — we'll accommodate them," he says.

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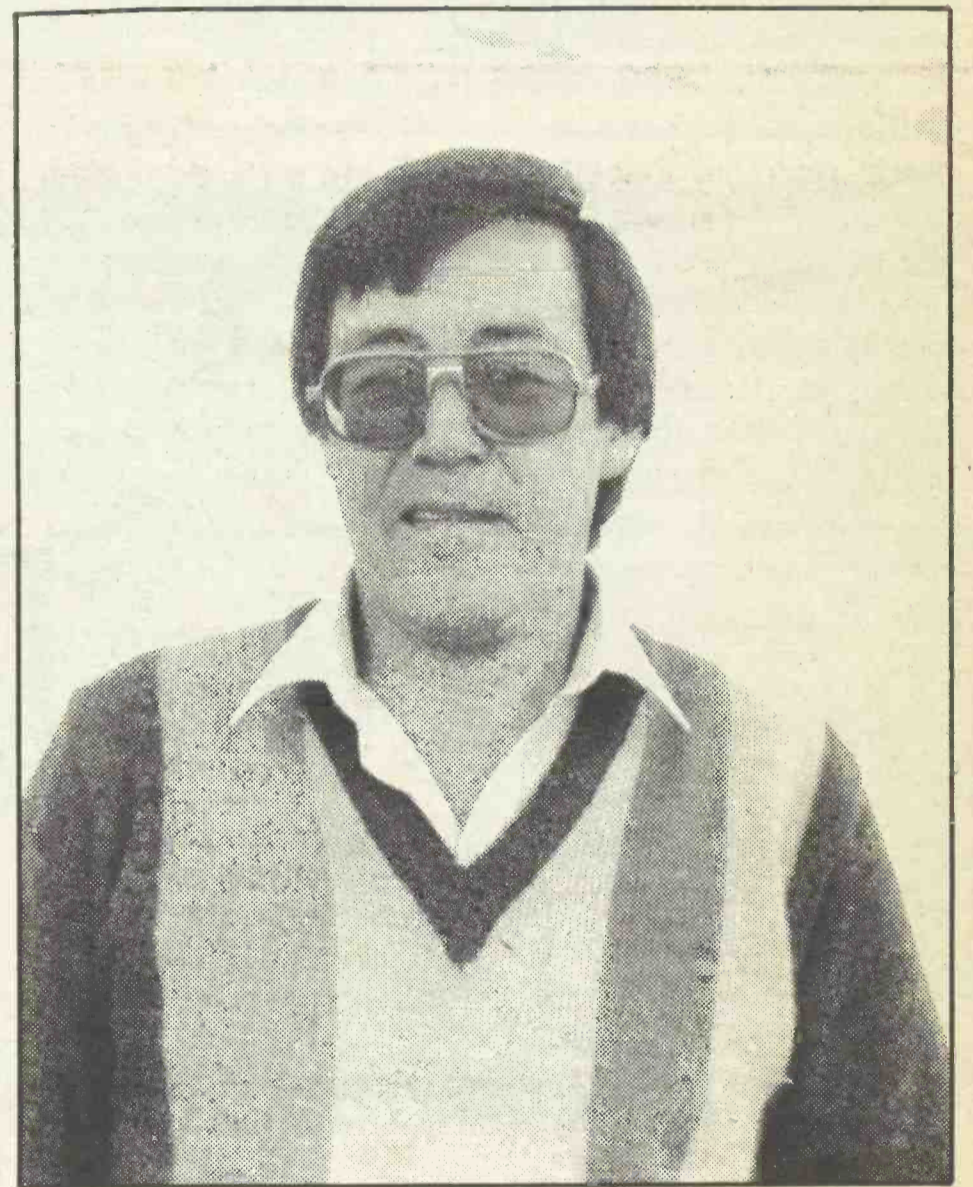
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St. Paul, Alberta
T0A 3A0
Phone: 645-6214



Fort Chip plans 200th birthday

By Terry Lusty

In 1988, which is only about a year down the road, Fort Chipewyan will celebrate its 200th birthday. The bicentennial is attracting attention of Alberta, according to its curator, Dr. Pat McCormack.

On the local scene, the community has established the Fort Chipewyan Bicentennial Society, which is chaired by Father Casterman, OMI. When contacted by Windspeaker, Casterman explained that the bicentennial is an event for both the local community and the province, and has a certain prominence in this province because Fort Chipewyan was the first settlement in Alberta outside of the Native communities that dotted

the province in earlier times.

Casterman went on to point out that the community was "a central point for trade and travel in westerly and northerly directions and as such, gave the community importance." Indeed, it was the focal point or, if you will, the gateway to the north and west in its historic period of the 18th and early 19th centuries.

The 10-member board of the society, which consists of local people, is looking to host some cultural events that would "stress the cultural aspects of the two tribes (Cree and Chipewyan)" that make up the community, said Casterman. "We hope to have a week-long winter celebration of events and, perhaps, a

summer one as well."

Father Casterman emphasizes that "we want the whole community to participate" in this event, and notes the great amount of time and effort required in organizing such a celebration. He says that the committee is not inclined to operate in isolation as it recognizes the value and necessity of involving local and outside resource people and groups.

A mid-December meeting of the society will hopefully result in some strategizing and decisions that will aid them in their efforts to effect a working plan for the bicentennial, also create a public awareness of their community. As well, the plans will incorporate a means of encouraging tourism to Fort Chipewyan.

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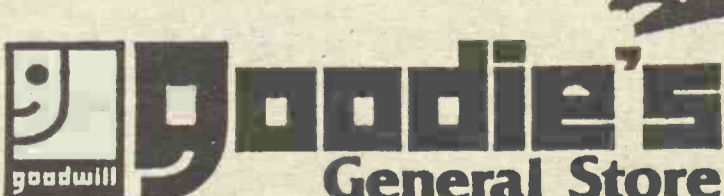


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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Mark McCallum

The best offense is a good defense; but the Hamilton Tiger-Cats had both in this year's Grey Cup game. The 'Cats offense, led by quarterback Mike Kerrigan, scored 29 points on the Edmonton Eskimos' defense after the first half. The Eskimos' offense had nothing (that's right, no

points) and a total yardage of minus one after 30 minutes. They fumbled the ball seven times, gave up 10 sacks and were intercepted twice on the day. The Eskus turned the ball over eight times and didn't actually score until the dying minutes of the game. They lost 39-15.

Sound bad? It was. But did Edmonton learn anything from all this? Maybe. I hope so...after all it took the Tiger-Cats three Grey Cup appearances in a row to win this one. If that doesn't make you hungry and mean, nothing will. The next time 'round, Edmonton will be a hungrier team and maybe their growing pains will pay off. **EDMONTON** — A Wind Golf Tournament will be played on December 27. Golf? Yup, indoor golf at West Edmonton Mall. "Big John" Fletcher from the Canadian Native Friendship Centre in Edmonton is helping organize the tournament, sanctioned by the Wind Golf Association. Tee time is at 10:00 a.m., but be there about 9 to register, says "Big John," or you might miss the "shotgun start."

Snacks and refreshments will also be served in the hospitality room, where they plan to present awards after the tournament. Call John at 482-6051 for more information.

KEHEWIN — The Native Provincial Ladies Volleyball Tournament was held at Kehewin on November 28, 29 and 30. The winning team this year was the Hobbema Night Hawks, followed by the Frog Lake Brave Maidens, Moose Mountain Tornados and the Wabasca Kryptons, respectively.

The tournament was put on by Kehewin and co-hosted by Moose Mountain. By virtue of being the champions, the Hobbema team will get the chance to host next year's tournament. Liz Poitras, who plays for Moose Mountain, said all the teams played "really well" and says a special thanks should go out to all the volunteers that made the tournament "a success."

A Kehewin recreation "no-hit" hockey tournament will be held at Elk Point Arena on December 26, 27 and 28. Tournament organizer Roy John says they will accept the first 12 teams until December 19 at 12 noon. But Roy said that "no carded players" will be allowed in the tournament, which costs \$200 per team. You can phone Roy or Norman Amahoose at 826-3333 for more tournament details.

SLAVE LAKE — Recreation coordinator Alex Courtorille says that their Slave Lake Friendship Centre boxing club won two divisions at the Alberta Bronze Gloves Championships, held at Drayton Valley on November 29 and 30. The winners were Marvin Laboucan in the 156-pound intermediate division and Mark Johnston in the 165-pound Junior 'C' division. Daniel L'Hureaux finished 2nd in the 119-pound Junior 'C' division. Alex says they will play host to the Alberta Junior Golden Gloves Championships on January 24 and 25, at the banquet room in the Sawridge Hotel. Three cards will be held on Saturday afternoon, and the finals will go the next day about the same time. He also mentioned that the annual Metis hockey tournament, held in Slave Lake for the past seven years, is cancelled until January '88. "Just not enough money," said Alex, who can be contacted at 849-3039 for any additional information.

Until next week, that's all.

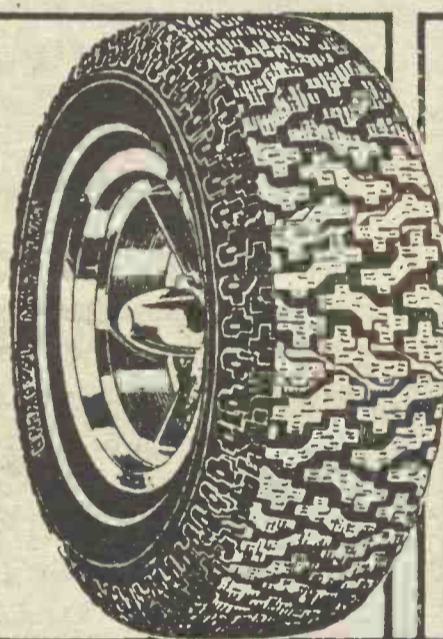
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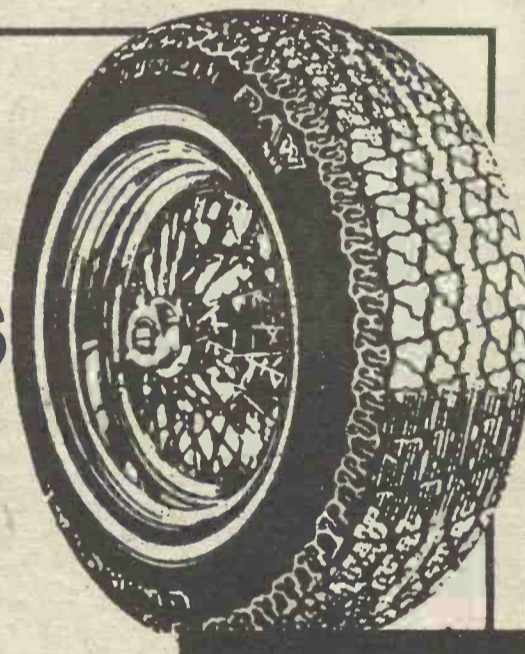
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The school district is working on developing a text on Native studies. The next will focus on local Native tribes but will also cover the history of Metis peoples. I've been asked to gather as much material as possible on the Metis probably because I'm one.

Here are some of the areas I wish to cover:

1. Louis Riel (Northwest Rebellion)
2. When and where the first Metis Association was established. In which order did the provinces follow suit? Who were the people involved?
3. In your own words define for me what a Metis, Status, and Non-Status is.
4. History of Metis Settlements.
5. Any material that deals with current issues affecting Metis people's and Metis land claims.

If you would like to help where you can, I would appreciate it.

*Respectfully yours,
Jean Cunningham*

Dear Jean:

To assist you in your search for contemporary and historical information on Canada's Metis, I would recommend you contact some of the following associations:

Metis Association of Alberta
120, 12520 St. Albert Trail
Edmonton, Alberta
T5L 4H4
(403)455-2200

Association of Metis and Non-Status Indian of Saskatchewan
2nd Floor, 806 Victoria Avenue
Regina, Saskatchewan
S4N 0R6
(306)525-6127

Manitoba Metis Federation
620, 504 Main Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3B 1B8
(204)942-8304

Northwest Ontario Metis Federation
613 North Harold Street
Thunderbay, Ontario
P7C 4E4

As per your request for information on the Northwest Rebellion I have sent you a copy of "Back to Batoche, 100th Anniversary," written by Terry Lusty and other Metis writers.

I would also suggest reading the following books, in order to gain a better understanding of Louis Riel and the unfolding of the Northwest Rebellion.

"The Life of Louis Riel" by Peter Charlebois
"The Birth of Western Canada," by George Stanley
"Strange Empire" by Joseph Kinsey Howard

The above book is also published under the title of "The Strange Empire of Louis Riel."

In order to obtain information on the history of the Metis Settlements, I would suggest you contact:

Alberta Federation of Metis Settlements Associations
2nd Floor, 11104 - 107 Street
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The federation has books for sale on the history of each of the eight settlements in Alberta. They can also provide you with a copy of the Ewing Commission Report, which is a key historical document to understanding the establishment of Alberta's Metis Settlements.

Defining the various Aboriginal groups in this country is beyond this columnist. I would suggest contacting the following Native political groups for definitions. These groups will be sitting around the constitutional table at the First Ministers Conference in 1987, tackling this very issue, and others.

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In closing, I would suggest that you utilize the services of a newspaper clipping service to keep up to date on Native issues. Clipping services are usually listed in the yellow pages.

I hope this information is of some help and I wish you all the best on your project.

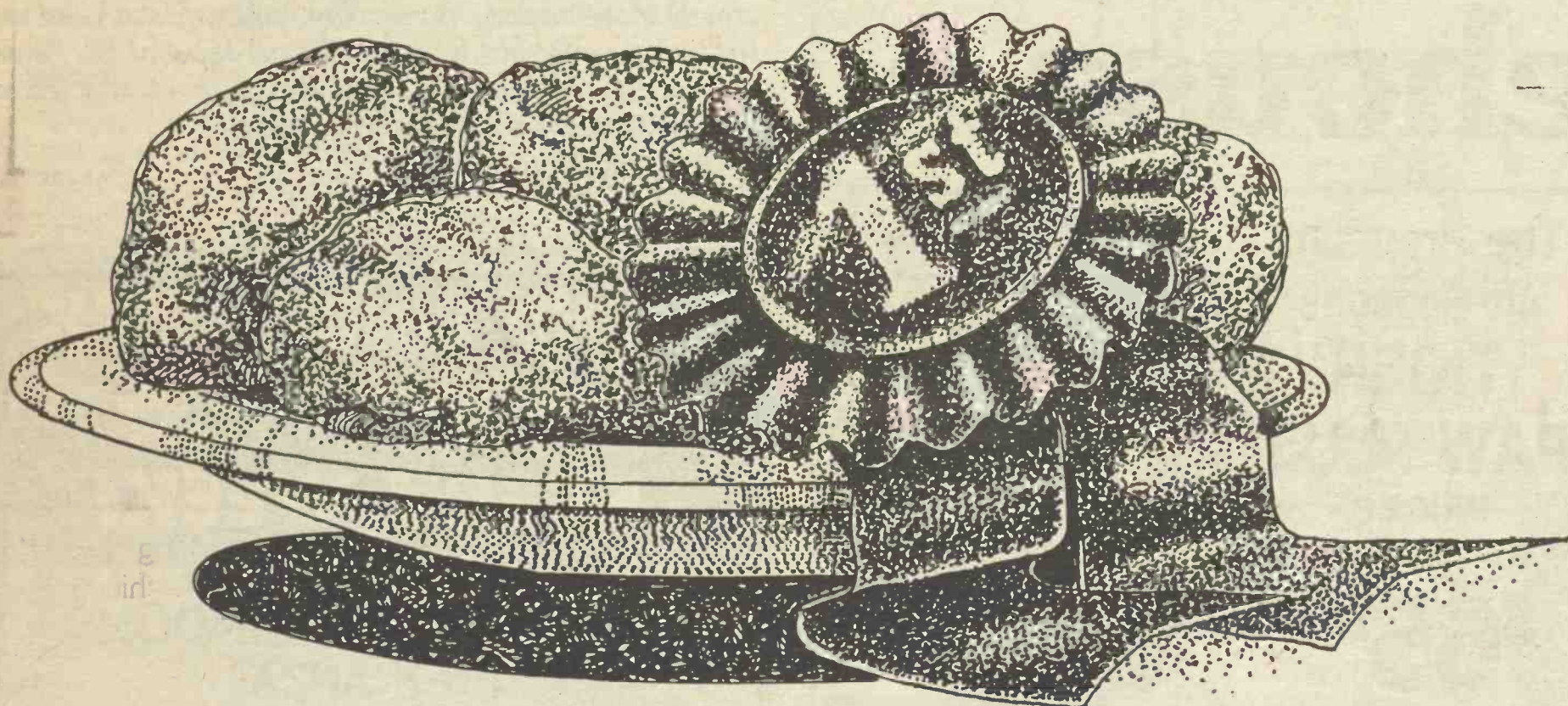
If there are other groups or individuals who can be of further assistance to Jean please contact her at:

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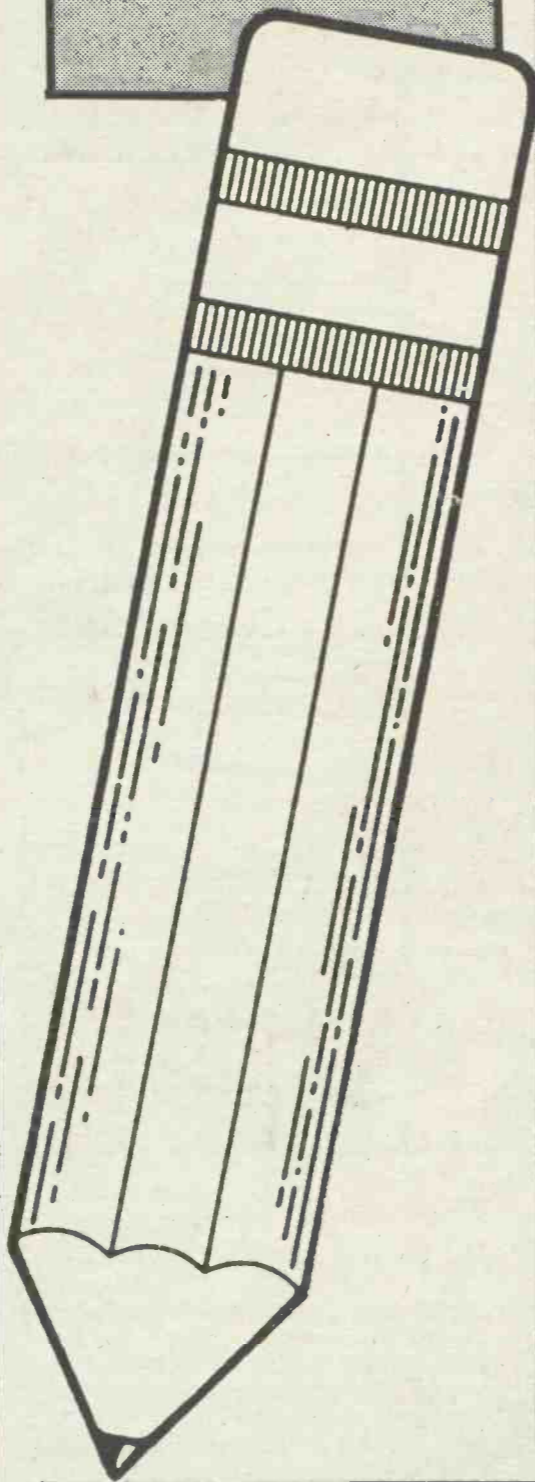
The Council consists of ten members and is chaired by Bob Elliott, MLA for Grande Prairie.

Groups or individuals interested in making submissions at the Clairmont meeting should contact Bob Elliott, in Grande Prairie at 538-1800 or the Northern Development Branch in Peace River at 624-6274.



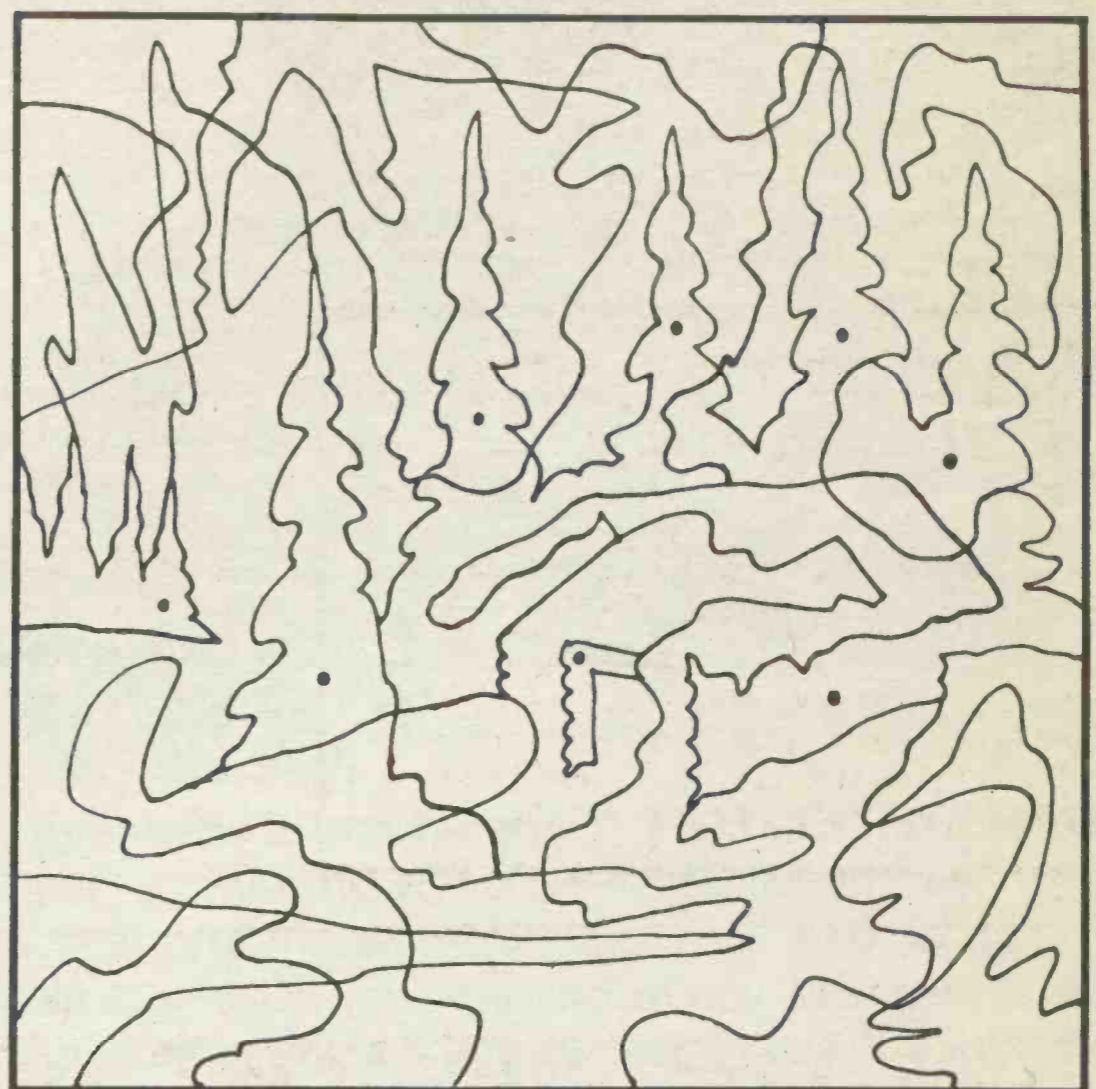
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By Kim McLain



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All interested members 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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WINDSPEAKER WORDSEARCH

By John Copley

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WORDLIST

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| 3 - letter | Beaver |
| Axe | Horses |
| Buy | Outfit |
| Doe | Rights |
| Dog | Supply |
| Fur | Tanned |
| Rat | Winter |
| Tag | |
| 4 - letter | 7 - letter |
| Cold | Country |
| Hunt | Licence |
| Lynx | Skinned |
| Pelt | Trapper |
| Rack | |
| Stew | 8 - letter |
| Wolf | Clothing |
| Lone | Patience |
| | Snowshoe |
| | Wildlife |
| 5 - letter | |
| Canoe | 9 - letter |
| Frost | Legislate |
| Labor | |
| Rifle | 11 - letter |
| Stock | Grizzly Bear |
| Trail | |
| 6 - letter | 12 - letter |
| Badger | Conservation |
| Beagle | |



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: Administrates

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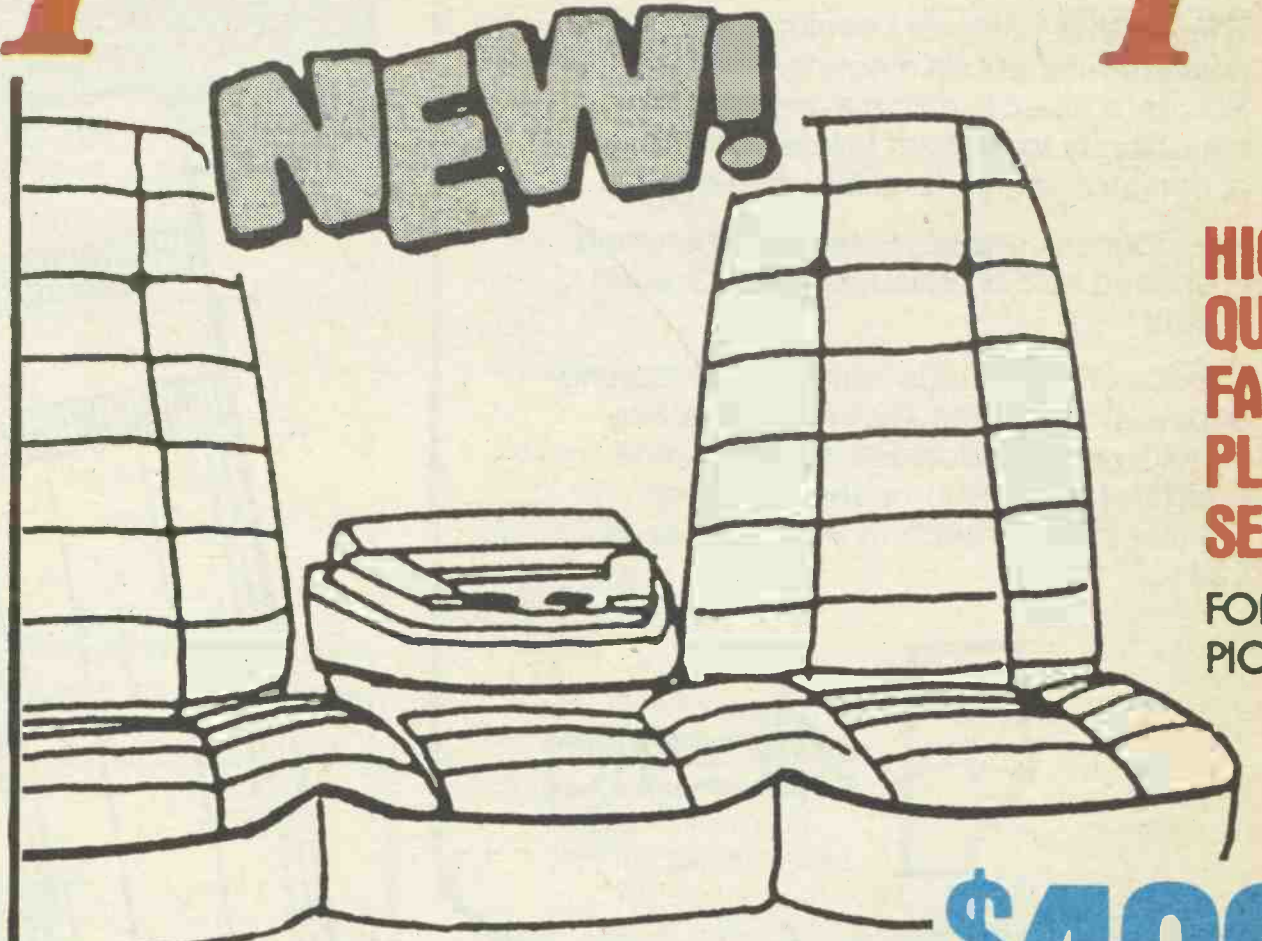


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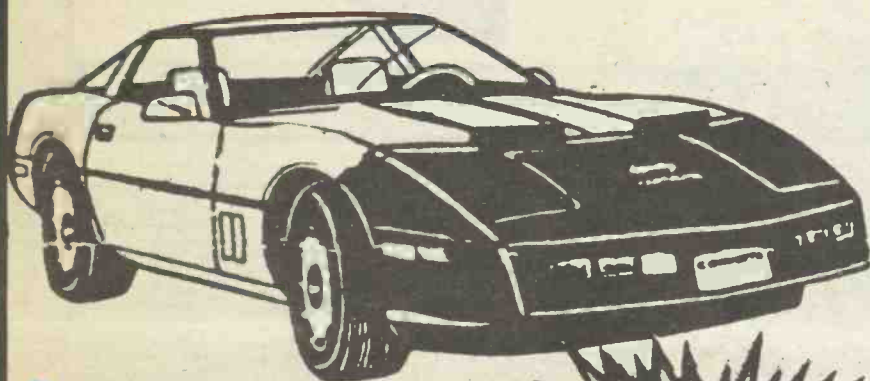
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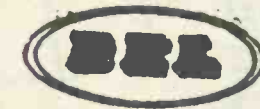
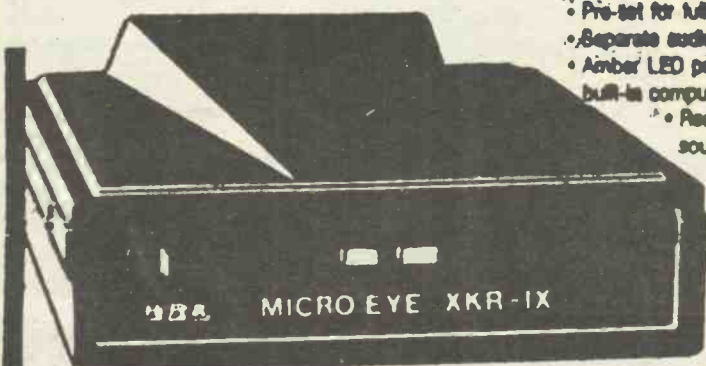


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CUSTOM TAILORED SPORTY PROTECTION AGAINST WINTERS ELEMENTS

MAJOR STOCK ORDER JUST ARRIVED

XKR-1X DASH/VISOR MOUNT #864



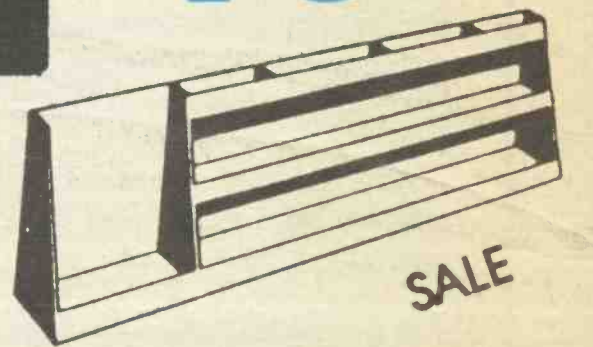
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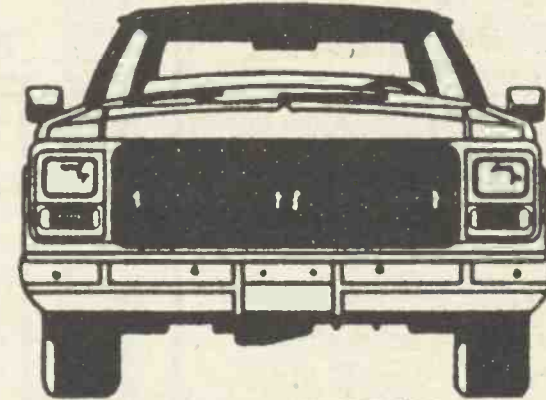
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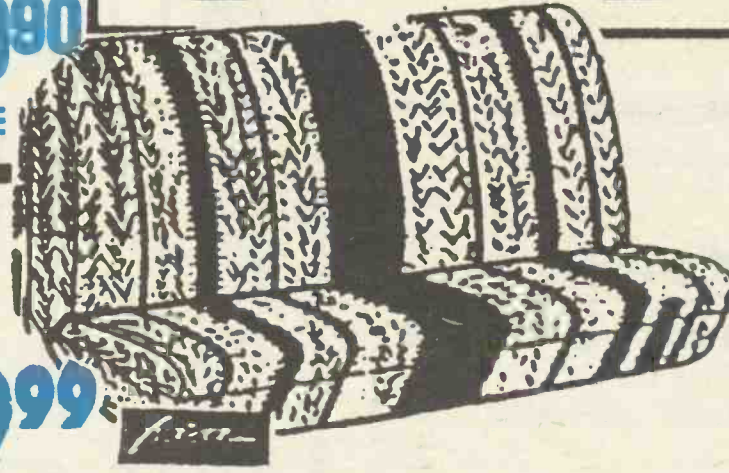
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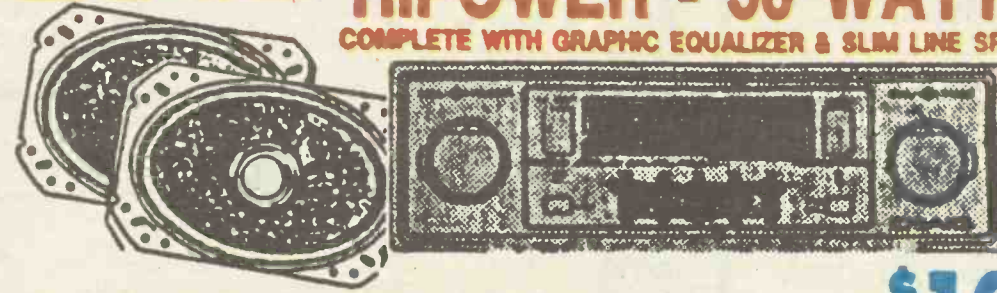
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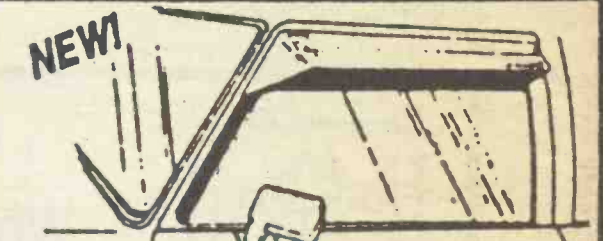


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