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# New leaders, new aims for IAA

By Albert Crier

"The Indian people of Alberta obviously wanted a change in leadership; I am confident that I and the other people elected can live up to their expectations," said Gregg Smith, the newly elected president of the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA).

The IAA will not attempt to speak for the Indian bands of Alberta, but will reorganize as a political lobbyist that would deal with real political issues, said Smith.

Smith promised a more open and responsive administration of the IAA at the first press conference held by the new executive on June 13 at the IAA Edmonton office.

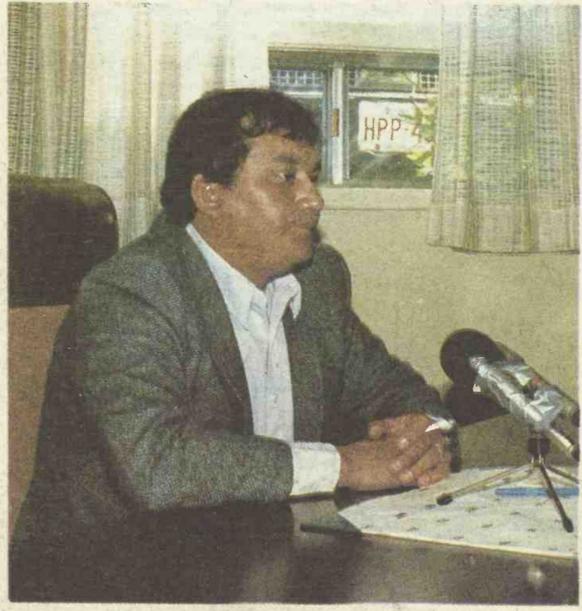
Smith said he will take a team approach to tackling the problems and issues facing his people.

The new IAA executive "team", includes Percy Potts of Alexis Band, vice-president for Treaty 6; Narcisse Blood of the Blood Tribe, vice-president for Treaty 7; Lawrence Courtoreille of the Cree Band of Fort Chipewyan, vice-president for Treaty 8; Tony Arcand of the Alexander Band, secretary, and Roy Louis of the Samson Band, treasurer.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

IAA board members who were elected last year and still have a year left in their mandate include; Peter Bird, Allan Paul and John Samson for Treaty 6; Regena Crowchild, Floyd Smith and Jim Wells for Treaty 7, and Don Calliou, Mike Beaver and Bernard Mineen for Treaty 8.

One of the top priorities



**GREG SMITH**  
...new IAA President

of the new administration, is to keep the membership fully informed on all issues and to stress more com-

munications among Alberta Indians.  
"There's a lot of interest at the local level, as shown

at the annual meeting; we will be keeping people at the local level informed," said Smith.

Smith said another priority area is rebuilding the organization to ensure that IAA information and responsiveness is more widespread across the province.

There will be change at head office in terms of support staff, said Smith, indicating that the IAA will begin structuring a public relations program on a weekly format.

"I will make myself personally available to the media," added Smith.

**MEDIA BAN**

Commenting on the media ban imposed at the IAA annual assembly, after a reporter tried to get the financial statements of several bands, Smith reiter-

ated the concensus of the assembly delegates that those statements are the property of the bands.

"There is skepticism about the type of information that is released to the media. That information is in the best interests of the band members and is available to the band members," said Smith, adding that financial information is confidential between the individual bands and the federal government.

Smith said that the Neilsen Task Force recommendations that relate to Indian people should be discarded since there was no Indian consultation or consent.

Alberta Indians will be demanding a greater say in decision-making on Treaty and Aboriginal rights, said Smith.

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## Metis harm feared

By Rocky Woodward

According to the president of the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA), Sam Sinclair, the Federation of Metis Settlements 1985 agreement with the provincial government could cause Metis people across Alberta harm, if it is signed 10 months before the con-

stitutional talks slated for 1987 in Ottawa.

At a press conference June 16 in Edmonton, Sinclair said that particular agreement "bothers us to no end," that the MAA represents all Metis people in Alberta politically and that the MAA's position regarding the Constitution is political.

"In 1985, Lougheed mentioned to our board between meetings in Ottawa, that even if there was no agreement signed then for self government, we could go back to Alberta and pretend it was signed towards that process. "We do not fully under-

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## Election to go ahead

By Laurent C. Roy

ATHABASCA — In an attempt to avoid further deficits the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) passed at the annual general assembly a resolution to delete Article 1X (6) of the constitution. The resolution was passed by a vote of 14 to 1.

members at a special meeting held here on June 14, 1986.

The special resolution proposed by the MAA to the general members for ratification would have deleted Article 1X (6) which reads: "The term of the zone directors shall be one (1) year. Notwithstanding any to contrary, the term of the directors appointed at

the 1984 Assembly will be for a term of one (1) year."

The proposed special resolution reads: RESOLVED: To delete Article 1X (6) in its entirety and to replace it with: "The term of the zone directors shall be two (2) years, and this term shall be effective as of September 3, 1985."

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**INNOVATIVE ENTRY**

The Samson Band tried something different—and special—when Elder John Samson led the young players from the reserve into the hall for the annual dinner honoring contributors to the band's amateur hockey program. See Page 19.

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**INSIDE THIS WEEK**

A new Native princess will be crowned this weekend when the Canadian Native Friendship Centre in Edmonton (in co-sponsorship with the Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta-AMMSA) hosts the 1986 Alberta Native Princess Pageant. For profiles of the candidates, see Pages 16, 17, 28 and 29.

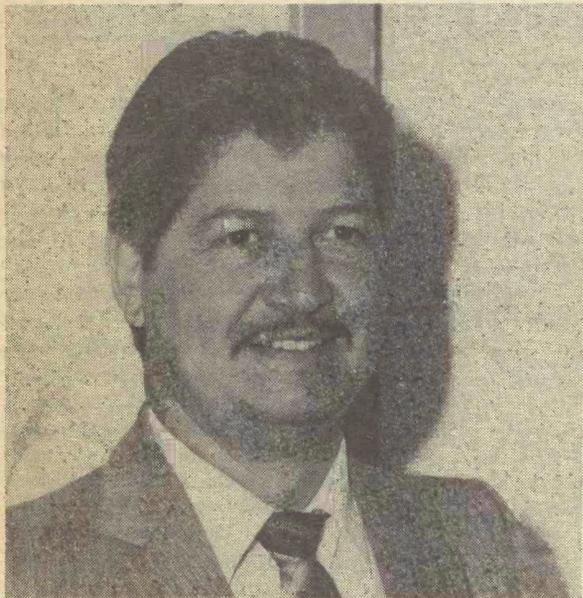
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# Metis harm feared from agreement

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stand what Lougheed meant because shortly after he came back he was involved in an agreement proposed to the Metis Settlements in June of 1985," said Sinclair, further commenting that any dealings the Settlements make can do a lot of harm to the rest of the Metis in Alberta, "which number approximately 60,000."



**GARY PARENTEAU**  
...FMS president

Sinclair said that the general public should understand that the Metis Settlements only represent 4,500 metis at this time and that, "we are not trying to jeopardize their position in the Constitution, but certainly nobody should jeopardize our's as well."

According to the president of the Federation of Metis Settlements, Gary Parenteau, the MAA, and a step further, the Metis

National Council, does not represent the Settlements nor the FMS.

"The MNC receives funding for the constitutional talks on Aboriginal rights but we are not participating with them. Sam is supposedly our representative, but not for the Settlements. We are involved with different processes and will leave it that way."

In 1938, land was set aside by amendment to the Alberta Act for Metis Settlements. But by order of the Province of Alberta it can be changed, one reason that Parenteau says the Metis lost four Settlements.

The process that the FMS is involved with today is to update and make amendments regarding the Metis Settlement Act, and to work with the provincial government to amend the Alberta Act and some 140 other concerns.

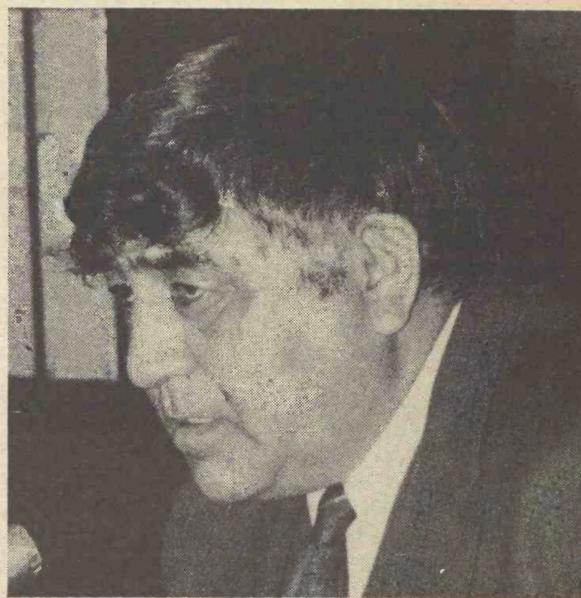
"Having amended the Alberta Act, the federal Parliament, during any sitting and under Section 43.2

of the Canadian Constitution, can adopt the amendments to the Alberta Act," stated Parenteau, while mentioning the amendment formula for any changes to the Alberta Act and the Constitution would take seven provinces to agree before a change could be made.

This then would ensure the Settlement metis that no one province could make a change to the Settlement Act.

Parenteau feels that Sinclair's concern is over the resolution concerning an amendment to the Alberta Act: "in fee simple reserving thereout all mines and minerals." However, Parenteau points out that it further states in the resolution that the above is without prejudice to existing Metis Settlement litigation (the court procedure the FMS are and have been taking regarding their rights.)

Sinclair says that he believes the idea is good



**SAM SINCLAIR**  
...MAA president

regarding the Federation's agreement with the province in 1985, "if it would have included resources, mineral rights and what have you.

"It includes no resources and they are no better off than they were in the past. The only thing is that they would entrench their lands as ownership, but nothing to go with it. It's another welfare program and if they sign, then the Alberta government will have an excuse to say to the federal government that they dealt with the Metis."

Parenteau says they will table their position in July once it is ratified at the All Council meeting scheduled for June 27 in Edmonton.

"All we are doing is holding up our side of resolution 18. We could have signed in June of 1985, when it was unanimously accepted by the Progressive Conservatives and the NDP,"

However, Sinclair says this is the area the MAA is worried about, that of the 60,000 Metis of Alberta and, "we are not against the

Federation's position, but they will weaken us if they sign that, and there is some rumor that something will be signed in July, that bothers us."

Parenteau is not surprised with Sinclair's comments, he says, after attending the conference held in Ottawa, in the second week of June.

"He is saying we are wrong and may now be looking for support. I thought we could work together, but after what I saw in Ottawa, with the MNC, it shows clearly that they do not represent the FMS."

"If they would give us equal representation and equal access for funding we would be willing to negotiate with the MNC or the MAA, but Sam has never represented the Settlements. I do not know where he gets this idea from," commented Parenteau.

Parenteau added that they don't want a MAA—FMS dispute because the Metis people should have a united voice, respecting each other jurisdiction.

## Provincial

# Metis 'tired of handouts'

## By Rocky Woodward

The Metis are tired of handouts and depending on government to feed, clothe and run the lives of the Metis, says Sam Sinclair, president of the Metis Association of Alberta.

Sinclair made the comment at a press conference in regard to his recent trip to Ottawa and meetings with Metis National Council members and ministers from different levels of government.

With only 10 months to the constitutional talks, Sinclair would like to see both levels of government enter into a tri-lateral agreement with the MAA.

Sinclair commented that the constitutional position under the British North American Act, was brought back in 1982 and, "as I understand in the agreement by the British Parliament, they must deal with the Aboriginal people on their lands."

Sinclair feels the provincial government was not serious when they signed an agreement in 1983, which was a political accord to be carried out with the four first minister's meetings in 1983, '84, '85 and '87.

"It seems Alberta was not serious when they signed that accord because they have not fulfilled anything that pertained to

Metis people in regards to the political negotiations on a land base and self-government.

"Out of those two positions we asked for entrenchment in the Constitution and we are still very serious."

In the accord, a tri-lateral process was set up to involve the provincial and federal government, along with the MAA.

"We have been denied that process up 'till now and we will negotiate further as to why we are denied it, even though Manitoba and Saskatchewan have already pursued it and we understand that Ontario is favourable to the Metis in the northwestern part of Ontario pursuing it. British Columbia has also been denied this process.

"We want to make government understand this tri-lateral process, as we have only 10 months to the next First Minister's conference," said Sinclair.

Sinclair stated that all the things they are after are negotiable and workable.

"We want them to understand that we are not asking for the moon, but a rightful place in the Canadian Constitution, to be fair to our people socially and economically that (so that they have what) other people enjoy."

According to Sinclair,

government spends millions of dollars, mainly through social services, welfare, alcohol and drug abuse and child care programs. He believes the Metis now need self-determination agreements with both governments so the Metis can make decisions as "landlords, and not as tenants as it has been over the last 100 years."

"When we talk about self-government, we are talking about self-government within the Metis. We are not intruding on other people in regard to their cultures and the way they govern their lives.

"What we want is a government, not necessarily a third order of government, but one that is strong in municipal affairs, not necessarily a top one as the federal and provincial jurisdictions. The important thing now that must be understood is it is time our people are allowed to govern and also to share the resources that have been denied them."

Sinclair says that the government will say there is no new money, but he would like to see money that is already there.

"I think it is high time that we become involved with the money transfers that come from the federal government and never reaches the people it was

originally intended for, which is the Metis people of Alberta."

Sinclair's main concern is the tri-lateral process that he says would open up communication so that the wishes and concerns of the Metis can be heard at a provincial level. Sinclair stated that if the tri-lateral process goes through, it could make both governments understand the seriousness of changes that are needed "for all Metis across Canada, and certainly Alberta (government) could set a good example if they allowed the resources that are denied right now."

Sinclair has stressed two important factors and concerns of the Metis, that of the tri-lateral process and regionalization, and has met with Neil Crawford, Alberta minister responsible for Native programs, saying he was informed of these concerns and "he said he would get back to us. What bothers us is the dates they set are never fulfilled."

Sinclair stated that most of the time government's excuse is that they are not tuned in enough and "that to me is not good enough. It has been around since 1985, that we wanted to get this started. We have only 10 months to work on these important concerns," said Sinclair.

## Federation election of executive set for Edmonton meet

### By Rocky Woodward

The Federation of Metis Settlements has announced that they will be holding elections for executive positions (four positions) at the Beverly Crest Hotel in Edmonton on June 29.

Prior to the election date, an all-council meeting will be held June 27 at the same location regarding the Settlements resolution 18, and ratification by its board members.

On the 28th, nominations for the president's

position, secretary, vice-president and, possibly, the treasurer's position will be held, following federation business.

Three individuals have already come forward for the president's position. Rany Hardy (Kikino), Ernest House (Caslan) and Elmer Gostkeeper from the Paddle prairie Settlement.

The present president of the FMS, Gary Parenteau, made no comment as to whether he would seek election this year for the presidency.

# New leaders, new aims for IAA

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Responding to the recent announcement by Indian Affairs Minister David Crombie that Indian Affairs staff will be cut by half, Smith said this is one area where the IAA will demand immediate involvement by Indian people.

"We have been saying for years now that while the Indian Affairs department has turned some programming over to us, we have not been given the resources the government had while it was operating these programs," said Smith.

**WORK WITH THE T.C.A.**

Smith said the IAA will try to work with the northeastern Alberta bands who are not part of the IAA.

The Tribal Chiefs Association (TCA) represents seven bands: Beaver Lake, Heart Lake, Goodfish Lake, Saddle Lake, Kehe-win, Frog Lake and Cold Lake.

"We will work with the TCA as best as we can. As Indian people we have to try and work together," said Smith.

Treaty 6 Vice-President

Potts added that the IAA and TCA are of the same mind in opposing government policies implemented without Indian consent.

"We will not be accomplices to a fate imposed on us, based on European thinking. The dominant society (of Canada) is off track in a lot of ways," said Potts.

In recognizing urban Treaty Indians, Smith said the IAA maintains that Indians are Indians whether they live on or off the reserve. He added that there are other Native organizations and agencies that service off-reserve Treaty Indians.

**OIL AND GAS**

Band initiatives in the management of oil and gas resource development were not looked at by Indian Minerals West, said Smith, responding to a report that the Indian Affairs directorate recently received a funding increase of \$4.1 million from the previous operating fund of \$1 million.

The Coolican report on comprehensive land claims is another government initiative that will receive close scrutiny from the

IAA, added Smith.

Smith has mixed feelings about the recent provincial cabinet changes which divided Native Affairs into legal and program responsibilities, with two ministers.

"It may be good, if it's going to senior ministers", said Smith cautiously, noting that project and program funding are dealt with by the same bands.

**REAL LEADERS**

"The Elders are our real leaders and will continue to act as our advisors and keepers of our traditional customary laws," said Smith. He added that he was glad that the Elders are getting more involved and that the IAA will consistently work with the Elders.

The younger members of the IAA will be assured of an executive responsive to their concerns, by the youngest IAA executive ever elected said Smith.

Smith indicated that the IAA will be lobbying along with other organizations to get mental health and suicide prevention programs established in Indian communities.

Treaty 8 Vice-President Lawrence Courtorielle promised to strengthen the

Treaty 8 involvement with bands in the land claims process, the Treaty 8 renovation process and support for harvesting, hunting and trapping rights, as well as providing assistance to area bands in the lobbying for improved delivery of services.

"Hunting and trapping are still a major source of income for Treaty 8 peo-

ple," said Courtorielle.

Narcisse Blood, Treaty 7 vice-president, said he will work with Treaty 7 bands to "create a common front against the threat to treaty rights that constantly come up from the government." He added he would respond positively to the constitutional and service delivery concerns of Treaty 7 bands.

The IAA maintains that individual bands have the right to determine their own membership, said Smith. He questioned the validity of the Bill C-31 approval process for membership codes, noting that at present, only three Alberta Indians bands have had their membership codes approved.

## New president profiled

By Albert Crier

Gregg Smith, the new president of the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) elected on June 12, leads the youngest group of politically experienced leaders of the provincial

Indian organization since it was established in 1936.

Smith, 35, is from the Peigan Band near Brocket in southern Alberta, where he lives with his wife Karen, and their son and daughter.

Having had direct involvement in politics for a

number of years, Smith brings the knowledge gained from practical political experience to the IAA presidency.

He has represented the Treaty 7 area as IAA vice-president for the past three years. He also served for two terms on the Peigan Band Council, between 1979 and 1983.

Prior to his political work, Smith was an RCMP special constable, stationed with the Pincher Creek detachment for two years.

In addition to carrying out his former vice-presidential duties, Smith was chairman of the Alberta Indian Health Care Commission. "I see myself, more as a political lobbyist rather than an administrator said Smith.

Smith indicated that he would consult and use the guidance of Indian Elders in his term of office, which runs for two years. "I firmly believe that they (Elders) truly hold knowledge of traditional Indian customary laws," said Smith.

He added that he would like to see further development and use of the traditional customary laws of Alberta Indians.

Smith said he would use the media to get the message on issues and IAA action cut to the Indian people of Alberta.

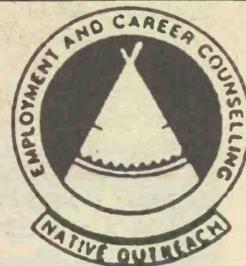
Getting an adequate support staff in place that would respond to the membership concerns and band requests for technical assistance is an immediate priority for Smith.

The major issues currently affecting Indian people have been ongoing for a number of years, said Smith when asked what issues demanded immediate action.

There are many issues to be dealt with in all sectors, the areas of health and education to name two," said Smith.

"The very survival of our people depends on making sure the government does not make us non-Indians," said Smith.

The IAA board will be discussing the relation the First Ministers Conferences (FMC) on Aboriginal rights have to Treaty Indian concerns, to reassess our position on the FMC process," reported Smith.



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# Unity needed to address issues

By Albert Crier

Treaty Indians need one united voice across Canada to address national issues that affect them, says John Samson, co-ordinator of the Elders committee and Treaty 6 board member of the Indian Association of Alberta.

It's going to take the combined effort of all Alberta Indian leaders to take on national issues; no one reserve can successfully act alone, advises Samson.

Samson is a former president of the IAA, serving two terms of office, from 1962 to 1964 and from 1966 to 1967.

"I hope that leaders stand united to fight national issues and do not tell the chiefs how to run their reserves," says Samson. Examples of national issues that require Indian unity are the preservation of treaty rights and in opposing Bill C-31, with its proposed changes to the Indian Act, explains Samson.

Unity also means Treaty Indians need a voice at the First Minister's talks on Aboriginal rights, says Samson, "Up to now, we were only observers.

"The chiefs have been so hung up on "self-government," there should have been a study of the impact on the reserves done first," says Samson, "No one has an answer to what is self-government? This is where unity is needed. That is why the Elders have brought up unity at the annual meeting."

Samson welcomes changes introduced at the IAA assembly. "People needed change; the IAA constitution is going to be based on Indian traditional law and Indian child adoptions will recognize the traditional form of adoptions that were used in Indian communities," says Samson.

"I think it (IAA) is going to get stronger, through more communication and information going to the reserve band councils," says Samson, adding "this was lacking, there was not

enough information going to the reserve level."

Samson suggests that annual reports "should go out before the annual meeting."

Samson was impressed with the support shown at the annual meeting which had increased in attendance from what was in previous years.

"People are starting to take an interest back in the IAA; I have never seen so many people at a general meeting as there was at Duffield," said Samson.

He complimented the Paul Band Council and members for their great hospitality.

"They looked after the people real good. They provided us with good meals and everything was

orderly. There was no problems," said Samson.

Samson co-ordinates the monthly meetings of Indian Elders held throughout the province.

"We are not a separate group from the IAA," he explained Samson. "We are so concerned with so many things that affect our people, we will do anything to help our leaders.

"I ask the chiefs and councillors to support their Elders in paying expenses to attend the Elders meetings. We are relying on the councils to support Elders in conference expenses," said Samson.

He gave an open invitation to all Treaty Indians to attend the regular Elder conferences. "This is for everyone if they have the time," said Samson.

## Increased communications promised

By Albert Crier

After getting his second mandate to serve as the Treaty 6 vice-president of the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA), a pleased Percy Potts promised to increase communications with area band councils.

Potts, 35, was re-elected to the vice-presidency at the IAA executive elections held on June 12, at the association's annual assembly at the Paul Band.

Along with his wife and 5 children (3 sons, 2 daughters), Potts lives at Alexis. He commutes daily from his home to his Edmonton office.

Potts' political experience may have helped his election. He has served as Treaty 6 vice-president for the past two years. Prior to

that he was a board member of the IAA for one year. He also served as a counsellor with the Alexis Band Council for four years.

Potts took Canadian Studies at the Grant MacEwan Community College, where he studied political science among other courses.

To help Treaty 6 bands fight off attacks on Treaty rights which occur in form of government policy is the mandate Potts believes was given to him and his executive colleagues.

"Our mandate is the protection of Treaty rights, as per the IAA constitution and as predetermined by the Elders who founded the association," said Potts.

He named his grandfather, Joe Potts, as one of



PERCY POTTS  
...Treaty 6 V-P

the Elders who was instrumental in helping Johnny Calihoo, the first president of IAA, in establishing the organization.

"We have to get the government and the public to understand the frustration of Indian people, who suffer from the oppressive and

restrictive government policies imposed on us," said Potts.

In a recent report to Treaty 6 chiefs and councils titled "Assimilation Policies Are Not New," Potts outlined a long trail of government policies implemented since 1920 that portray a consistent pattern of government attempts assimilate Indian people into the dominant society.

"The government does not fully understand the implications of their policies as they impact on Indian people," said Potts.

As a present day example of a government policy that has a negative effect on Indian people, Potts points to the provincial restrictions on Indian hunting, fishing and trapping.



## Courtoreille to work to building young Native leaders

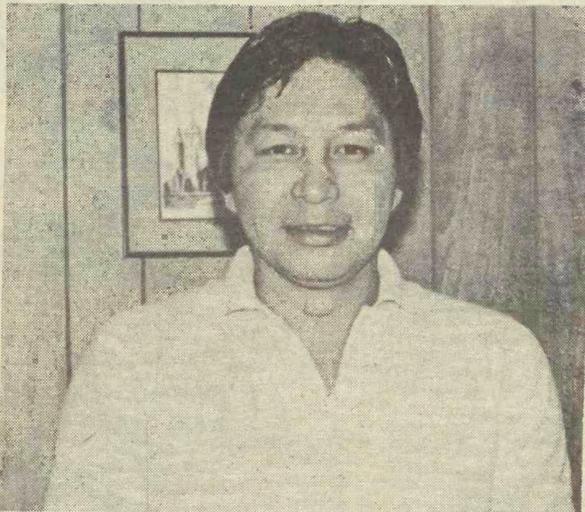
By Albert Crier

"We have to develop, nurture and promote leadership among Indian youth, with the help of our Elders," says Lawrence Courtoreille, the recently elected vice-president for Treaty 8 of the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA).

The IAA has to go back to the Indian people throughout the province, to hear their concerns and viewpoints on current Indian issues says Courtoreille.

Courtoreille, 34, from the Cree band of Fort Chipewyan, has had an extensive involvement with the provincial Indian organization. He worked with INSPOL, the Indian sports and recreation agency, when he was 18 years old. Later on he worked as an IAA field worker and a researcher with Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research (TARR) office. He served as administration director for both the Cree and Chipewyan bands of Fort Chipewyan.

The Cree band of Fort Chipewyan chose Courtoreille to lead them as chief in 1976 and he served in that capacity for eight years.



LAWRENCE COURTOREILLE  
...Treaty 8 V-P

Courtoreille resides in Edmonton with his wife and family of two boys and two girls.

It's a big job for the IAA at this time to rebuild the association, says Courtoreille, adding that a membership organization such as the IAA has to involve the membership. Courtoreille also expressed the importance of keeping communication lines open between the association and band councils.

To this end, Courtoreille

said he will "go back to the fieldworker system," to keep in tune with what is happening at the community level and to relay information back to the northern communities.

"I intend to hire three field workers," said Courtoreille, adding that the field workers will have a direct communication link to the Treaty 8 Edmonton office.

Throughout the IAA history, Treaty 8 was a major source of leadership strength, but in recent years Treaty 8 involvement

has diminished, said Courtoreille.

Courtoreille sees another approach that hasn't been concentrated on lately—that is youth involvement in tackling the problems that confront Indian people.

"I will work toward building future leaders among our youth," said Courtoreille.

The new Treaty 8 vice-president also wants to see the furthering of awareness on issues and proposed actions to the membership.

Courtoreille complimented his predecessor's (Clifford Freeman) support of Treaty 8 hunting and fishing court cases. He will continue Treaty 8 office support for the Indian people involved, but will also challenge the provincial and federal government on their respective policies.

Another area of political concern that Courtoreille will focus on, is the lack of Indian participation in the resource development of northern Alberta.

He also extends political support to the Lubicon Lake Band and other Treaty 8 bands in their effort to get their land claims settled.

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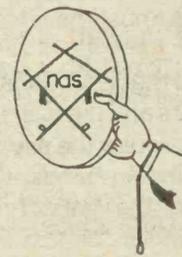
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# New directions for IAA

By Clint Buehler

The Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) has new leadership - the youngest in its history.

It would also appear that it has new direction and vigor.

The vigor was evident even before the elections in the larger than usual attendance at the IAA's annual meeting in Duffield, and in their active participation in the proceedings.

There have been times in recent years when organizers were unable to muster a quorum (25 members from each of the three Treaty areas) so that the business of the association could be dealt with by the membership.

On at least one occasion, a large sheaf of resolutions were never voted on because no quorum could be gathered.

This new vigor was particularly evident on election day this year, as members who were unable to attend the whole meeting made a special trip to Duffield to vote.

One significant difference between the old leadership and the new would appear to be the openness of the new administration.

Wilf McDougall, when he was president of the IAA, made no bones about his distrust of the media and his reluctance to talk to reporter. IAA members complained, however, that such secretiveness carried over to his relationship with them — that they weren't kept informed of what he was doing.

Gregg Smith, the new president, called a press conference the day after his membership that he intended to be co-operative with the media and would strive to keep the members informed.

Smith made it clear that he believed there were some areas — particularly financial matters — that he felt were strictly "Indian business" and should not be available to the general public. Smith also stressed his willingness to cooperate with the media and provide information and comment in those areas effecting the general public.

A major thrust of Smith's administration can be expected to be resolution of constitutional issues and other concerning relative to the the relationship between Alberta Indians and the federal government.

Smith stressed at the press conference that he wants to see little, if any, IAA involvement in programs and an emphasis on its role as a political and lobbying organization.

With the final guaranteed First Ministers' Conference on Aboriginal Rights less than a year away and, as Smith admits, the IAA and other Aboriginal groups far behind schedule in preparing for it, those preparations must have top priority.

Other pressing concerns are the reductions in the Department of Indian Affairs and the ways in which that is being done — particular the efforts to transfer responsibilities to Indian bands; the implications of Bill C-31 and the impact its implementation will have on Indian bands; the introduction of various forms of self-government to Indian bands; land claims and other settlement of Aboriginal rights; and the preservation of traditional "harvesting" rights related to hunting, trapping and fishing.

With such a large and complex list of concerns and such limited time to deal with them, the new leadership must already be feeling the pressure.

And the vice-president of the three treaty

areas have their own specific concerns to add to those general ones.

Percy Potts, re-elected as vice-president for Treaty 6, faces the challenge of regaining the support of the bands in his area — particularly the seven northeast bands which are spear heading independent action through the Treaty 6 Forum.

Lawrence Courtoreille, replacing the long-time task of charting new directions based on his

own concerns and priorities — some of them quite different than those of his predecessor. He had the added responsibility of the major task of Treaty 8 renovations.

Narcisse Blood will want to put his own mark on his role of Treaty 7 vice-president, with both the benefits and disadvantages of working under the leadership of his predecessor, Gregg Smith.

It will be interesting to see how they meet those challenges.

## LITTLE KNOWN VERSIONS OF 'THE END OF THE TRAIL'



*melvin*

**Editorial**

# Opinion

## Reader corrects Windspeaker

Dear Editor:

In your recent article (June 13, 1986), you highlighted the newly elected Board of Directors for the

Alberta Chapter. The following errors were noted in the listing you issued: Mr. Tom Gostkeeper does not work with Native Outreach but rather with Alberta Manpower, Vivian Willier is

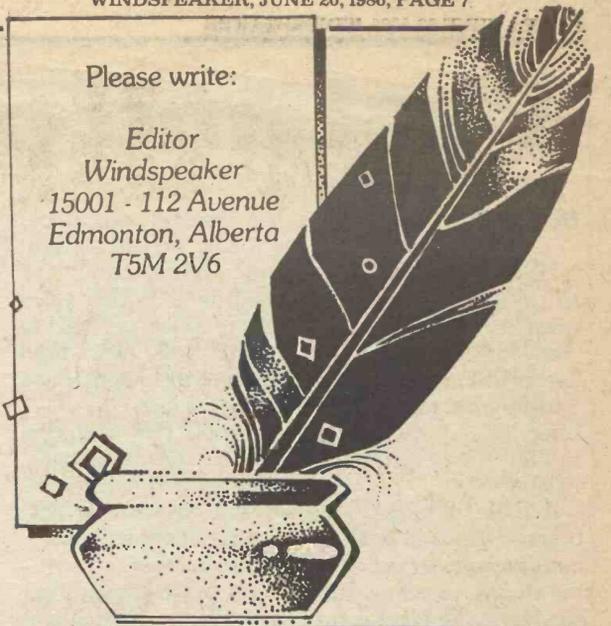
employed with the Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council rather than as listed, Mr. John Tees correct name is Tees, not Nees.

I trust the above corrections will be duly noted and circulated.

Sincerely,  
Allen Willier  
President

Please write:

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## Anonymous letter prompts reader to respond

**NOTE: In the May 30 issue of "Windspeaker" we reprinted a letter to the editor of the Bonnyville "Advocate" along with a column exploring what such letters might indicate about public attitudes toward Native people. This is one. "Windspeaker" reader's response.**

THE EDITOR

Editor  
The Bonnyville Advocate  
BONNYVILLE, AB

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing in response to the letter which appeared in your newspaper, The Bonnyville Advocate, on May 8, 1986.

I am surprised at the policy of your newspaper. Letters to the Editor usually require the name and address of the writer before they are published.

Please publish my letter.

Yours truly,

Cora Voyageur

## Reader opposed to letter in Bonnyville newspaper

Dear Editor:

I, like you, have never written in response to any newspaper article; but I cannot withhold any longer!

If you have had your fill of Native issues, why on earth are you reading "Windspeaker?"

You, my friend, are a crock! You are literally part of the SILENT majority/minority, however you want to look at it. I have had to deal with bigots like you my entire life. I'm sure my feelings are shared by many. You pick and choose the details you want to remember. Details that reinforce your slanted point of view.

Why do people like you always have all the answers to Native problems? Poverty, unemployment, and a high suicide rate are just a few of our problems. Your problem is cowardice.

You made some pretty strong statements for someone who must withhold your name because of "business commitments."

Could it be that those same "Indians" you speak about provide your livelihood?

Contrary to your beliefs, I am contributing to the welfare of our society. I am an honest, hard working, law abiding citizen. No, I am not from an oil rich reserve, on welfare, or peddle a bit of moose or fish when I am short of money. I work for a living, just like you!

Frankly, I am surprised your newspaper (the Bonnyville Advocate) would publish this type of "hate literature".

Jim Keegstra spent a lot of time in court for this type of thing. Maybe you and the many who share your feelings can open your own local of the Klu Klux Klan. I understand the KKK also operate under the protection of anonymity.

Unlike you, I am not afraid to attach my name to my views!

Yours truly,  
Cora Voyageur  
Wembley, AB

From One  
Raven's Eye  
wagamese....



Aloha and ahneen. Say do you know what the difference is between a Hawaiian and an Ojibway? I've been at various times in my travels mistaken for a Hawaiian, and once for a Mexican, but never ever as a Scandinavian. However, speaking of differences, this week we have a moving story on exactly that.

Imagine the following scene which takes place on a Greyhound bus at 2 a.m.:

Frank Doyle groaned and his head jerked up from resting on a shoulder. Turns out it wasn't his shoulder, though. It had been resting on the shoulder of the person sitting next to him.

Doyle sat bolt upright. He was about to stretch, his elbows got half way up then he remembered that Indian sitting there next to him. Robert Crier gave him this smile that spread out his already scraggly moustache. Doyle reached for a cigarette from his plaid shirt pocket.

"You got an extra one of those, partner," the Indian asked.

Doyle's face went irritable and thin in the yellow flare of the lit match. He didn't bother to answer.

Robert shrugged, crossed his arms on his chest and stared innocently around. "Boy, you are sure one quiet person, Frank."

"How do you know my name is Frank, the other man asked, reaching for his back pocket and his wallet.

"Because its written there on your smoke. Do you write your name on everything you own?"

Frank's eyes crossed as he pulled his head back fast to look down the cigarette from the puffing end. Then he sort of smiled. "My son's kid, Ronny did that. Darn kid's always doin' something or other."

Robert shoved up the cap he was wearing, adjusted his black framed glasses and said, "Uh, Frank, if you loan me a smoke, I'll tell you what you said out loud in your sleep."

Frank coughed and answered hoarsely. "I don't care what I said. You aren't getting a cigarette outa me that way. How come you people are always tryin' to get something for nothing anyway?"

Robert's eyes sort of went big there for a second and then he went quiet for a few minutes. "They say the price on cigarettes and liquor is going up again," he finally said.

Frank muttered something under his breath about taxes.

"Taxi's," Robert replied, "they're raising the price of cab fare, too? Holy smokes!"

"Who said anything about taxi's? I said taxes. But you wouldn't know anything about that would you. You don't have to pay them like the rest of us normal people."

Robert sighed in relief. "Well that's sure good news for me Frank. My mother pays taxes every year so that makes me half normal anyways."

Frank shot a suspicious look at Robert. "Your mother's a white woman?"

"Nah...she's full blooded treaty same as me. She lives off the rez though, so she has to pay tax."

"Okay, okay, so you live off the reserve and you pay taxes like everybody else. That's how it should be, even on the reserve. Should make no difference at all. No hunting whenever you damn well please. No free house. No free medical and dental. Nothing.

You should work for everything just like the rest of us. No special treatment at all."

Frank stabbed his cigarette out on the window sill so now there were two things smouldering away on his side of those double seats.

Robert rubbed his lips with his hand then sighed again. "Ah, maybe you're right my friend, maybe our great grandfathers made a mistake signing that treaty way out there on the plains that day. Probably they figured everybody would be happy with the deal, everybody would keep their word on it and we would all get along real good. Maybe we should just tear up that treaty and start all over."

Frank just shrugged his thin shoulders.

"But you know, you'd end up giving up your treaty rights, too, my friend. No more special rights for you anymore either."

Frank's bushy eyebrows clumped up in a bunch over his square blue eyes. "What do you mean. I got no special rights."

"Sure you do, Frank. Just that we been doin' such a good job keepin' our word on them all these years you never had reason to complain."

"Don't get smart with me now. You're the one who don't pay taxes. You're the one who..." Blearly faced heads turned in their direction as Frank's voice raised. Robert held one finger to his lips and raised up the other one like a stop sign.

"Shhhh...we'll both end up walkin'" then we'll both have something to be good and mad about. Let me at least finish what I set out to say. See, we signed this treaty, this deal with you people about the land.

Now because of that deal you could come here to live—to share the land with us, in other words. That's one of your rights, one of the promises we have always kept with you. The other one is we wouldn't make wars or bother you people in any way. Here it is 100 years later, you're making a good living even though you're the only ones mad enough about things to want to fight most of the time. Still you got treaty rights, special rights same as me. But maybe you're right. Maybe we should just forget the whole thing. I'll take what belongs to me in the first place an you can go back to wherever you came from."

As Robert talked, Frank's breathing began to get quick and noisy in his nostrils. "This is my home, I'm not going anywhere," he said, "I don't believe a word you say. Not one single thing. You just make up excuses to not pay taxes so you can sit around, collect welfare, drink all the time. Oh you people, you..."

Robert slid his brown cowboy boots out into the aisleway and stood up. Frank's head snapped back so he could glare some more into the Indian's eye. Robert shook his head and whispered. "You know, I don't know why it is that every time I hear you people talk like that it always just makes me need to go to the bathroom. Whatever it is, though, it just happened to me again. Be right back."

Well, while Robert is off attending to some personal business and Frank is sitting there refining his arguments, we'll leave them rolling along in the night until next week.

The difference between an Ojibway and a Hawaiian? A Hawaiian can sing through his nose and come out sounding just like Don Ho. An Ojibway can do that also, except they come out sounding like George Jones. A Hawaiian can dance in one spot, an Ojibway needs lots more room than that. A Hawaiian will sometimes wear a shirt so bright you can see it in the dark. What an Ojibway wears at night you can't take off. A Hawaiian can afford to be in Hawaii, an Ojibway can't. Apologies to our Hawaiian readers out there. I realize that the historical surf of change has reached their shores and altered their lives also.

Anyway, Have a good week. I am looking forward to the pleasure of your company once again already.

# Past and present IAA reviewed

By Albert Crier

"Everything has changed so drastically since 1951, when the Indian act was changed," said Elder and former IAA president John Samson, as he remembered the early days of the Indian Association of Alberta.

A major change that occurred, Samson pointed out, was the introduction of the elective system at the band level. "There was no such thing as government money or grants," explained Samson "no one got paid all Alberta Indians worked together."

Samson said that the

IAA president was always chosen at the annual assemblies, except for about three or four years when voting was held at reserve polls, with Indian Affairs staff manning the polling stations.

"People paid their own way to the assemblies; there were no fancy hotels to stay in and the host reserve fed the people," related Samson.

The presidents never got paid, they had to travel at their own expense. People were really devoted to the IAA; they knew the need for unity," said Samson.

Samson approves of present day band councils

acting on their own band issues, but still sees the need for unity among Treaty Indian people, to fight the national issues.

A chapter on the Indian Association of Alberta, included in a book entitled "The One - And - A - Half Men" by Murray Dobbin traces the western Indian movement back to the 1920s.

Initially called the "League of Indians of Western Canada," the organization began holding meetings in 1929.

A major Indian convention held in 1932 saw the emergence of two provincial Indian organizations. The League of Indians of Alberta, under the leadership of Joe Samson, and the League of Indians of Western Canada, based in Saskatchewan and led by John Tootoosis.

Indian leaders at that time "represented the first threat," to the absolute power of the Indian Affairs department over Indian lives, according to Dobbin.

Dobbin's book tells of harassment of early Indian leaders by the Indian Affairs Branch (IAB) of the federal government, as it was called at that time.

"There was a great potential for political unity, for all Indians came from one source, the IAB and the Indian Act it administered," wrote Dobbin.

Politicians in those days ignored Indian concerns," since there were no votes to be gained in championing the Indian cause," according to Dobbin.

In 1939, or shortly afterward, the organization changed its name to the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA).

Since then, the IAA presidency has changed hands 22 times, up to the present leadership of Gregg Smith of the Peigan Band.

Following is a list obtained from the IAA office, of the past presidents of the IAA including their respective terms of office: Johnny Calihoo (1936 - 1948),



JOHN SAMSON  
...notices changes in IAA

James Gladstone (1949 - 1954), Clarence McHugh Sr. (1955 - 1956), James Gladstone (1956 - 1957), Albert Lightning (1957 - 1958), Howard Beebe (1958 - 1960), Ralph Steinhauer (1960 - 1961), Howard Beebe (1961 - 1962), John Samson (1962 - 1964), Tom Cardinal (1965 - 1966), John Samson (1966 - 1967), Tom Cardinal (1967 - 1968), Harold Cardinal (1968 - 1971), Clarence McHugh Sr. (1971 - 1972), Harold Cardinal (1972 - 1977), Joe Dion (1977 - 1980), Eugene Steinhauer (1980 - 1982), Charles Wood (1982 - 1983), Wilf McDougall (1983 - 1986) and Gregg Smith (1986 -).

The objectives of the present IAA constitution are:

1. To preserve the hereditary and legal rights and Treaty Rights of the Treaty Indians of Alberta.
2. To advance the social and economical welfare of the Treaty Indians of Alberta.
3. To promote an active interest on the part of the members in the civic, commercial, social and moral welfare of the community.
4. To secure better educational facilities and opportunities for Treaty Indians of Alberta and greater control of education for Indians, wherever considered desirable by the Indian band(s) concerned.
5. To promote among the members, the varied programmes designed to serve as outlets for cultural and creative expression.
6. To assist and promote for its members, opportunities for training for self-development, leadership and self-determination.
7. To work in conjunction with Indian bands and/or Chiefs and Councils to work with the Federal, Provincial and Local Governments for the benefit of the Treaty Indians of Alberta.



Major achievements accomplished by the IAA in recent years include: (The production of "Citizens Plus," (the Red Paper), a counter-proposal document developed in 1969 in opposition to federal plans to terminate Indian status and rights over a five year period.

An international lobby against the patriation of the Canadian constitution from Britain, between 1980 and 1982. This action resulted in the British High Court decision confirming the validity of the Treaties and government obligations to Treaty Indians.

The establishment of Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research (TARR), a research office working on unresolved Indian land claims. TARR looks into unfulfilled land entitlements by Treaty, and loss of Indian lands by illegal surrenders.

The establishment of the Alberta Indian Education Centre in the early seventies which influenced the founding of Indian cultural and educational centres in the province.

The development of the Alberta Indian Educational Secretariat, which assists Indian band educational committees.

The establishment of the Alberta Indian health Care Commission in 1978 which helps to preserve the Treaty rights to comprehensive health care.

The formation of the Alberta Amateur Sports and Olympics Organization (INSPOL).

The establishment of awards to recognize Treaty Indian Elders, women and youth for their individual accomplishments in education, athletics or community service.

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**EDMONTON:** A lady just called Sue Longuedoc says she and her husband Dave are looking for youth in the entertainment field, whether it be two-stepping, vocals, playing an instrument or anything else.

From July 1 to August 31, many activities will be taking place at Fort Edmonton Park, and already Sue has Native people involved. A teepee display, Native arts and crafts and a Drum group have already signed up to offer their talents and wares for the affair.

"We want something for the kids and would hope

they will participate in entertainment, as well as other activities," said Longuedoc.

Although they cannot offer any pay, Longuedoc says this would give the youth a chance for experience along with exposure.

For more information, please call Sue at 452-2133 or leave messages at Dion Resources, 425-9842.

You can also contact Dave Longuedoc at the Ben Calf Robe School, 451-6066.

**FISHING LAKE:** Congratulations to Diane and Bill Parenteau. Diane is our correspondent at the Metis Settlement of Fishing Lake and just had a baby girl on June 12, in Edmonton.

**GIFT LAKE:** The SUPREMES rule! On June 14-15, after defeating another home town favorite, the Gift Lake Supremes, coached by fearless Leonard the Leader, won the Little Buffalo Women's Slow Pitch Baseball Tournament.

Eight other teams were entered in the tournament but the main game can down to the Supremes and the Gift Lake Intruders.

"It was a very close game, but we finally beat them with a score of 6-4," said Leonard.

The Supremes are now sponsored by the Shaven Store in High Prairie.

Congratulations to Earl L'Hirondelle of Gift Lake, who won the Coach of the year Award.

"He beat me out, but he deserves it," said

Leonard.

Don't worry, Leonard, there is always next year, and the way the Supremes are playing, well, who can tell?

**LOUIS BULL:** Congratulations to the Louis Bull Reserve on celebrating the grand opening of a new Administration Building on June 14 and 15.

**PEACE RIVER:** Hi, Sylvia. how is everything at the Sagitawa Friendship Centre? I understand you are looking for a videotape on the White Braid Society Dancers. At this moment we have nothing available. However, it is our hope to have them on the Native Nashville North Show in September. Once the taping is complete, rest assured a half hour of dancing and commentary will be available if they accept our offer.

**SLAVALAKE:** According to Cher Horvath at the Slave Lake Friendship Centre, the Native Folk Festival, planned for June, is put on hold due to a shortage of funds.

"More than likely, people we have asked to attend the Folk Festival will entertain at our Culture Days in September," said Cher.

Cher added that she will keep up posted as to the changes and dated for their future activities.

**BENCALF ROBE:** Just wanted to say hello to all the students there, and have a nice weekend.

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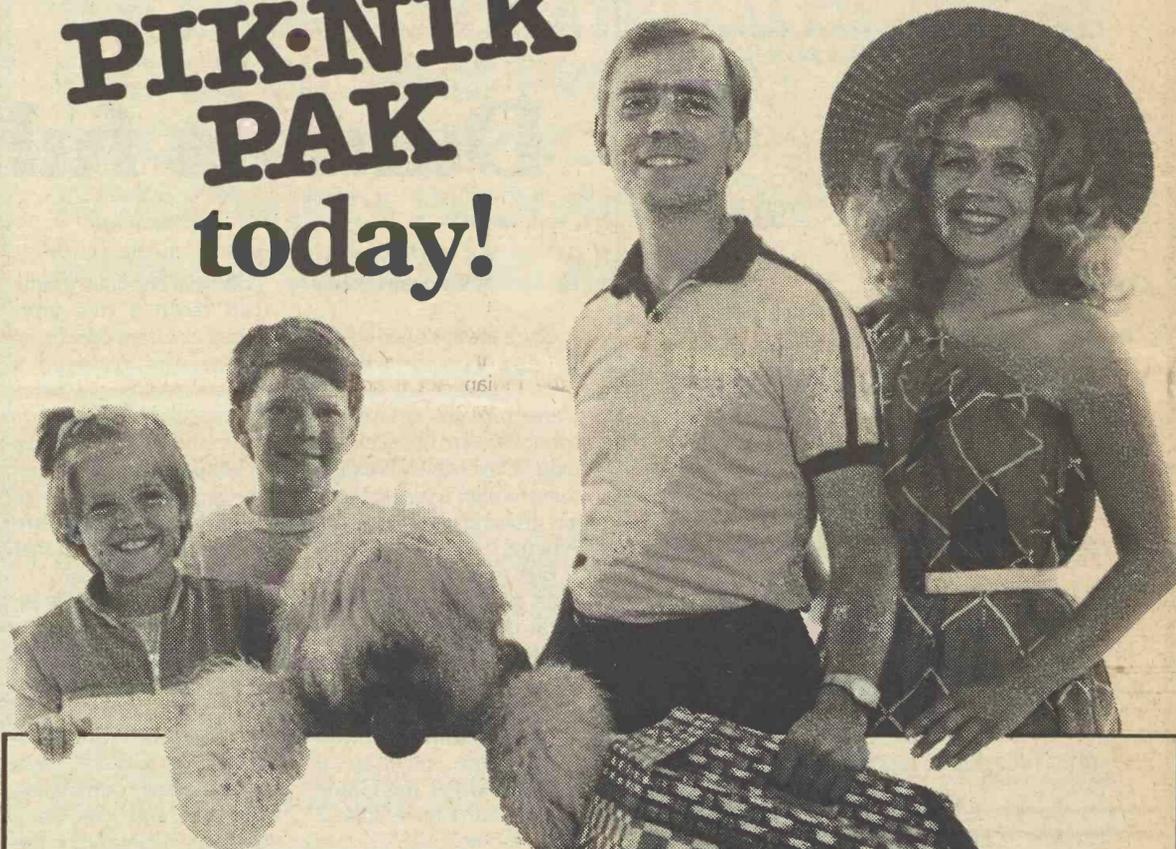
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# AVC students profiled

By Terry Lusty

## FRANK BERLAND

Berland is enrolled in the ABE program at the 300 and 400 level. While attending school, he has worked as a volunteer probation officer with correctional services.

"I want to work with and assist Native people," says Berland, who intends to pursue corrections as a vocation.

He feels there could be a lot more participation by Natives in the student union at AVC. He was quick to point out that the

advantages of doing so were two-fold learning to communicate with others and getting to become more outgoing.

## DESIREE deMEULLES

deMeulles intends to return home to Churchill, Manitoba which, she says, "has nothing in terms of arts for the children and Native art is not focussed on."

Even in high school at Churchill, there is no art program she complains.

Her plans are to go out in the working world for

awhile and then, "hopefully take a fine arts program in Winnipeg or Toronto."

## ED HERON

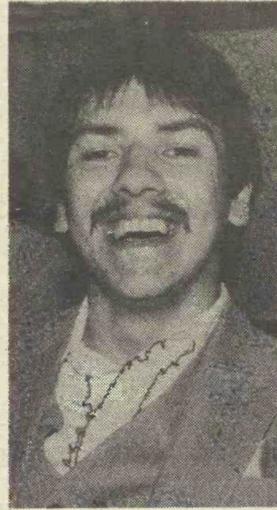
The father of four children, Heron is a graduate of the utility officers program. He has a son who also graduated from the same program.

Heron thinks the program at AVC is "really good" and expressed his pleasure that it will be expanded to a two-year course.

He works at Caslan's water treatment plant and says that the program he took was jointly sponsored by Westerra and Settlement Sooniyaw. It was the need for someone to operate the plant at Caslan that inspired him to enroll in the first place.

## SARAH PALMARUK

A family person with five



FRANK BERLAND

children, Palmaruk, who hails from Lac La Biche, received a certificate as a Community Health Worker. She claims to have



DESIREE deMUELLES

entered the program because she wanted to do something she felt she would enjoy and something that would also have her



ED HERON

working with people. Her objective is to eventually work "on a reserve or in town where community health workers are used."

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# Daniels fulfilling goals

By Lesley Crossingham

She's always been a fighter. As a young girl growing up in Grande Prairie, Judy Daniels fought against the school system because she didn't think school had anything to offer a young Metis girl growing up in northern Alberta.

But today Daniel's attitude has changed somewhat because instead of fighting to get out of school she is fighting to stay in.

"I have to thank my mother," smiles Daniels. "She made me stay in school and get my Grade 12. I couldn't have done it without her."

Daniels has just graduated from a two-year course at Grant MacEwan college and received a diploma as a Social Services worker. But she has no intention of giving up school yet as she has applied to the University of Calgary's social welfare faculty so she can turn that diploma into a degree.

Daniels hasn't been accepted yet, but she says she's determined to fight her way into the university if necessary.

Currently Daniels is working for Canada Manpower in Banff coordinating applicants and jobs on a computer. Daniels got the

job through the Native Internship Program (NIP) and is one of the few Metis people lucky enough to benefit from this program which was formed by the government mainly for status Indian people.

Looking back on the years since leaving school, Daniels says she is surprised to find herself studying hard with at least two years of college still ahead of her.

"I left school as soon as I could and took lots of odd jobs. Then I got a job here in Banff as a store clerk," she says.

She began to form an interest in the business and was soon promoted to store manager. Until this promotion, Daniels didn't realize she had the potential to be a manager or to hold a profession. She began to give some hard thinking to her future and came to a conclusion that she could do anything she set her mind to.

So, at what she calls the ripe old age of 22, she enrolled in Grant MacEwan's social service worker program and began to get involved.

"I really immersed myself in the college and was elected to vice president of my campus," she says. "My family was very supportive because it was so hard going back to school. You have to remember there are no scholarships for Metis. One of my future goals is to work toward establishing scholarships for Metis people who want to further themselves."

Daniels has lots of goals. She feels that many talented Metis young people

are stuck in the stereotype mold of what other people see Metis people as.

"Many Native people actually believe that Indian people are worthless, she says. "Native people don't believe in themselves."

Daniels blames the paternal attitude of the government for many of the problems Native people face.

"That paternal attitude is still there. They say Native people can't do this or can't do that and then Native people start to believe what they have been told and lose faith in themselves. We have to believe in ourselves and we don't let other people take control of our lives."

Daniel's own role model is Alberta Native Womens' Association (ANWA) President Loro Carmen, who, says Daniels, knows what she wants and goes for it. Daniels has recently become a member of ANWA and intends to work toward her goals through the organization.

As well as being active in ANWA and within her college, Daniels manages to pack in other activities such as being a volunteer for the Approach Centre in Banff which is a crisis centre. She lifts weights, rows and has just started taking parachute lessons.

She intends to be really fit by the time September rolls around and the University of Calgary starts its fall semester. Although Daniel's application to the university hasn't been accepted yet, she is determined to be there when school starts, because she's a fighter.

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# Twinn receives prestigious award

By Laurent C. Roy

ATHABASCA — At the Athabasca University Ninth Annual Convocation held here on June 14, Chief Walter Twinn was presented the prestigious award of "Honourary Degree of Doctor" by Dr. Joe Couture, professor of psychology.

Twinn was selected from three outstanding Indian candidates nominated by the nominations committee of the university. The final approval was made by the Board of Governors.

Couture, a reknowned Native culturalist and philosopher, introduced Chief Twinn as "an unusual candidate... an entrepreneur, an achiever, and because of his views and accomplishments, he is controversial..."

In his presentation to the

assembly, Couture described Twinn's childhood as one of "poverty (which) prevented him from going beyond Grade 8 for, as he says, "My family...couldn't afford to feed and clothe me properly."

Prior to 1966, Twinn "learned not only the skills of a man of the bush in trapping, hunting, and lumbering, but supplemented these in the areas of carpentry, plumbing, electricity, automotives, and welding. In 1966 he was elected chief, and he has been the leader of his band ever since," stated Couture.

Couture outlined Twinn's economic development and political achievements. "Chief Walter Twinn is known primarily for his achievements in the area of economic development... He is currently president of

six holding and resource development companies, as well as director of three others. He was the founding president of Indian Equity Foundation, a non-profit organization providing equity founding to Indian business."

Twinn's political achievements "include devising and negotiating self-government structures for his band, as well as for the Lesser Slave Lake Regional Council, both "firsts" of their kind in Canada," said Couture.

Other lesser known activities of Twinn includes: (a) the Sawridge Band was the largest private sector donor to the 1983 World

University Games; (b) Twinn assisted in developing the Native Friendship Centre in Slave Lake to become one of the most successful in Canada; (c) the Sawridge Band offered substantial donations to local charities.

"The local Metis Association in Slave Lake was provided with land to develop a rodeo ground. When the town's playground flooded, an on-reserve building was provided for its use, when the local musical theatre was floundering, it was saved from financial disaster by the band. Chief Twinn established a TV satellite system which broadcasts

free to the Slave Lake area," said Couture.

In his presentation, Couture gave several reasons why the Athabasca University honoured Chief Walter Twinn: "It is not so much that his story is one of talent dedicated, but rather that as one leader, having to bridge effectively two radically different cultures, in doing so, with unusual tenacity he has creatively demonstrated through his accomplishments how to bring about adaptations and radical changes where needed," said Couture.

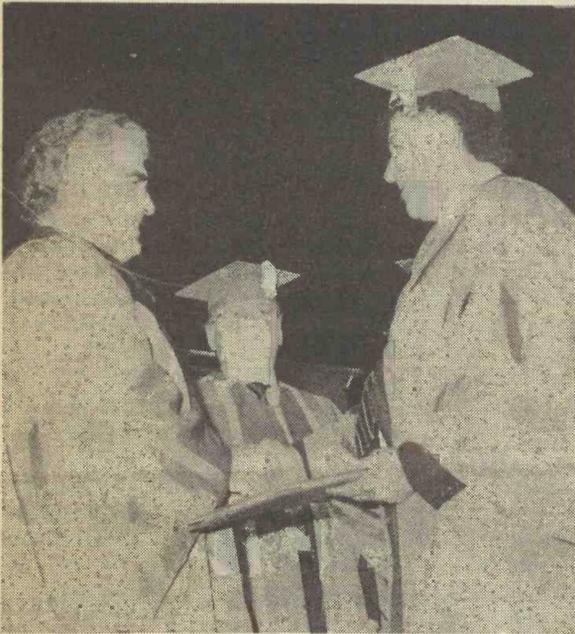
Twinn "...symbolizes, as a prototype, the significant, growing, modern-day socio-political, economic, educa-

tional and cultural contributions that Albertans of Native ancestry are making," stated Couture.

In his acceptance address, Twinn highlighted the importance of education and its role in "bridging the two different worlds,"

Twinn humbly and quietly accepted the prestigious award of "Honourary Degree of Doctor" which was shared by his family and friends.

Describing the ceremonial event, Couture said "it was a moving experience for me" and "the selection of the candidate was difficult because of their controversial views and accomplishments."



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# Hard work has good end

By Laurent C. Roy

Vera Iona Cardinal, a member of the Saddle Lake Indian Band, was the only Aboriginal student to graduate from the Athabasca University on June 14, 1986.

Cardinal, of the seven Native students taking university courses via telecommunications, was the only student to meet the Athabasca University's deadline.

"I am proud of the fact that I was able to meet the deadline. It was a L—O—N—G five years of my life, but it is worth the efforts and sacrifices," said Cardinal.

She explained that

Athabasca University is unique because of the innovative method of teaching via telecommunications. "There is 90 per cent of home study involved," says Cardinal.

Cardinal who is a mother, wife, student and volunteer, endured five years of commitment toward receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree. She majored in political science and minored in psychology.

She is looking forward to work with the youth because "I was a probation officer at St. Paul for three years and I would like to get involved again at the community level," said Cardinal.

She encourages other Native Students to enroll in

academic courses offered through Athabasca University, but warns "if you do not have the commitment and dedication towards your educational endeavours, Athabasca University is not the place to further your education.

"It's a demanding university, it's very hard and difficult. One needs self-discipline. I had to force myself many times to keep up with the schedule."

Cardinal is married, rearing a family of five and her future prospects look very bright because, as she says, "I intend to look after my family and at the same make some commitments towards expanding my education."

# Native education supervisor roasted

By Ivan Morin

In the beginning, he knew little if anything about the Native children they were being sent out to counsel, and now he is the supervisor of Native education for the Edmonton Catholic School Board. Leith Campbell has come a long since his friend, John Bourasso, asked him if he would take on the task of counselling a small number of kids, mostly from the Enoch Reserve, in the Edmonton Catholic School system.

At a recent banquet and roast, Leith Campbell was the butt of many jokes, but the warmth and feeling at the banquet told you that the roasters didn't really want to make fun of their friend, they wanted to tell him they loved every bit of him and the many things he has done for the Native students in the Edmonton Catholic School system over the last 14 years.

Friends and colleagues gathered to wish good luck to their friend as he goes to begin working on his Ph.D. at the University of Victoria.

Campbell began his teaching career at Sir John Thompson Junior High School in Edmonton, and began working with Native students in 1972. Campbell worked as a counsellor in many schools in the Edmonton Catholic School system between 1972 and

1977.

In 1978, while Campbell and John Zyp were completing their masters degrees in education, they co-wrote a paper entitled "Native Students In the Edmonton Catholic Schools — Implications for School Administrators."

Although the paper was never well-received by the Catholic School Board administrators, Leith and a number of other people used the paper as a basis for encouraging the Edmonton Catholic School Board to set up a school specifically for Native students. The idea of Ben Calf Robe School started not too long after Campbell and Zyp presented the paper to school officials and Native leaders throughout Canada and several states.

Administrators at Nechi Institute and Poundmakers Lodge provided support and ideas for the initial set-up of Ben Calf Robe School, a junior high school for Native students in the city of Edmonton.

Campbell feels that the availability of a school like Ben Calf Robe gives the opportunity for Native students to better their education with their own people.

Campbell says "there are times when people ask me if Ben Calf Robe is a home for delinquents, and at times it may seem that way to some people, but the initial intent of Ben Calf

Robe School was to give those kids who had been out of school for some time some hope of getting another chance, and the understanding they might need.

Native people have thought so much of the accomplishments that Leith Campbell has enjoyed in the area of counselling Native students that in 1984, Eva Bereti, a Native with the Edmonton Catholic School Board and Maggie Hodgson of the Nechi Institute nominated Leith Campbell for the Edmonton Citizen of the Year Award.

Campbell has sat in sweatlodges and attended many pipe ceremonies to gain more knowledge for the children he counsels through the school year.

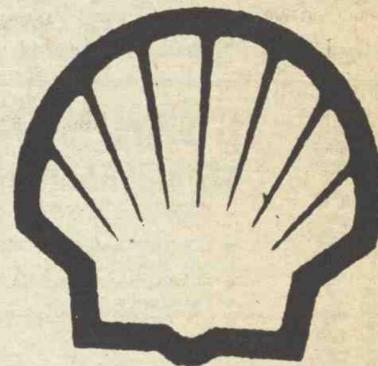
Notable faces in the crowd at the roast for Campbell included Dr. Anne Anderson of the Anne Anderson Cultural Centre; Eva Bereti of the Edmonton Catholic School system — Native education; Peggy Roberts, formerly of Native Secretariat; Pat Shirt, executive director, Poundmakers Lodge; Maggie Hodgson of the Nechi Institute; Father Gil Gauthier of the Native Pastoral Centre, and a host of teachers from the Ben Calf Robe School and the Edmonton Catholic School system.

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# U of C Native student graduates 'with distinction'

By Terry Lusty

A possible "first" has been achieved at the University of Calgary. This month, Mervin Wolfleg from the Blackfoot Reserve at Gleichen, had the unparalleled honor of graduating from a Bachelor of Education program "with distinction" which, in short, means he graduated with an A standing.

Majoring in Elementary Art, Wolfleg said it is "the first time I've ever been exposed to sculpting," and he is happy to have had that opportunity.

Now age 39, he entered a university program as a mature student four years ago. He is the father of four girls and three boys ranging in age from three of fifteen years.

Wolfleg is the first Indian in Alberta known to have achieved an A standing. In accomplishing such a feat, he credits his immediate family and wife in particular for the support he received.

"She was about 75 per cent of my strength," he said of his wife who provided him with much "encouragement and moral support." She also was the person responsible for holding the family together, he said.

In taking about his success, Wolfleg said he "was shooting for the best that I could (do)" although he was not consciously striving for an A average. In the final analysis, he achieved an average of over 3.9 on a 4-point stanine, a remarkable performance and one which totally destroys the age-old premise that Indians are incapable of accomplishing intellectually or, for that matter, on a par with the non-Indian society.

Financially, Wolfleg won

three scholarships that helped tide him over during his studies. In his second year, he was the recipient of the Allan McNeil-Hamilton Bursary. He won two more in his third year; a Chevron Scholarship and a Pope John 11 Commemorative Scholarship for undergraduate studies which, he claims, "made my fourth year possible."

The Old Sun Community College situated on the Blackfoot Reserve is where Wolfleg took the initial phase of his program and he has nothing but praise for it. "It was a Godsend," he remarked. Because it was geographically close to his home, he was able to maintain strong and close ties with his family.

The reserve campus "was responsible for me to be able to take my first two years (locally)," he said. He believes it to be a good program for any reserve as it allows the people to break into the area of higher education while retaining their family links and easing through the transitional stages one experiences when entering a standard and large university campus.

Future plans call for further studies at the master's level. "There's a good one at the University of British Columbia that specializes in Native education," he says and, if they offer programs in art education, Wolfleg just might wind up in B.C. For now though, he is content and looks forward to taking a year or two off from the rigors of academia.

He is looking for employment but not too diligently as other interests are keeping him busy enough. Some present income is being derived from his being the principal writer of a Native Education

Project for Alberta Education about the history of Treaty 7 and the Indian leadership at the time.

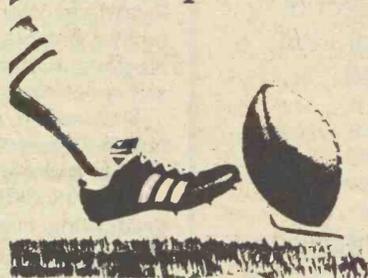
As well, Wolfleg serves on a local task force on Indian education and is chairman of the Old Sun Community College which brokers programs and responds to "needs which are expressed from the

community," he added.

One cannot but admire an individual such as Wolfleg for his accomplishments. He serves as a fine model to aspiring Native youths and adults who may question their own abilities to succeed. He has shown clearly that it can be done and one could not ask for a better role model.

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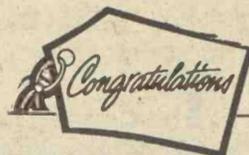
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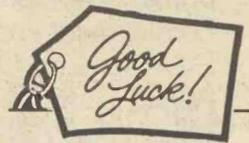
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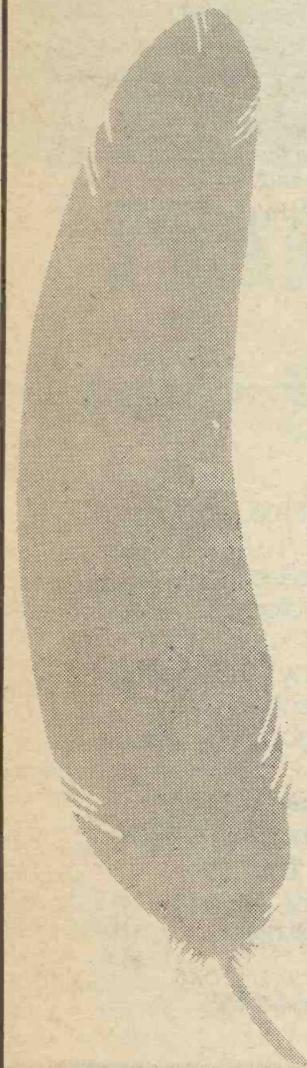
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## First professional performance for five-year-old model

By Lesley Crossingham

It's total panic. Hair stylists and make-up artists are furiously brushing, dabbing and painting as at least 50 young girls huddle into a tiny dressing room trying to wriggle into dresses and glue false eyelashes on at the same time.

A choking cloud of hairspray and face powder fills the air as cries of "who's taken my purple socks?" "My zipper's broken," and "I've got two left shoes," combine with sobs of frustration.

But five-year old Terra Dawn Wuttunee, the only Native model at the John Casablancas fashion show, is calm and collected as her mother brushes her dark ringlets and adjusts her soft cotton dress.

The fashion show was held in Calgary May 26 and featured spring and summer fashions modelled by the graduating class of '85, which included Terra Dawn, who modelled summer dresses from a local childrens boutique.

Terra Dawn completed the intensive three-month modelling course last December and this was her first professional modelling show. But she wasn't nervous, she says.

Terra's mom, Yvonne, says she hopes her daughter



**TERRA DAWN WUTTUNEE**  
...completed 3-month modelling course

will help break those stereotypes that people have of Native people.

"I want Terra Dawn to promote Native people here and overseas. I want the world to see what Native children can do."

Terra Dawn has spent an estimated 75 hours at the John Casablancas studio learning how to walk, pose, turn and present clothes professionally. Now, says Yvonne, she has poise and confidence despite being only five years old.

Terra Dawn doesn't have any modelling contracts yet, but she is hoping

to break into the international modelling scene or become a dancer. She is also checking into the possibility of breaking into movies.

Instructor Carlos Vincente says Terra Dawn has a lot of talent and he feels sure she will go far in her chosen career.

After the show, the nervous models quickly leave the stage and pose for photographs with family and friends. But little Terra runs back onto the stage and gives a few extra poses. "I wasn't nervous," she smiles then dips a little curtsy.

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## J.F. Dion school still going through changes

By Diane Parenteau

FISHING LAKE — J. F. Dion School, you've come a long way!

The first school house in Fishing Lake was built in 1939 by local settlers. This log structure served many purposes in its-time, including community hall. This was eventually replaced by a board structure.

With the takeover by Northland School Division, the existing school was opened in 1959. In 1961, three classrooms and bathrooms were added. In 1978 a gym, office facilities and more bathrooms were constructed. Additions the following year included a kitchen and storage rooms.

Today, J.F. Dion School is again going through structural changes. Construction began the end of May on the additions and renovations for the school.

Northland School Division awarded Genmac Construction of Bonnyville with the contract for the project.

Tendus were as follows: Genmac, \$1,960,000<sup>00</sup>; Binder Construction, 2,160,850; Bert Pratch Construction,

\$2,210,769; Tarad Construction, \$2,650,000; Vanderspoil, \$2,121,172; Klein Construction, 2,160,510; and Trand Construction at \$2,472,342.

The total contract awarded to Genmac totalled \$1,986,732 and includes a few options left open by Northland at the time of bidding.

Two of the old classrooms at the front of the school will be demolished this summer. Renovations inside will see a complete modernization of the remaining classrooms as well as converting some washrooms into a classroom.

The small existing gym will be converted into a science lab and extensive library.

In addition to the obvious changes, a new central heating system will be installed to replace the aging system.

The 342 sq. metres lost because of the planned demolition will be replaced with the addition of 617 sq. metres. A new gym of 245 sq. metres, food service area replacing the trailer that currently houses the kitchen, storage area and

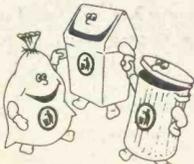
corridor will be added.

The outside of the school will be completely redone in brick. Landscaping will complete the project. This will include lawn and pavement for staff parking and buses. The Tender document stated 33 weeks for completion of the project with plans to do much of the work during the summer months while students are on summer break.

Come September, two portable trailers will be set up as makeshift classrooms and plans are being made to move the ECS class into the community Hall until Christmas.

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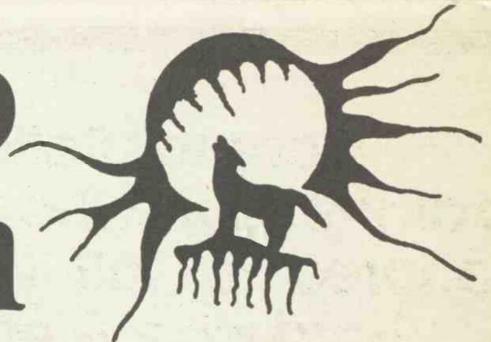
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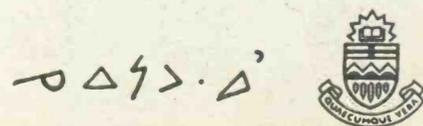
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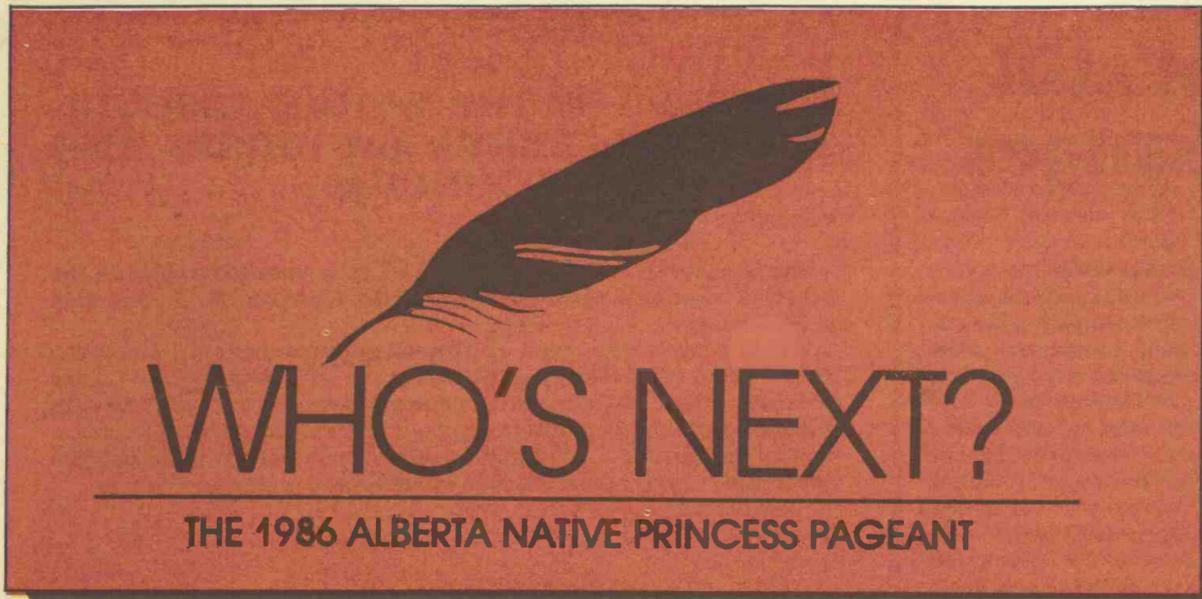
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## SANDRA EAGLECHILD

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Sandra G. Eaglechild is an 18-year-old Blood from Standoff, Alberta. She has just completed her Grade 12 at St. Mary's High School on the Blood Reserve and has received her General High School and Advanced High School Diploma. Sandra's employment experience includes working as a sales associate - public relations with the Sean's Company in Cardston as well as a baby-sitter/houskeeper.

Eaglechild holds memberships and/or has been a volunteer member of the following organizations: President, Eagle Feather Society; President, Cardston High School Native Club; Six-Pac Rodeo Club; R.C.M.P. Rural Crime Watch - Range Patrol; Search - Youth Catholic Club; Cardston High School Graduation Committee; St. Mary's High School Graduation Committee; I.R.C.A. Rodeo Secretary; St Mary's High School Rodeo Secretary; I.R.C.A. Voluntary Worker; Voluntary Senior Camp Counsellor; and Voluntary Store Clerk.

Among her favorite hobbies, Sandra lists horseback riding, cooking, cruising, hiking, meeting new people, attending Native functions, traditional and fancy dancing, learning about Native culture, travelling and sight-seeing. Her favorite sports and ones she actively participates in are rodeo-barrel racing, pole bending, and break-away rope. She states she enjoys this as she gets to travel and meet new people.

As to her musical ability, Sandra says she sings, In

her Search Club she is part of a music team where they get to sing (mostly gospel songs). Other special interests Sandra had include attending workshops, Indian Days, different groups (societies), learning Blackfoot and trying to communicate, field trips, meeting people, and travelling around (to Indian Days and Rodeos).

Contests Sandra has entered include the Cardston Jr. High School Princess Pageant, a title she held 1982-1984; the Youthmen Society Pageant in 1983 (she was first runner-up); and she is at present the 1986 Fort McLeod Native Cultural Centre Princess.

Eaglechild's goals for the future are "to attend University of Calgary and get my Bachelor of Social Work so I could work as a probation officer." She plans to achieve this by taking one year of college, the going to university to obtain her degree.

Sandra's most interesting experience has been "travelling to South Dakota and attending a Sundance where young men pierce themselves as a sign of faith in their culture and to God."

Eaglechild feels that a person, one individual like herself, can improve on today's society "through working as a probation officer. I feel I could help people with the law by making them understand it better."

Her three wishes, if she had them, would be:

- 1) International Peace - everyone, every nation and everything could get along better.
- 2) Poor people to get better housing and adequate supply of food.
- 3) A bond of understanding between white and Native people so that both could understand one another better and get along with no friction.



## DOREEN CARDINAL

**Sponsored by: CANADIAN NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE**

Doreen Cardinal is a 21-year-old Cree originally from Saddle Lake Band who makes Edmonton her home. Doreen received her high school diploma from Blue Quills High School, completed a secretarial course from Jack Bredin Community Institute, received a certificate as a date entry operator/clerk typist and has most recently completed the University/College Entrance Program offered at Concordia College, for which she received her certificate.

Doreen's employment history includes working as a receptionist at Saddle Lake Counselling Services, receptionist at AMMSA/ARTS, and receptionist at the Saddle Lake Tribal Administration.

Cardinal was a member of the Saddle Lake Women's Volleyball Club for five years (1979-1984), is an active member and volunteer of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre as well as the White Braid Society Dancers and Drummers, and also holds memberships in the following organizations: Spa Lady, Edmonton Warbonnets Sports Club, Alberta Native Women's Association, Indian Association of Alberta, Alberta Indian Arts & Crafts Society and the Canadian Driver's Club.

Doreen lists listening to music, dancing, reading, and watching hockey on television as her favorite hobbies and leisure activities. As to sports, she states that, generally, she is interested in all kinds of sports; however, volleyball is her favorite sport. She has been an avid player for the past seven years. As to musical ability, she states she is interested in singing although she does not practice enough. Her other special inter-

ests include jazz dancing as "it is very exciting to observe," She plans to enroll in a class to learn the basic steps and says it is an excellent way to keep in good physical shape.

Cardinal's future plan is to attend the University of Alberta in the fall. She would like to enter into general studies for the first year and transfer into social welfare in the second year. She plans to obtain a degree in social welfare.

Doreen's most interesting experience was when "last summer, the White Braid Society Drummers and Dancers were ambassadors for the Province of Alberta to perform at Expo '85 and at the Universiade Games in Japan. A twelve-day trip was planned for us and we travelled extensively throughout Japan. The interesting experience was to meet and become familiarized with a different culture-the Japanese, I never dreamed I would travel to the other side of the world. We loved the Japanese people and they loved us."

Cardinal feels that a person, one individual like herself, can improve on today's society by "offering my degree. I personally would like to work with Native children, such as setting up a group home here in Edmonton.

Her three wishes, if she had them, would be:

- 1) To be able to train and try out for the Canadian National Volleyball Team because I would be honored and would take pride as an Indian to have had the chance to try and play professionally.
- 2) To win a trip to Greece because I think Greece is the most beautiful, romantic and serene country in the world.
- 3) To be very wealthy and share it with our Native children of this country.

## RUBY METCHEWAIS

Sponsored by: **COLD LAKE FIRST NATIONS RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Ruby Metchewais is a 17-year-old Cree/Chip who lives in Grande Centre. She has just completed her Grade 12 at the Grande Centre High School for which she earned her diploma. Ruby's work experience includes working at the Canada Employment Centre, in a canteen, at a bannock booth at the Calgary Stampede and odd jobs such as cleaning up powwow grounds.

Metchewais was the 1985 vice-president of the Sarcee Youth Club; 1986 President of the Eager Eagles Youth Club in Cold Lake First Nations; was a member of the Sarcee Girls' Softball Team in 1985, is at present a member of the Cold Lake First Nations Softball Team, is an active volunteer at hockey tournaments and has helped raise money for a student ski trip.

Ruby's hobbies and leisure activities include reading drama and comedy stories, beading and watching videos. Her favorite sport, and one she participates in is softball (slowpitch). She also enjoys basketball, volleyball, and has tried other sports such as curling, golf and raquetball. Ruby states she has "a lot of experience in working with babies and children" through her babysitting and being involved in youth clubs.

She has entered numerous powwow dance competitions and has prizes to show for her efforts. Her most recent win was at the Sarcee Powwow where she placed first in the ladies' fancy dance competition.

Metchewais states her future goal is "to learn the proper way of working with children, preferably Native. I'd prefer working with Native children because I'd feel as if I'm helping all Native people. I would also like to learn to work with the youth to against alcohol and drugs. Another goal of mine is to be one of the top dancers in the powwow circuit." Ruby plans to achieve this by "working with children and by going to a post-secondary school to study Early Childhood Development. I would also like to learn to be an alcohol and drug and drugabuse counsellor so that I can counsel the

youth properly. I plan to practice and dance at all possible powwows to become a really good dancer."

Ruby Metchewais feels that a person, one individual like herself, can improve on today's society "by setting a good example for others. If I, as an individual, did certain things and conquered difficult tasks and was looked upon as good by others, people may decide to follow me. This would be especially important for younger people who aren't quite sure of themselves. If they see someone they admire, they more than likely will want to be like that person. I think if I could set a good example, younger people may decide to follow and soon we'll have a good society to live in."

Ruby's most interesting experience "happened in 1980 when I moved from Cold Lake Reserve to Calgary. From Kindergarten to Grade 7, I had attended an all-Native school on my reserve. When I moved to Calgary I was registered in a white school. I went into this school not knowing how I be treated or how I would act towards these new students. After a while, I really liked it because I met a lot of new people including white people. this was interesting because it was the first time I really entered the white society, socially."

If she had three wishes they would be:

- 1) I wish we could get rid of racism in our society so that everyone can live in unity, as one. This way everyone would think equally of each other.
- 2) I wish the people in Ethiopia would become a more dependent country for themselves. We have all helped these people in some way, now they need a dependable government to govern them properly. I wish for this because they have suffered enough and God never put us on earth to suffer like this.
- 3) I wish there will never be a World War 111 because if there was the world would soon decrease in population and soon there won't be much left for others to live on.

Ruby has dedicated her participation in this pageant to her late brother, Clifford, who passed away on June 1, 1986.



## ROBERTA ANN LA FRANCE

Sponsored by: **THE BLACKFOOT RESERVE**

Roberta Anne LaFrance, affectionately called "Robbi," is a 19-year-old Blackfoot who makes her home in Gleichen. She has just completed her Grade 12 at the Drumheller High School and has received her general diploma. Her employment history includes working as a night-time security guard with the Blackfoot Tribal Police, as an assistant cook with Alberta Forestry Services, and as a baby-sitter/housekeeper.

Robbi's favorite hobbies are fancy and traditional dancing. Reading, sewing and writing are a few other hobbies that she enjoys. Her leisure activities include swimming and jumping on the trampoline. Her favorite sports, and ones she actively participates in, are volleyball, softball, jogging and badminton. Robbi states she has organizational abilities and she likes to organize different activities for everyone to enjoy.

Titles LaFrance has held include Miss Siksika 1985, first runner-up at the Miss Calgary Native Friendship Centre Princess Pageant, and first runner-up at the Miss Kamloops 1985 Pageant. She is currently Miss Siksika 1986.

Roberta's future plans are "to achieve my education and go into criminology, then on to be a lawyer. Also, I would like to raise a family, to be proud of their Native and traditional heritage." She plans to achieve this by "attending Mount Royal College and then entering the University of Calgary for my law degree as education, to me, is my highest priority."

Roberta LaFrance states that her most interesting lifetime experience "was when I went to Amsterdam, Holland. I enjoyed sharing our culture with the Dutch people. It was a new and educational experience for both cultures to share our history with one another. I had a chance to see a different world and see different people. Miss LaFrance feels that a person, one individual like herself, can improve on today's society by

"beginning with themselves-to improve on their thoughts and feelings so that they may have a better perspective on life; then they can begin to improve on our society."

If she had three wishes, Robbi would wish:

- 1) To improve herself and reach her goal in life.
- 2) To maintain her Native Culture to continue dancing and to learn of her forefathers.
- 3) To help people who are in need; everyone is someone and everyone belongs somewhere.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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● **North Country Fair and Folk Music Festival**, June 20, 21 & 22, at Spruce Point Park on Lesser Slave Lake near Kinuso. For further information call Ellis O'Brien at residence 776-2205 or 523-4511.

● **Men's Native Provincial Baseball Tournament**, June 21 & 22, Saddle Lake Reserve.

● **National CHR Conference**, June 22-26, Calgary. For more information contact Alberta Indian Health Care by calling 426-1213.

● **Alexis Band Rodeo**, June 26 & 27. For information call 967-2225, Alexis Reserve.

● **Ponoka Stampede**, June 27 - July 2. For information call 783-5561 or 783-6050, Ponoka.

● **Canadian Professional Baseball School**, June 28 & 29. For information call Reggie or Robert at 585-3793, Samson Band, Hobbema.

● **Saddle Lake Annual Powwow**, June 27, 28 & 29, Saddle Lake Reserve.

● **Alexis Baseball Tournament**, June 28 & 29, Alexis Reserve.

● **1986 Rose McGilvery Road Race**, June 29 at 9:00 a.m., Saddle Lake Reserve.

● **Poundmakers/Nechi Powwow**, July 4, 5 & 6, Poundmakers/Nechi Lodge, Edmonton.

● **8th Annual Assiniboine Sports and Cultural Celebrations**, July 11, 12 & 13, Alexis Reserve.

● **Cold Lake First Nations Treaty Celebrations**, July 18 19 & 20, Cold Lake First Nations Reserve.

● **Alexis Full Gospel Outdoor Camp Meeting**, July 18-27. Everyone welcome; Alexis Reserve.

● **River Boat Daze & Annual Trade Show**, July 25-27, Slave Lake.

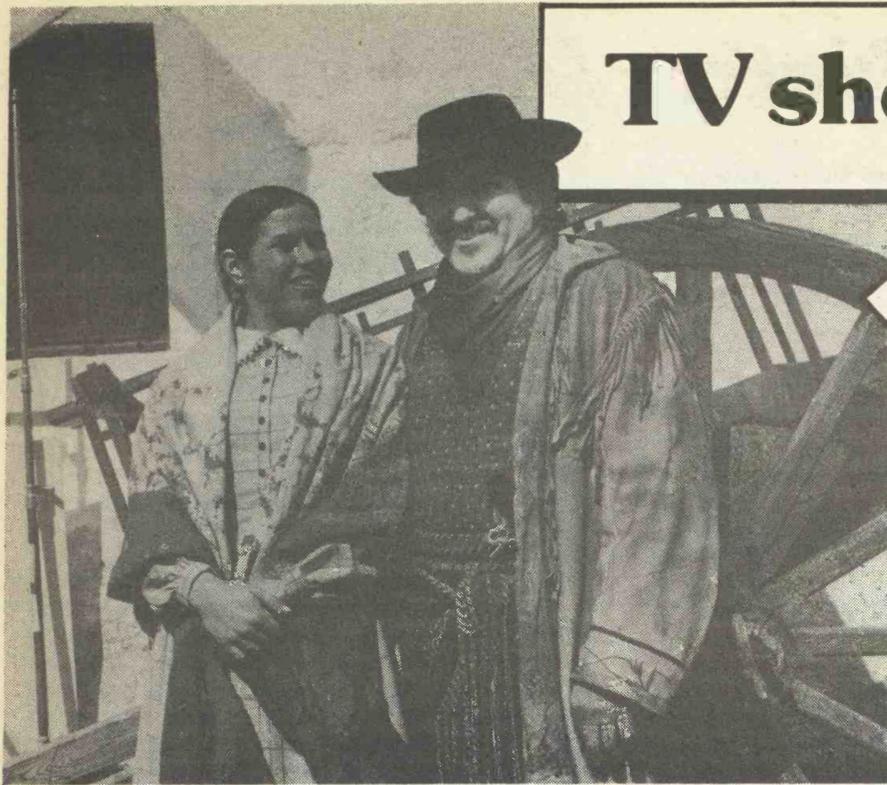
● **Kehewin Annual Pilgrimage**, August 1, 2 & 3, Kehewin.

● **Saanich Powwow**, August 2. Call 753-8291, Tillicum Haus Native Friendship Centre, Victoria, B.C.

● **B.C. Indian Days Festival**, August 10-17, Coquitlam, B.C.

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# TV show features Metis

**MADELEINE: Daughters of the Country**  
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 ...as Madeleine and the hunter

By Clint Buehler

The National Film Board has announced the completion of a television film with a Metis emphasis.

The film is "Madeleine," episode two of "Daughters of the Country," a four-part series to be shown on network television this fall.

"Madeleine" is the story of a woman who is gradually awakened to the hard reality that she has been manipulated by the ambitions of men from a colonial

empire.

The episode dramatizes the business of the fur trade and the influence of Europe on that highly profitable industry.

The film is set in 1860, when Indian and Metis hunters still tracked buffalo. In these hard, competitive times of the fur trade in Manitoba, the hunters are intent on their prey. They are expert with their

One hunter, Joseph (played by Harry Daniels), the cousin of Madeleine (Mireille Deyglun), plays a deadly game. He is a fur trader and he sells to the highest bidder—the American free traders. Joseph's entrepreneurial spirit "inconveniences" the powerful Hudson's Bay Company, who track him as shrewdly and tenaciously as he tracks the buffalo.

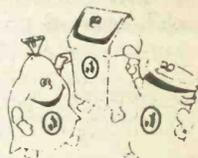
Madeleine's position as wife of the HBC official, Charles fluently bilingual, lives in Montreal. Her previous

credits include the lead role in "The Tin Flute."

Neil Munro has numerous stage, film and television credits. He also is a playwright and director.

Harry Daniels is well-known in Native political circles as a former president of the Native Council of Canada. An actor since 1962, he has played Alexis in "Father Lacombe," a CBC-TV production, and Louis Riel in "The Trial of Louis Riel," a stage production. Daniels holds a Masters degree in Canadian studies (Northern & Native Studies) from Carleton University. He has published four books and is listed in Canada's "Who's Who."

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Sugar Cane.....	(tentative) Aug. 9 & 10	Year End	no date at this time

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	3rd Place	75.00	75.00
TEEN GIRLS'	1st Place	\$250.00	\$250.00
	2nd Place	150.00	150.00
	3rd Place	75.00	75.00
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	2nd Place	50.00	50.00
	3rd Place	25.00	25.00
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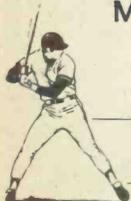
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# Expert comments on Native Alberta craft

By Rhonda Malomet

GROUARD—When Bruce Popielarz came to Canada to teach the second year of the Native traditional arts program at AVC Grouard, he was surprised to discover such art forms as birch bark biting and moose hair tufting actually existed in Northern Alberta.

Popielarz, after all, has spent the past 30 years learning just about every thing he possibly could about Indian crafts from the Plains Indians in Montana and California where he has lived. He has also read up on as many other Native art forms as he could.

Since coming to Canada, he has observed that "a lot of American Native art goes from south to North." It doesn't work the other way around, though. "Canadian Native art tends to stay in Canada."

Tufting which incorporates the use of moose or deer hair in design, is peculiar to Northern Alberta, says Popielarz. Birch bark biting is even more rare. Similar to snowflake making, this involves taking the birch bark and biting designs onto it.

One student in the class, Tom Poulson from Fort Macleod, is an expert at it.

According to Popielarz, there are also certain types of loomed quill work that has never worked its way down to the United States either.

One reason for the localization of Canadian Native art, according to Popielarz, is that American Natives tend to promote and market their art more than do their Canadian counterparts. "If it's saleable, the people are on it," he says.

Popielarz was also surprised to see that many of the Native art forms in northern Alberta were on the verge of dying out. He thinks it's because of the isolation of the area. In Montana there are a lot of inter-tribal powwows which have helped perpetuate the art forms. Though tribal identities and customs tended to become more mixed recently, the art forms were retained, says Popielarz. "It is still possible to tell where someone comes from by looking at their garments," he says.

Popielarz, who is a non-Native, became interested in Native art when he was 13. "I was attracted to the beauty of it and the people." Largely self-taught, he has developed an expertise in hide work,

quill work and bead work. And he is skilled in the styles of the Blackfoot, Sioux and Cheyenne Indians.

He also specializes in replicas and restorations and is often called on by private collectors of Native art as well as small museums all over the United States to do these. Recently, he was commissioned by a collector in California to do a fully beaded Sioux dress from the 1850s. This will involve the use of tens of thousands of beads and nearly 1,000 hours of fine, detailed needle work.

Coming to Northern Alberta has opened up a whole new world for him. "I

find the area very stimulating," he says.

One of Popielarz's students is as enthusiastic about him as he is about his love of Native art.

Student Tom Poulson from Fort Macleod says that Popielarz is a "dedicated craftsman who will go and hunt down antique material to perfect each article to its original art form." Poulson is not bothered by the fact that he is being instructed by a non-Native. "He didn't have to do this. There aren't many Natives with his qualifications. If it wasn't for people like him, there would be a big loss."

Mary Periard, head of the Native cultural arts

division of AVC Grouard, says Popielarz was the most qualified of all the applicants she had last year for the teaching position in Native traditional arts. "It's so remarkable that he's taken the time to learn so much. The program doesn't just focus on Alberta Native art forms but a wide range from bead work, costuming, moose hair tufting, decorative arts and quillwork. The program, says Periard, is the only two-year program of its kind in Canada.

Eight students in Popielarz's class will be the first graduates of the two year Native Traditional Arts Program. Thus far the

program had been a ten-month program, but there was too much to teach in one year, says Periard.

Some, like Veranda Chow, a Chinese girl from Vancouver, have taken the course out of interest and to enrich their own artistic background. Others, like Tom Poulson, hope to help teach what they have learned to others.

As for Popielarz, he hopes some of the students will start cottage industries to keep the art forms alive. He also says he "would like to do what he can to see more Native art forms going south."

## Upcoming powwow receives town support

By Albert Crier

The city of Wetaskiwin will be enjoying an Indian powwow organized by Indian people, for the second year in a row, on August 15, 16 and 17, with support coming from city residents and businesses.

Last year when the Ermineskin annual powwow was rained out for one day, the powwow was moved to Wetaskiwin. That incident got Wetaskiwin interested in holding another powwow this year "since they got a taste of it last year," said Charles Cuthbert, spokesman for the White Buffalo Society.

The White Buffalo Society will be co-sponsoring the powwow with the Wetaskiwin Downtown Businessmen's Association and the Chamber of Commerce of Wetaskiwin.

The organizers have been getting phone calls and donations from Wetaskiwin in support of the powwow, said an elated Cuthbert. This powwow will be the first official annual White Buffalo Society Powwow. The Society was formed in September 1984 to promote Native awareness and better intercultural relations

between Indian and non-Indian people.

"We want to change the stereotype image of Indian people to whoever wants to understand the Indian way," said Cuthbert, who is originally from Hobbema.

Cuthbert, a United Church minister, explained that although Catholics tried to "pound religion into Indian people," the Indian philosophy or way of life still remained.

Over the past year the White Buffalo Society has been promoting better relations between Hobbema and Wetaskiwin by bringing Hobbema residents in the city to talk with the business association of which Cuthbert is president. They also brought Indian powwow dance groups into the schools, which were well received by city students.

The upcoming powwow is part of the society's efforts in promoting intercultural relations between the two community cultures.

"It will help show the Indian way to non-Indians," said Cuthbert. The powwow is being organized by the White Buffalo Society, following Indian traditions. Elders have already given their approval, said Cuthbert.

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# Kantha offers peaceful, quiet living

By Rocky Woodward

KANTHA — Most Native people are familiar with the outdoors, but when you live in the city, it becomes a blessing to visit with nature. This was the case when a CBC Television crew and "Windspeaker" made a trip

to Kantha, 120 km north of Fort Nelson.

The trip into Kantha was made by bush plane, as the only way in is either by air or river, which would take a full day.

Kantha is one of the smaller reserves that belong to the Fort Nelson

Slavery Band, and when we arrived only three residents were in the village, Elders Joseph and Mary McGilvery and 30-year-old Norman McGilvery.

CBC and "Windspeaker" were in the area to film a documentary on the life of Slavey Indian and record-



(L. TO R.) MARY AND JOSEPH MCGILVERY AND HARRY RUSK ...fond memories after 40 years

ing artist Harry Rusk called "Beyond the Bend of the River."

This was Rusk's first time at Kantha since he left the village 40 years ago.

"I remember it was also June that I moved to Fort Nelson, so it is the same month also," said Rusk.

The tranquility of Kantha, with its six small houses situated near the mouth of two rivers, was almost too still for us city folk.

Rusk remembers Kantha and its people very well, although he was very young when he left here after his father died and his mother needed medical help that could only be obtained by living in the Fort Nelson area.

He remembered playing with his brother, Jack, and other children of the community. Times were easy and although some of the people would get a little tipsy after dipping into home brew or liquor that was brought in by bootleggers, Rusk says Kantha still has some fond memories for him.

Trapping was great in those days, and game was

plentiful. Today, Norman, who still traps as his people did before him, said they can still make a living at it.

"I looked out our window once while we were eating a I saw a moose across the river, only a couple of hundred yards away. I shot it from out of the window," said Norman smiling.

"It's sad those beautiful days had to end," said Rusk, referring to the tuberculosis that struck Native people across the nation the the 1950s and 60s.

It killed his brother, Jack, whom Harry was so fond of, and some time later it claimed the life of his Dad.

"I remember that day. My Dad said to my Mother to take me away from here so I could become something better than Kantha had to offer.

"Then, later on, some people took me in the house and when I looked out the window, I saw my Mother pulling Dad on a sleigh to the graveyard. I tried to go to them but I was held. Someone else went and helped my Mom. I'll never forget that," said Rusk.

The epidemic hit Kantha hard. Many of the people that contracted the disease, never survived.

"It was useless to get medical treatment here at that time. The only way to get to Fort Nelson was by foot. I remember walking it and it took me three days," said Rusk.

At Kantha some of those people are buried in the graveyard next to Mary and Joseph's home. Others are buried near a new airstrip being built for the community because the other one is two miles away, up a hill and across the river.

The three people we met at Kantha were quiet and proud. Possibly it came from years of living along the Kantha River, a peaceful life. But mostly it came from living off the land, trapping and fishing with only one's thoughts for company.

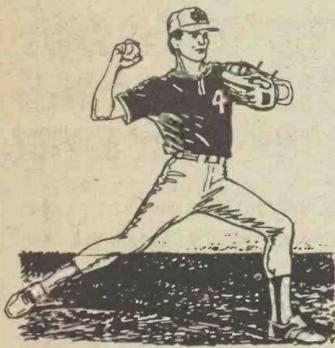
On our last day there, Norman took Harry up river, promising good fishing and it was. Rusk caught three fish in a very short time and it showed that Norman knew this country very well.

"I love to trap. I go out and work once in awhile, but someone has to be here with my Dad and Mom to look out for them. When my brother returns he will stay for awhile and I will go to Fort Nelson," said Norman.

When the plane arrived to take us back out, the pilot (Glen Air) hollered over his motor, "I hope you don't mind, but Chief George Bane asked me to deliver this propane bottle and medical supplies for Joseph."

Of course we didn't mind. We loaded onto the plane and when we were all seated, the motor was revved. I looked out the window to wave at Norman, but he was already gone.

We flew over Kantha on our way back to Fort Nelson. So quiet, yet with so many memories hidden away in time itself. Small wonder, I thought, that Norman and his family prefer Kantha to the city life, or Fort Nelson. They have everything in Kantha that they will ever need.



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# Native hockey great honored

By Ivan Morin

HOBEBEMA — Former New Ranger Jimmy Nielsen was the honored guest as the Hobbema four bands honored their amateur hockey players on June 12.

The banquet was opened in a way I had never seen a hockey banquet opened before: Elder John Samson, dressed in full colors, led the Hobbema Novice Wranglers into the hall. A number of the players carried flags, ranging from the Canadian flag to the Band flag. When all the players had been assembled, Hobbema hockey mom Donna Johnson sang "O' Canada".

The opening ceremonies continued with the invocation in Cree by Elder John Samson. Samson stressed that it was important that the people recognize the young hockey players for their efforts through the year. He said it was especially good because "we are honoring them for the positive things they are doing."

Nielsen, who played 12 years with the New York Rangers of the National Hockey League in the late sixties and seventies, gave the audience a talk on being self-determined, not only as a Native, but as a human being.

He said that he grew up in an orphanage in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. He began to play hockey there as a young boy, and eventually worked his way to playing for the city's midget hockey team when he was only 12 years old. He continued to work on his skills until he was good enough to play in the NHL.

Nielsen says that we can't expect to be born with an over-abundance of talent, but that we should work on what we have, and that will get us to where we want to go.

Another aspect of self-determination that Nielsen spoke on was self-discipline. By his own admission Nielsen says that self-discipline has brought him a long way in life. He says that anyone who has played hockey knows that most of the good teams have a lot of discipline. Nielsen said that there were times in his career that he wavered with his self-discipline, attending one or two parties with fellow players, but he always managed to take hold and return to his disciplined life. Nielsen said that in the



**JOHN SAMSON, JIMMY NIELSEN**  
...honored guests at hockey banquet

times he went out and forgot about his self-discipline, he was forgetting how lucky he was that he was so talented, and all it took was a small reminder of where he had come from to bring back his discipline.

Finally, Nielsen spoke on self-satisfaction, and how important it is that individuals feel good about the things they do in life. Nielsen says that he has always strived to be a decent human being, and has always treated others the way that he would like to be treated. He encouraged the young hockey players of Hobbema to do the same. Aside from the philosophical outlook on hand, Nielsen said the real reason he was in Hobbema was to see a few friends and take in a free meal.

After Nielsen, spoke the rest of the head table guests gave a brief talk on the past hockey season in the Hobbema area.

Elder John Samson says that he has always supported hockey on the reserve, as well as other sports activities. He also said that he enjoyed it when visitors like Jimmy Nielsen paid a visit to Hobbema to encourage the youth, and that visitors like that should come more often.

Louis Bull Band Councilor Henry Rain said that he was optimistic of the years to come for minor hockey in the Hobbema area with the Hobbema Hawks taking command of the minor hockey program in the

area.

Mark Littlechild, Chief of the Ermineskin Band, echoed Rain's thoughts on minor hockey.

Jim Omeasoo of the Samson Band encouraged those involved in minor hockey to never give up on improving the program. He told the parents to continue supporting the children involved in the minor hockey teams.

A latecomer to the banquet was John Bull, who had just returned from a trip to Ottawa. He said that with the Hawks taking over the minor hockey program, the opportunities for the kids involved increased their chances of continuing their careers after minor hockey, because they'll have somewhere to turn.

No special awards were given to specific players, but sweaters, coats, trophies and pictures were given to the minor hockey players.

The Hobbema Wranglers were given special recognition for winning the Native provincial championship this year. Their sponsors, Dennis and Jeanette Samson, honored them with team jackets and a team picture, as well as a trophy.

Dennis Samson was also on the receiving end of a trophy, as he received the volunteer trophy from the Hobbema Oldtimers for contributing the most time to minor hockey.

The Hobbema Bantam team was also recognized for their play at the North

American International Bantam Hockey Tournament held in Port Coquitlam, B.C.. The Hobbema Bantams breezed through to win their division at the tournament. In the semi-finals of that tournament, they met the Enoch Bantams and won in overtime. Enoch was the Alberta Native Provincial champions this year.

In the final game, Hobbema met the Abbotsford, B.C., Bantam hockey team and lost 9-6. Sixty teams were entered in the tournament and Hobbema didn't give up at any time, and they were recognized for this. Making it on the all-star team for that tournament were Leon and Ted Ermineskin.

Also receiving mention at the banquet were Shirley Ermineskin, Donna Wolfe, and Stephanie Wolfe for completing the hockey year.

Figure skating assistant coach and volunteer, Deanna Nepoose, was honored.

Willie Littlechild and the rest of the Hobbema Oldtimers recounted how they had won a gold medal at an oldtimers tournament in Paris, France this year. Willie handed his teammates team pictures from the tournament. The Oldtimers received gold watches for winning the tournament and Willie presented a gold watch to his volunteers and some of the players who were unable to make the trip to Paris.

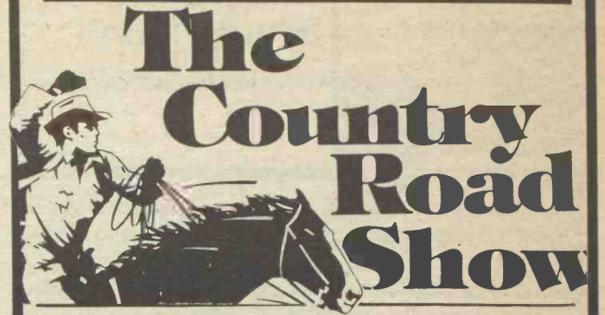
A plaque was presented to John Bull of the Samson Band for the 20 years he contributed in the recreation department. The plaque was presented by Holly Johnson, director of recreation for the Four Bands.

Jimmy Nielsen received a number of gifts at the banquet. The Four Bands Administration presented him with a buckskin jacket and he also received a pair of cowboy boots and a gold watch from the Oldtimers hockey team.

Littlechild also informed the banquet that Nielsen had drafted by the Hobbema Oldtimers and the gold watch was a singing bonus.

All in all, the future of minor hockey in Hobbema looks bright, with the Hawks taking over the development of the young players.

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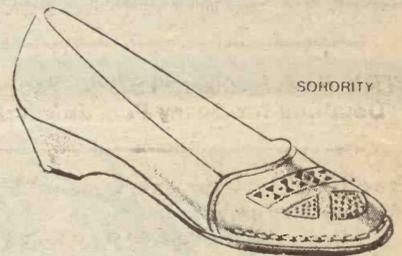


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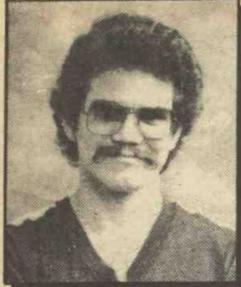


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**Sports Roundup**

**By Ivan Morin**

Hi there. How have the last seven days been for all of you? Mine have been pretty good. I got to go to the big fight here in Edmonton over the weekend. It didn't go exactly as I said it would, but at least the right man won.

But you gotta give credit to Lakusta, because he showed us all that he could do more than brawl. I also got to see a whole lot of something you don't normally see at the Coliseum here in Edmonton, and that's a good number of Native people. Yeah, I went to about 10 hockey games this year and I'll bet I didn't see more than a handful of Natives in a crowd of 17,000 or more. On Saturday, at the fight, I'll bet I saw over 200 of our people skulking around at fight time. Of course it might have had something to do with the fact that one of our own was fighting on the card.

If that was the case, then we sure didn't go home disappointed, as Danny Lindstrom scored a unanimous decision over, Willy Featherstone, the number one-ranked light heavyweight in Canada.

I also got revenge on Wagamese for beating me in the Windspeaker/Native Perspective pool tournament last month. We played a few games the other night and I managed to squeeze the best out of three out of him. I didn't win as convincingly as I wanted to, but at least I redeemed myself a bit. Well, that about does it for my week, now let's see what happened or is going to happen in your community.

**LITTLE BUFFALO** — I got a phone call from Gift Lake earlier this week telling me about a ball tournament that took place in Little Buffalo a couple of weeks ago and I thought I might share the results with you. Leonard Flett tells me that it was a good tournament

and that everybody had fun. The Gift Lake (Saving Store) Supremes came out on top over the two-day tournament.

With their first place finish, the Supremes took home \$530. Coming in second in the race was the Gift Lake End Shooters, and they took home \$300 for their troubles. Winning the final money and taking third was a team from Lubicon Lake. Over the two-day tournament, the Supremes didn't lose a game.

**ALEXANDER** — I finally got around to apologizing to the Alexander Band for not making it out there that time I got lost a month or so back and ended up in Alexi. Anyway, Norm Kootnay was forgiving because I promised him that I would be in Alexander the next time they had something big to report on.

Turns out I'll definitely be out there on August 22, 23, and 24, because they are having the Alexander Sports Days on the weekend. Some of the events you can look forward to seeing include; men's and women's fastball, men's slow pitch, the Alberta Pony and Chuckwagon Championships, and Alexander's version of the Lakeland Rodeo. So I hope everybody makes an effort to get out there for the Sports Days, and if you see a lost reporter along the way, just point him in the right direction.

**HIGH PRAIRIE** — Ellis O'Brien and the rest of the executive directors from a number of Alberta friendship centres just returned from Victoria, where the National Association of Friendship Centres held their Annual meeting. Ellis was telling me that he met his friend from Slave Lake, Alex Courtorielle, there and Alex inadvertently reminded him that High Prairie had lost the Fitness Week Challenge between their friendship centres. Ellis says "that's okay, we'll get 'em next year." That's the spirit. Ellis also tells me that he's getting about 20 kids ready for the Friends in Sports competitions in Lethbridge on July 2, 3 and 4. The High Prairie athletes will be involved in track and field and fastball. Good luck to all the kids, and I'll probably see you there.

**KEHEWIN** — Norman Amahoos tells me that the Kehewin Band is getting set to host a fastball tournament on July 26 and 27. They are expecting 16 men's teams and 8 women's. The entry fee for the men is \$250 and for the women it is set at \$200. The men have a total of \$4,000 to play for, while the women will be squaring off for \$1,600. The tournament is being sponsored by the Kehewin Red Wings soft ball team.

**BONNYVILLE** — I had a bit of conversation with Val Meader, who is the secretary at the Bonnyville Friendship Centre. She informed me that they didn't have a program director in place yet, and she wasn't sure what was going on in sports in and around the friendship centre. Another thing Val wanted to tell me was that she was not happy that Willie deWit won the fight last weekend, and that she now feels sorry for Ken Lakusta, because he was crying when he lost the title. Well, Val then's the breaks.

**CNFC EDMONTON** — Gordon Russell wants all ball players to know that last year's national champions from the Canadian Native Friendship Centre here in Edmonton will be holding a tryout camp on Saturday, July 12. All interested persons should contact Gordon at 482-6051, or be at the friendship centre before 11 a.m. on July 12.

Gordon and the friendship centre also have something unique going on this summer. They've invited a host of sporting celebrities to eat at the friendship centre every Thursday afternoon, for their weekly barbecue. Last week they had Dave Semenko of the Edmonton Oilers. This week Edmonton Eskimo quarterback Matt Dunigan will be the special guest. We haven't got a list of the guests who will be attending in the future, but you can be guaranteed they'll be there. If I haven't got a big story I have to chase down I'm usually with my camera ready for anyone who wants their picture taken with the sports celebrity.

Well, that about does it for another Sports Roundup. We'll catch you again next week. And remember to KEEP SMILING. It's easier on the nerves.



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# Battle waged



**WILLIE deWIT**  
...new Canadian champ

By Ivan Morin

It wasn't the "Thrilla In Manila," nor did it bring back memories of the vintage heavyweight championship fights of the, Ali, Louis, Sullivan or the host of other great fighters who have fought for the title of heavyweight champion, but Canada's version of the "championship" was something worth seeing, and something those of us who were there will remember for quite some time to come.

Ken Lakusta, the champion, and Willie deWit, the challenger, waged the bat-

tle of their lives through twelve rounds of non-stop boxing action. A Canadian title record fight crowd of 14,761 was out to see the two best heavyweights this country has to offer, fight it out for a title which has not been won in the ring for twenty-five years. The Lakusta-deWit fight is the first time that the combatants weren't fighting for a vacant title.

The Edmonton crowd was ready for the fight as a chorus of cheers met deWit when he entered the ring, and a number of audible boos met champion, Ken

Lakusta, when he showed up in the ring. The stage had been set and the actors had their places. deWit, the crowd favorite, fought a steady first six rounds, catching and throwing some good blows, while Lakusta toyed with his hecklers by putting up his hands after every round.

In the early going, both fighters seemed content to fight on the inside, where it seemed Lakusta might have the advantage, showing the crowd an upper cut they had never seen him throw. Both fighters landed some solid blows and seemed to hurt one another at different times in the early going.

Lakusta rocked deWit with a hard straight right to the head followed by a series of left-right combinations in the fourth round to give the deWit fans a bit of a scare, and he used left hooks, elbows, foreheads, and a number of after-the-break hits, to keep deWit on his toes.

Lakusta's early rounds didn't hold up as he ran out of steam and quit punching after the eighth round. deWit took clear advantage of Lakusta's inactiveness in the latter stages of the fight, repeatedly rocking Lakusta

with telling blows.

After twelve rounds, the decision from the judges was unanimous for deWit, with scores of 116-114, 117-113, and 118-111.

At the post-fight press conference, both fighters acknowledged that it was the toughest fight that they had ever fought, and each gave credit to the other fighter for his toughness. Lakusta said, "I have been in the ring with some of the best hitters in Frank Bruno (former Commonwealth Champion) and Trevor Berbick (WBA heavyweight champion) and this boy can hit as good as anyone I've ever fought."

deWit said, "Lakusta did a lot of talking before the fight, and he fought hard, he fought the best fight of his life, and he was in good shape."

One person who was not amazed with the main event was former Canadian Heavyweight Champion George Chuvalo, as he called both deWit and Lakusta club fighters, and said that he saw a good club fight. Chuvalo was in town trying to scare up a fight for, Razor Ruddock, number three ranked Canadian heavyweight.

On the undercard of the main event, Edmonton's



**KEN LAKUSTA**  
...fights his best fight

Jimmy Cheung lost a majority decision to Rod Starks of Los Angeles in a six round welterweight matchup. Calgary's Ken Billingham was on the short end of a majority decision, as he lost his first professional match to James Williams of Phoenix. The decision came after eight rounds of non-stop action, and with Billingham fighting with a bruised ribcage.

The semi-main event saw the fighting Metis from Fort McMurray, Danny Lindstrom, win a majority decision over the Number 1 ranked Canadian light-heavyweight in Canada, Willy Featherstone of Toronto.

And, finally, Edmonton's Harpal Talhan remained undefeated as the corner of Calgary's Reggie Johnson threw in the towel in the second round of the match.

## Sports

### Lindstrom beats number one contender in the country

By Ivan Morin

It's not often that an unranked fighter beat the Number 1 contender in the country, but it happened at the Edmonton Coliseum on the undercard of the Willie deWit - Ken Lakusta Heavyweight Championship fight, as Fort McMurray's Danny Lindstrom won a unanimous decision over Willy Featherstone of Toronto, in an eight-round light heavyweight match.

Lindstrom made it obvious from the opening bell that he came to fight and that the six months he has spent in Las Vegas, Nevada training have taught him something.

In the first round of the match Lindstrom landed several lefts and backed up Featherstone throughout the round. Featherstone seemed to have trouble fighting off the ropes and keeping Lindstrom away from him.

Both fighters came out a little slow in the second round and seemed to be correcting mistakes they made in the first. Neither landed any good shots and they appeared to be staying away from one another.

Featherstone came out firing in the third, only to have Lindstrom put on a good defensive show,

although featherstone did land some blows which appeared to hurt Lindstrom in the later part of the round. Lindstrom stumbled a bit after taking two left hooks in a row.

The fight slowed down again in the fourth as neither fighter seemed too excited about taking the initiative in the round.

The fifth round saw both fighters landing some telling blows and working hard on each other. Lindstrom's right found it's way to Featherstone's head on more than one occasion, and Featherstone managed to connect with a couple of solid lefts.

Although the sixth round would have been scored even, I may have given it to Featherstone on the basis that his left continued to

find it's way to Lindstrom's body and head. A cut above Lindstrom's right eye was starting to look a little nasty, but it didn't appear to be bothering Lindstrom too much.

Each fighter had a good seventh round as they exchanged punches in the round. In an action-packed round, punches were thrown and landed from every direction.

The fighters threw everything but the kitchen sink at each other.

In the eighth and final round, Lindstrom found enough energy to impress the judges with a couple of good flurries. Featherstone was left to block and run through most of the round.

As the decision went to the judges, most of those in the media were talking of the job that Lindstrom had done through the fight, holding his own.

The official scores from the judges looked like this: Judge John Sharp saw it 79-75, while Judge John Rudd scored it 79-75 and Edmonton Judge Lloyd Sutton scored it 79-77, all for Lindstrom.

Lindstrom's record increases 6-1-1, while Featherstone drops to 15-3

Lindstrom now returns to Las Vegas to continue training.



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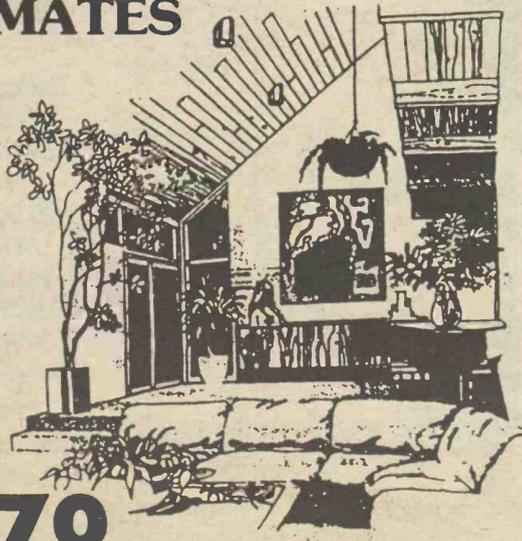
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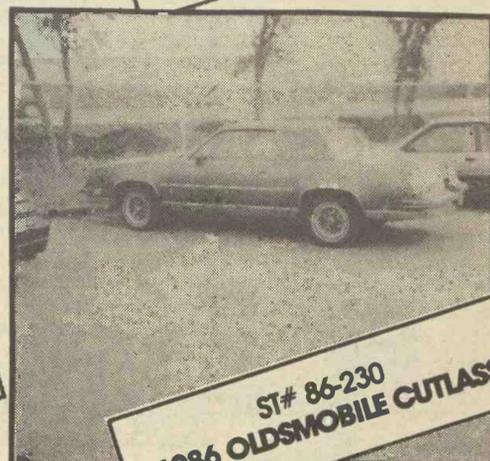
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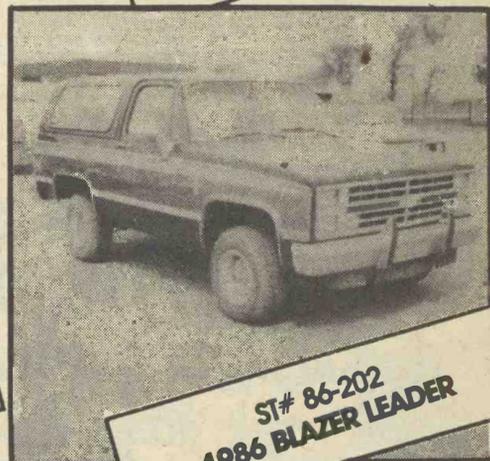
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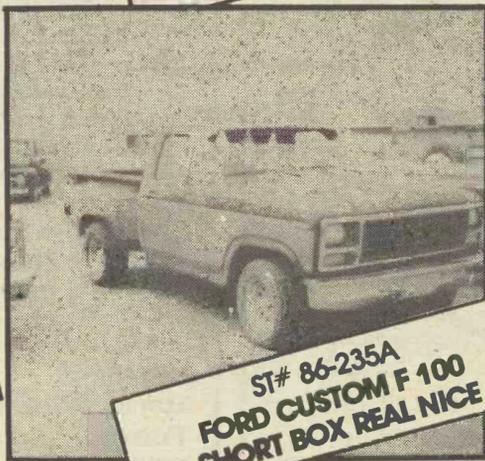
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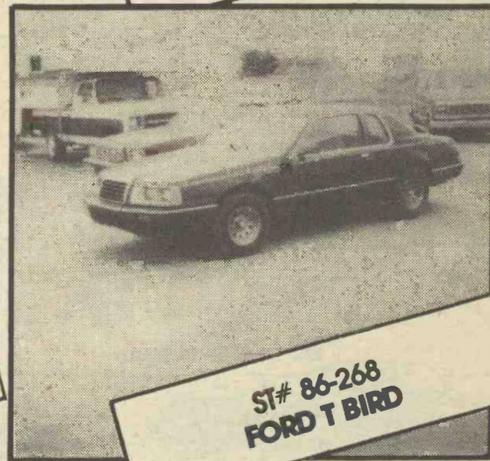
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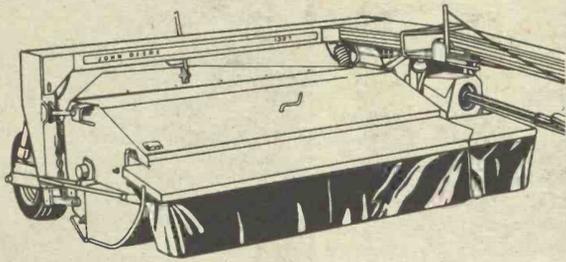
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## Native co-ordinator appointed to help Native participation

By Lesley Crossingham

CALGARY — A Native coordinator to help involve Indian and Metis people in the 1988 Olympic Winter Games will be hired shortly, Olympic Organizing Committee (OCO) officials announced at a news conference here Monday.

Officials from OCO held a closed-door meeting with Native people from the Calgary area in the Calgary Native Friendship Centre to discuss their involvement.

In an interview after the meeting OCO General

Manager Frances Jackson-Dover said Native people had expressed concern to OCO officials that their participation would only be minor.

"But we assured them that Native participation would be meaningful and a great opportunity to give a high profile to the First Nations of this country,"

In February this year the OCO came under fire from some Native leaders after a meeting which gave some people the impression that Native people would be mere tourist attractions.

Sarcee Chief Roy Whitney suggested at the time that a coordinator be hired to advise OCO and to work with Native leaders.

"OCO welcomed this suggestion," said Jackson-Dover "and we will be advertising for a Native coordinator."

Jackson-Dover says the coordinator must have sound communication skills and the ability to interact with the Native people of Alberta.

OCO is hoping to announce the appointee within the next few weeks.

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#### WHITEHORSE CREEK

The campground will be partially closed from early June until early September. Alternate camping facilities are conveniently located at the Watson Creek Recreation Area, 10 km east of Whitehorse Creek, or at Mountain Park Recreation Area, 12 km to the south.

#### Lac La Biche Forest 623-5240

#### IRONWOOD LAKE

The campground will be partially closed for upgrading as of July 2, 1986, fifteen units will remain open. Alternate camping facilities are conveniently located west of Wold Lake, at Pinehurst Lake and Siebert Lake.

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#### NORTH WABASCA

While the upgrading is not quite complete, the construction going on will not interfere with public use of the campground.

#### Rocky/Clearwater Forest 845-8250

#### SEVEN MILE

The campground is partially closed for upgrading although 20 units will remain open throughout construction. Loop 3 is closed from May 20 to the end of the 1986 season. Loop 4 and the day use area are closed from July 2 until the end of the 1986 season.

#### SOUTH FORK

The campground will be closed for upgrading as of May 20, 1986. Alternate camping facilities are conveniently located at Strachan Recreation Area, 3 km southwest, or Prairie Creek Recreation Area, 13 km southwest of the South Fork campground.

#### ELK RIVER

The Elk River campground and recreation area has been dismantled because of major road relocation changes to Elk River Road.

#### BRAZEAU RESERVOIR

The campground is partially closed to permit completion of the upgrading begun in 1985. Fishing in the Brazeau Reservoir Area (canals, trout ponds and Reservoir) will not be affected by the upgrading work. The newly upgraded Reservoir Camping Loops, consisting of 33 camping units were permanently opened for use on May 16, 1986. All Developed Overflow Areas, as well as the remaining Day Use Areas, are also open for use at Brazeau Reservoir.

#### BLACKSTONE AND NORTH RAM RIVER

These campgrounds will be closed from May 20, 1986 to the end of the 1986 season. Alternate camping facilities are conveniently located at Brown Creek, north of Blackstone on Forestry Trunk Road, or Upper Shunda, Fish Lake and Goldeye Lake, all on Highway 11.

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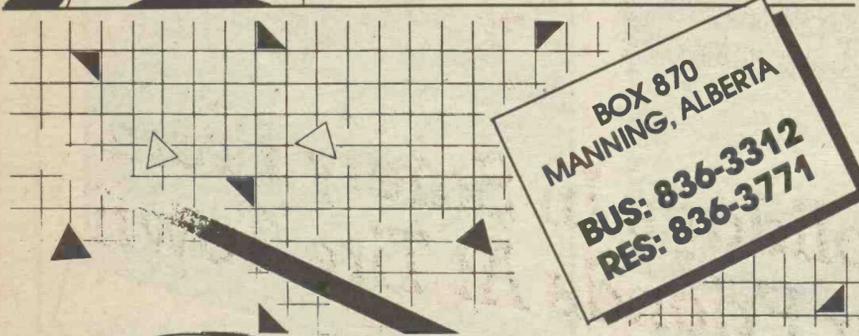
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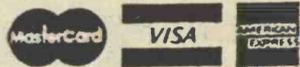
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## CAROLINE BUFFALO



By Albert Crier

Caroline Buffalo, a 20 year old student at the University of Alberta entered the 1986 Alberta-Native Princess Pageant, with the conviction of being a true ambassador for Native people and culture.

"It's not just a beauty contest, you have to earn the title and take the responsibilities and duties seriously," said Buffalo.

Buffalo is from the Montana Band and is being sponsored by the Four Nations of Hobbema. She is at presently in her second year towards a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in political science, at the U of A.

For quite some time now, Buffalo has had an active interest in promoting Native culture and representing her heritage.

Serving as an Indian princess on a number of occasions, Buffalo has experience in promoting Aboriginal culture.

This young Indian lady first entered an Indian princess pageant at the age of 13, with the backing of the

Central Cree Powwow Club. She later held the titles of Hobbema Indian Princess (80/81) and Ponoka Stampede Princess (81/82).

Buffalo also entered the first Miss Indian World pageant, held in 1984, which started out with no Canadian entries.

The Indian culture means a lot to Buffalo, who follows the Indian way of life, with the guidance of her Elders. She loves dancing at Indian powwow celebrations and has in recent years been actively involved in organizing Native cultural events.

Buffalo has been a member of several Hobbema powwow committees and co-ordinated the 1986 U of A Native Students Club annual powwow. She is at present a committee member of the Jimmy Smallboy Memorial Powwow, set for June 30 and the Four Bands Annual Powwow, to be held on the first weekend of August.

Buffalo's belief in her Native heritage extends not only to the cultural aspect, she is also actively pursuing her personal academic stu-

dies on the political realities of Native society.

After graduating from Ponoka Composite High School with a senior matric, Buffalo immediately enrolled at the University of Alberta. Buffalo was awarded the Willie Littlechild Young Indian Achievers Award, for the Treaty Six area, in 1984.

"Together with their spiritual values and beliefs, education is one of the strongest tools Native people have today," says Buffalo.

Her academic goal is to obtain a degree in political journalism. To this end, she is seriously considering a masters program in practical journalism, offered by the Ryerson Poly-tech Institute in Toronto.

Buffalo is at presently working as a research assistant with the Four Bands Constitutional Committee, which is developing the constitutional position of the Hobbema bands to take to the First Minister Conference on Aboriginal Rights next year.

Buffalo holds a strong

belief in Native youth interest and involvement in the big issues that affect their people.

"It's important that young people get involved," said Buffalo.

To Buffalo, youth involvement opportunities range from learning and using Aboriginal languages, conversing with Native Elders and participating in spiritual ceremonies and cultural celebrations such as sundances and powwows.

Buffalo's interests include: powwows she does bead work and makes her own dancing outfits; reading science fiction and "a little bit of everything," and collecting hunting and survival knives.

Journalistic and creative writing is another favorite activity she finds enjoyable. Buffalo has submitted an occasional article to AMMSA and has reported for the Bear Hills Native Voice. When she isn't doing any of these activities, this talented girl gets out her camera to take pictures of people. She prefers doing child portraits, but she also likes landscape stills and sports action photos.

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## LISA GAIL McLEOD

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Lisa Gail McLeod is a 16-year-old Cree who makes her home in Slave Lake. She is at present attending Roland Michener High School in Slave Lake. Awards she has received include in Grade 8, a trophy for "Greatest Effort for Achievement"; two Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre Recognition Awards for "athletic and academic achievements" in Grade 11; and a trophy for the "Most Improved Volleyball Player". Lisa's employment history includes working as a cashier/waitress and as a busgirl at the Sawridge Hotel.

McLeod is currently a member of the Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre and is doing her "work experience" at the Slave Lake Centre for this semester.

Lisa states that she "loves to listen to rock music as it helps me relax." She also states that she reads First Love paperback novels sometimes and tries to stay active in sports. She enjoys going camping with her friends and going on big shopping trips for clothes.



Sports Lisa enjoys are playing broomball, volleyball, golf and particularly badminton and basketball. She actively participates in aerobic activities, and in dancing, skipping and work-outs.

List states she has musical interests, although she does not play any instruments. She likes to sing and enjoys old rock bands such as Nazareth, CCR, Eagles, Rolling Stones and Rush. Another special interest she has is taking pictures of people so she can remember them in her photo album. She also sketches pictures of people on a spur-of-the-moment inspiration, and once she starts sketching, she doesn't stop until it is done and perfect.

Lisa McLeod states her objective in life "is to become very independent and have a career in which I will be happy. I plan to enter the field of dentistry". She plans to achieve this by "getting work experience at the dental clinic in town. After graduation, I would like to work for a couple of years to save for my education. Then I will attend NAIT or SAIT.

When asked what her most interesting experience has been, Lisa replied, "when I was young, my most interesting experience was going on a field trip for one week. We travelled the province. So far, working at the friendship centre has been most interesting. I don't think I have lived long enough to have any major experience. Being in this pageant will surely be one, though."

McLeod feels that a person, one individual like herself, can improve on today's society by "making people more socially aware of current events. In this way, people can understand all of the angles to every problem problem and we can solve them much easier through co-operation. I guess I would have to become an anchorwoman on a major network."

If she had three wishes, Lisa would wish:

- 1) "I owned a summer cottage by a beautiful, white sandy beach and a big lake. I wish that the cottage be surrounded by big, shady, leafy trees. I would be very content here. I will never get tired of listening to the crashing of the waves and the gentle rustling of leaves in the wind. It would be so peaceful to spend a lazy summer alone or with a friend in a place like this.
- 2) "If I were God, I would make people understand and respect all people and other Native cultures; I would get Corey Hart to write me a love song (he's my hero); I would get my mom a dishwasher (so I don't have to wash dishes); and I would get rid of Ronald Reagan."
- 3) "My last wish is to see that every poor and hungry person in the world get all the attention he/she needs. It is such a great feeling to see a small child whose life has been lived in poverty finally smile and hope for a brighter, new light. It just breaks my heart to see sad and hungry children who know that there is no hope for themselves. They'll never know what it is like to live in such a wealthy nation as Canada. I try not to take what I have for granted because I know that I'm very well-off compared to them.

## INDIAN TRANSPORTATION

A serial about Indian methods of transportation

# Tump, cart usefulness outlived

### PART VIII

By Terry Lusty

In addition to the dog, and later the horse, a very basic method used by Indians and metis to carry goods was that of the tumpline, or the "tump" as it was so generally called.

In practice, the tump was a strip of fabric that was passed around one's chest or forehead so that one's back or neck muscles took some of the heavy weight of the load carried and also kept one's hands and arms free to do other things. They were often employed to carry loads of firewood or other goods.

Usually, they were made from a strip of tanned hide—preferably that of moose, caribou or horse. It is believed that this invention was of Algonkian origin in eastern Canada.

The tump aided one when moving camp. Everyone would pitch in to help in this task. Goods were wrapped in squares of moosehide or some other available animal hide, or, they could be packed in birchbark containers and carried with the aid of a tumpline. Due to the later but regular use of the horse and oxen, the tumpline gradually became obsolete and no longer used.

#### RED RIVER CARTS:

These vehicles were a most unique invention of the Metis. It is believed that these two-wheeled contrivances, so notably associated with the Metis, originated from the highlands of Scotland via French Quebec



**TRADITIONAL TUMPLINE**  
...a basic method for carrying goods

but were improvised by the Metis to suit their own needs.

The Red River cart was first mentioned, as far as we know, by Alexander Henry the Younger in 1801 even though the cart he described was not a true version of the Red River model.

Generally speaking, the cart consisted of a light box frame mounted on a single axle with two strongly constructed wooden wheels. The wheels were dis-shaped, with the centre being more inward while the wheel rim was more outward and, thus, gave the wheel the appearance of being a dish which had its middle portion closer to the axle than its outer rim, which was further away from the axle. This afforded greater stability for the cart, which often had to travel over rough terrain.

The wheel rims were strengthened by wrapping them with wet rawhide

which, once dried, held them together in a vice-like grip. Basically, the cart wheels were of five to six feet in height and contained anywhere from eight to 12 spokes.

On two shafts running between and crosswise from the wheels was a light-railed, box-like platform. The entire unit was constructed solely of wood. It contained no metal parts whatsoever—not even a nail, a screw, or a spike. The wood was usually a hardwood that could be found along the prairie riversides and easily outlasted the softer woods such as poplar.

The wheel hubs were made of ash wood while the axle was fashioned from maple. It was this wood-on-wood assembly that created a loud shrieking sound similar to that of a thousand or more fingernails being drawn across the surface of the chalkboard. It was a

shrill sound that, from many miles away, signalled its arrival.

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When on an expedition such as a buffalo hunt, a long line of carts—a cart "train"—was divided into brigades of 10 carts each which were managed by one of the cart drivers. In turn, a single horseman rode about from brigade to brigade as a supervisor of them all. A cart train could consist of up to 1,000 carts or even more, although such cases were rare. One huge buffalo hunt in 1840 was accompanied by 1,210 carts!

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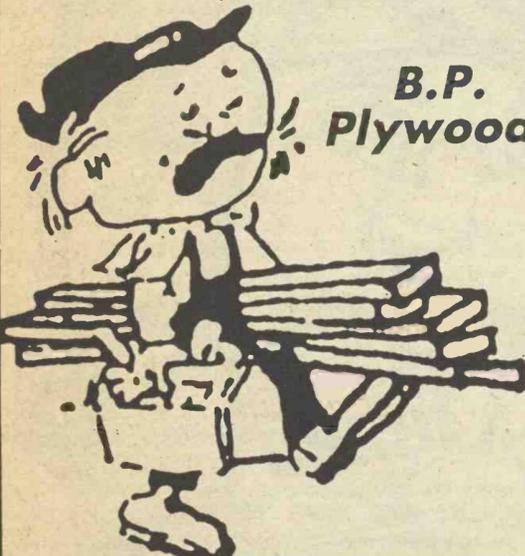
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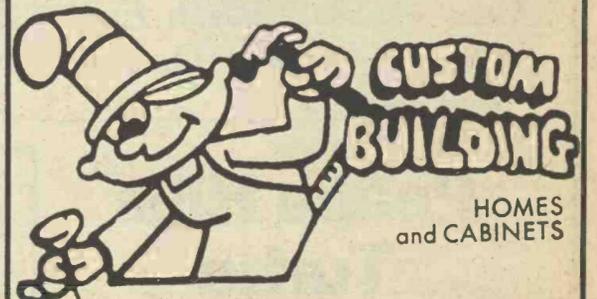
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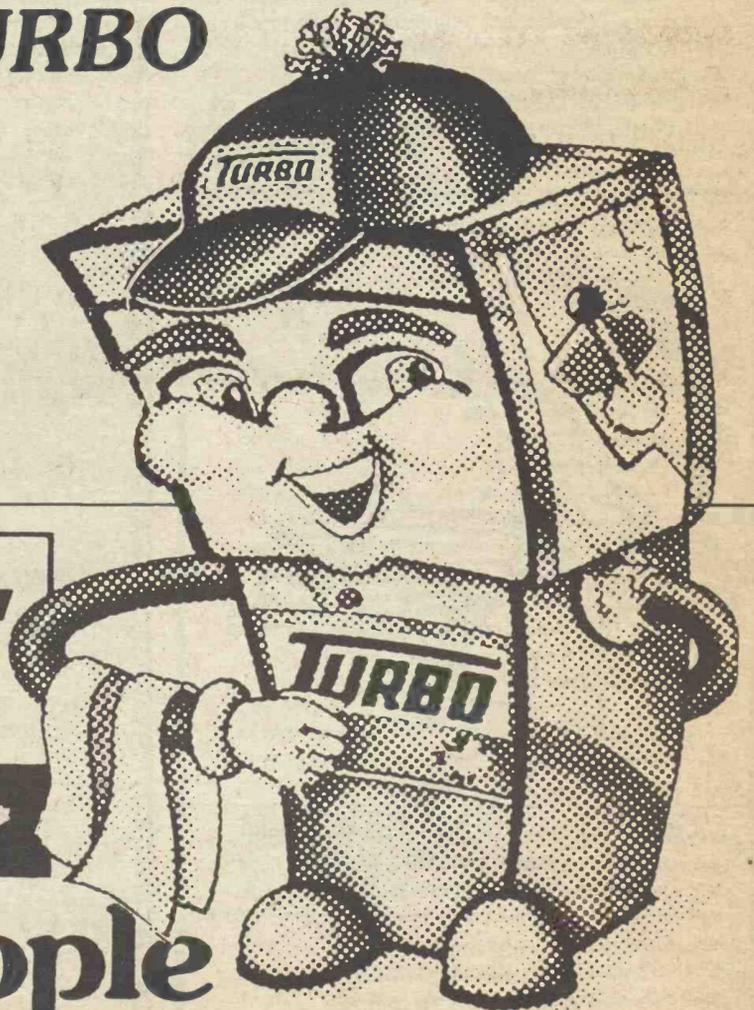
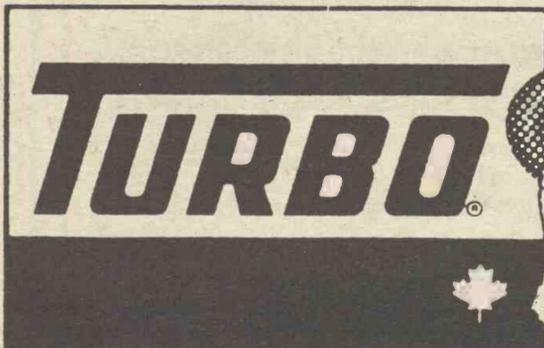
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# The Pumper People

# New curriculum offered for public viewing

By Terry Lusty

A long-awaited program of the Edmonton Public School Board to develop Native curriculum materials is finally coming full circle. Four years in the making, Sacred Circle will be offering draft copies of its first batch of printed works for public viewing and feedback.

The bulk of the eight manuscripts are now ready to go to the printers. If there are any members of the community at large who wish to preview and offer comments about the material for the sake of accuracy or for any other reason, this is the time to do it. They will be on display at Sacred Circle offices June 26 and 27 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Oliver School, Room 22, 118 Street and 102 Avenue.

The following is a brief summary of each book and does not reflect on the quality, accuracy, or any other judgmental aspect regarding the books.

## RESERVES IN ALBERTA: A CLOSER LOOK

By Laura Okemaw

A 32-page full color book containing 75 photographs by Dale Auger, it presents a view of six of the 22 Indian reserves situated north of Edmonton: Driftpile, Fort McKay, Halcro, Sucker Creek, Utikoomak (Whitefish), and Wabasca-Desmarais.

The reserves are described in general terms incorporating some of the local economies such as hunting, fishing, and trapping as well as occupations stemming from the dominant society. Crafts and powwows are included.

## A SUMMER POW WOW

By Laura Okemaw

This, too, is a well illustrated, full color publication which uses 32 pictures by Auger plus a few by Betty Peters. The book examines what a dancer does in preparing for a powwow and what his dance outfit consists of.

A description of the Grass, Traditional, and Fancy Dance is articulated with additional emphasis on drummers, singers, spectators, and hand games.

## NORWOOD WALK ALONG

By Roberta McKay

A 35-page, black and white book utilizing photos by Betty Peters with illustrations by Shelah Ruth, the book presents a picture of the goods and services one can expect to find in a specific area of Edmonton.

## BRENDA AND THE BARREL RACE

By Marilyn Scott

Versed in the writing of curriculum and film script, Scott offers a fictional account of how, through the herbal knowledge acquired from her grandma, young Branda heals a foot sore on her horse and goes on to win in barrel racing competition.

Approximately 12 to 15 pages in length, the book is illustrated by commercial artist Beryl Schmitke and will be published in two colors.

## JOE SWIFT RUNNER'S SECRET DREAM

By Rosalee van Stelton

With illustrations by John A. Thomas, this 16-page book is to be a full color production which chronicles Swift Runner's dream to someday become the "World Champion Chicken Dancer" at the annual Calgary Stampede.

## A VISIT TO GRANDMA CHRIS

By Isabelle Kootenay

This piece of fiction, in two colors, is illustrated by Bob Laderoute. It tells how Dawn, an eight-year-old girl, and her mother visit Grandma Chris at Lac St. Anne. On their way, Dawn raises questions about nature's animals which are answered by her mother. Upon reaching their destination, special note is made of grandma's home interior with its wood fire, bannock, smoked fish and meat, and other cultural "window dressings."

Grandma provides Dawn with a history lesson on traditional Indian ways which are actually a recapitulation of the author's memories of what had been handed down to her as a child. The book is 14 pages long.

## TODAY AND TOMORROW...A BOOK ABOUT NATIVE PEOPLE

By various authors

Personality profiles and pictures of 13 Alberta Natives, these have been written by students of the Native Communications Program. The part-biographies of the subjects extol the successes of the individuals, not in terms of money or glory, "but rather in personal fulfillment."

The 40-page publication is designed for use as a "coffee table" book which is meant "to build a positive self-image for kids," says the curriculum coordinator, Phyllis A. Arnold.

## TIPAHASKAN (Measured Land)

By Brenda Bellingham

The most major of the eight books, "Tipahaskan" will be about 110 pages in length and illustrated by Beryl Schmitke who, along with Dale Auger, provided the photographs used. The book provides a contemporary profile of the Hobbema Indian Reserve, is aimed at the

Grade 3 level and will be in full color.

Of all the books, Arnold is most excited about "Tipahaskan" because it is the largest piece. She says that six residents of the reserve have verified the "authenticity of the materials as they relate to Hobbema." The book may turn out to cost \$60 or \$70 thousand for its initial printing, says Arnold. It will also have the capacity to be used as a multi-media production in that it can be complimented with the ACCESS film, "Jason Visits the Reserve" and 36 slides accompanied by the script.

The author is "a former teacher who was coached and instructed by Elders" to help prepare her role as a writer about the reserve community, said Arnold.

Arnold points out that most of the books were written by people with teaching experience, had Native input, and that all of them will be accompanied by a "Teacher Guide" except for "Today and Tomorrow."

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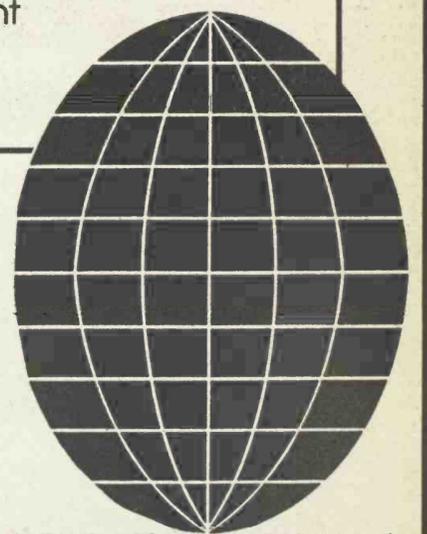
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