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## Horsman's remarks damned

By Terry Lusty

CALGARY — Recent statements by Alberta's intergovernmental affairs minister, Jim Horsman, that the entrenchment of Native self-government in the Constitution "would have an extremely destructive effect on Canada" has drawn sharp criticism from Native leaders.

A February 27 press conference at the University

of Calgary addressed Horsman's comments, with rebuttals coming from Harold Cardinal, representing the Prairie Treaty Nations Alliance (PTNA); Sam Sinclair of the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) and the Metis National Council; Dorothy Wabasca, vice-president of the Native Council of Canada (NCC), and Arnold

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## MAA, IAA unite on key issues

By John Copley

The Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) and the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) have announced a united effort to ensure that Alberta's wildlife management and environmental protection rights are recognized by the Alberta government.

In a news release, the two groups state that the "management and environmental protection rights and capabilities of the Aboriginal people have been ignored in favor of the provincial government's single-minded pursuit of economic development."

It also states that not only have the people been affected socially and economically, but the

entire cultural and social survival of Alberta's Natives has been placed in even greater jeopardy.

The release calls for an immediate moratorium on the proclamation of the new proposed amendment to the Wildlife Act. It also insists that a moratorium be placed on the proposed policy and regulations regarding grazing leases.

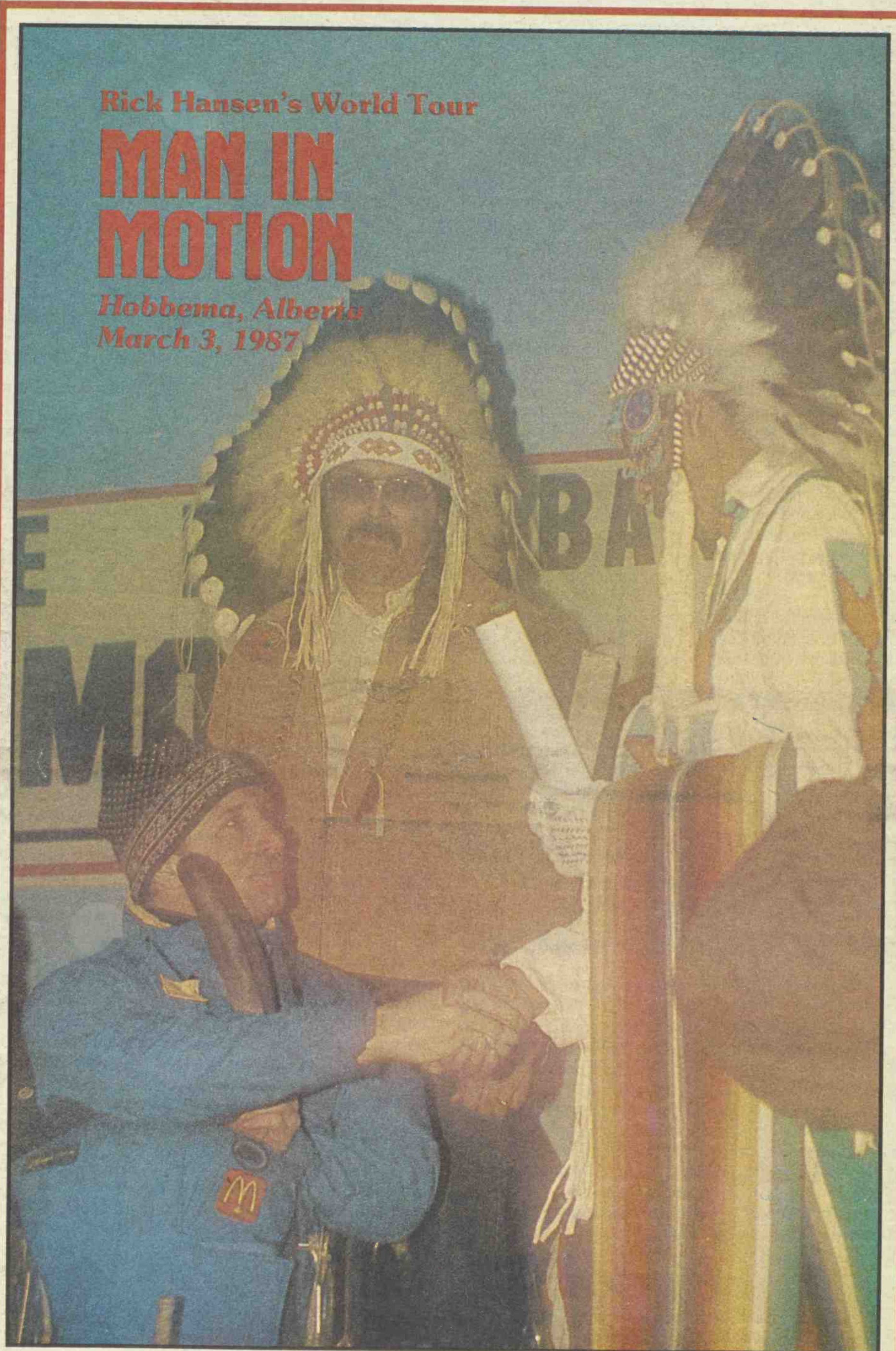
Indian and Metis representatives are also demanding that an Aboriginal consultative process work in conjunction with the Department of Forests, Lands and Wildlife.

Leaders at the release included Lubicon Lake Chief Bernard Ominiyak; IAA President Greg Smith; IAA Zone 8 Vice-President Lawrence Courtorielle; and Sam Sinclair, president of the Metis Association of Alberta.

A precedent was set earlier in the day when Sinclair was invited into the All Chiefs Conference so that he could speak to the IAA leaders.

The release comes as a result of government intentions to adopt new regulations and policies in areas regarding wildlife conservation and the selling of Crown grazing lands — an important forage ground for northern Alberta's animal population.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Lou Demarais at the Indian Association (452-4330) or Lorraine Sinclair at the Metis Association of Alberta (433-8711).



Rick Hansen's World Tour

## MAN IN MOTION

Hobbema, Alberta  
March 3, 1987

### HOBBEMA FOR HANSEN

Two Samson Band councillors, Lloyd Saddleback (centre) and Arnup Louis (right), present gifts to the Man in Motion, Rick Hansen, during his stop in Hobbema Tuesday evening. See story on Page 23.

— Photo by Jerome Bear

## Peigan chief denies funds allegations, protests ouster

By Jackie Red Crow

PEIGAN RESERVE — Chief Peter Yellow Horn angrily denied any wrongdoing after allegations of mismanagement of the \$750,000 allocated by the province for a study of the potential impact of the Oldman River Dam on the Peigan Nation.

Yellow Horn called a press conference March 2 at his home to contest a decision February 27 by

four Peigan councillors to temporarily suspend him.

At a council meeting, four councillors voted in favor of a motion by councillor George Little Moustache to suspend Yellow Horn as chief "until a full inquiry into the resource development impact department." Yellow Horn was absent from that meeting.

The council appointed

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# National

## 'Nova Scotia' proposal boosts FMC hopes

By Albert Crier

The Nova Scotia government has offered a middle ground approach to dealing with the definition and protection of Aboriginal rights to self-government, Georges Erasmus, president of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) recently reported to Native media.

The parties involved in the preparatory meeting to the First Minister's Conference (FMC) on Aboriginal constitutional matters, are polarizing their positions, said Erasmus.

At the ministerial meetings, the federal government has been pushing for Aboriginal acceptance of contingent rights, and process that is unacceptable to Aboriginal organizations.

"They were putting forth a delegated form of government that is based on contingent rights, and no rights would be entrenched 'til the process of defining

Aboriginal self-government with provincial involvement was completed," said Erasmus.

Rather than accept the federal proposal, the four Native organizations involved in the FMC talks, got together to reject it in favor of an explicit recognition of the inherent right of Aboriginal people to self-government.

The AFN, the Metis National Council (MNC), the Inuit Committee on National Issues (ICNI) and the Native Council of Canada (NCC), decided that "we're prepared to take nothing rather than accept the federal proposal that has excluded lands and resources," said Erasmus.

The contingent approach included in the federal proposal would mean that "you don't have a right until the process is concluded and you've negotiated on a specific basis what your rights are," explained



GEORGES ERASMUS  
...we're prepared

Erasmus.

Another area in which the federal proposal is

unacceptable, Erasmus reported, is that provincial governments would always



be involved and would have an equal say to negotiated agreements, even in areas where provinces have no jurisdiction.

"We are very, very adamant that the provinces do not have a role in future agreements unless invited by Aboriginal parties. These agreements must be nation to nation agreements," said Erasmus.

"It's a bilateral process, a nation to nation, government to government relationship that now exists in the Constitution. And we want that process to be there in the future," said Erasmus.

An amendment entrenching their inherent rights to self-government in the Constitution is what Aboriginal people want, said Erasmus.

This would be followed by negotiated agreements between Native people and governments on what form self-government would take.

Provincial governments can get involved only after Native groups invite provincial participation, according to Erasmus.

The Nova Scotia proposal attempts to find a way to protect what Aboriginal and Treaty rights are included in the Constitution, explained Erasmus.

Erasmus did outline certain features of the Nova Scotia proposal that receive

ed favorable attention from the Native organizations.

The Nova Scotia proposal does not propose contingent rights, but proposes a recognition of a right that might not be enforceable immediately, but is still a right, said Erasmus.

The Nova Scotia proposal also includes a process where Native people and governments would negotiate and implement treaties across the country.

Other favorable features of the Nova Scotia proposal listed by Erasmus include an equity of access to negotiate for all Aboriginal people. Native people would actually initiate the negotiation process, Native people could decide which parties would be involved at the negotiation table and for the first time government are directed to negotiate in good faith.

The Nova Scotia proposal also deals with the financial responsibility of the federal government to Aboriginal self-government negotiation, and deals with the principle that all Aboriginal governments be capable of delivering services that are at least equal to the services, other governments in Canada deliver.

One of the things that the Nova Scotia proposal did was to remove the federal government's proposal at the talks, said Erasmus.



### OTTAWA REPORT

By Owenadeka

The next time you start singing along to your favourite song on the radio, I want you to think of a guy named Tom Hudson. He used to spend a lot of time singing along to the radio when he was growing up in Fort Smith, Northwest Territories. Tom Hudson is a Metis and except for the fact that he says he sang all the time, his upbringing as a trapper's son was probably pretty typical for a northern teenager.

Tom grew up in the '50s and '60s and he says his favourite singer was Elvis Presley. But it didn't really matter who was on the radio, because Tom says he sang along with anyone. He just sang and he sang and he sang.

Tom Hudson is 36 years old now and he's still singing. The difference is that he's now the singer for a five-man band from Yellowknife called the Komatiks. The band doesn't play Elvis Presley tunes so Tom isn't singing about hound dogs or blue suede shoes. Instead, he's more likely to be singing about apartheid and outer space, among other things.

I was in a recording studio recently where I was lucky enough to listen to him sing the vocals for the band's first album. The songs were done in a variety of styles but they were all mainstream rock-and-roll. The songs were written by the Komatiks and they cover a lot of musical territory -- everything from hard-driving California rock to a funky cosmic tune set in outer space; from a scorching message on the fight for freedom in South Africa to a haunting, hurting big-city soul song.

The music of the Komatiks is smooth and tight but what sets it on fire is the way Tom sings the lyrics. He doesn't play an instrument. He can't. The only thing he can do is sing -- but then he does it extremely well. He can make a line in a song sound as sharp and clear as a rifle shot. And just like Elvis, he can use a catch in his throat to squeeze all the hurt and all the feeling out of a love song 'til he makes your backbone squirm.

The fact that Tom can sing with strength and

tenderness is probably not that unusual, especially when you consider that he's been singing all his life. The funny thing, though, is that Tom Hudson doesn't look or act anything like what you might expect. For starters, he's big enough and he's probably strong enough to make Hulk Hogan hang up his wrestling trunks. But he's no tough guy. He's polite, very quiet and very modest -- especially for someone with his talent. He certainly doesn't look like a rock-and-roll singer, either. There's no wild hair-do, no wild clothes.

If anything, he looks like a bureaucrat -- which is just what he is. Tom works as a personnel officer for the Government of the Northwest Territories. His job is one of the ironies in his life. For the past ten years he's helped to guide the careers of dozens of his government colleagues while his own musical career has been stalled somewhere between dream and reality.

But if the Komatiks album catches on, Tom Hudson's musical career will finally take off. I'm not the only one who thinks highly of him and his singing. Some of the pros in the music business say he's this close to stardom.

He just might make it and I'm not bashful about cheering him on. The reason is simple -- it's time one of our people became a big-league rock-and-roll star.

Rock music is, without question, a major cultural force all over the world. In fact, one of the few things that unites young Native people across this country is their overwhelming interest in rock-and-roll. It goes without saying that a Native rock star would have a colossal impact on Native youth. I think a Native rock star would spread pride, confidence and the knowledge that Native people can make it in anywhere in society.

A Native rock star would automatically become a role model for Native youth. Since I don't have a high opinion of most rock stars, I'd feel pretty good about Tom Hudson filling that role because the one thing Native young people don't need is a loud-mouthed, hard-drinking hell-raiser for a role model.

It will still be a couple more months before anyone will be able to listen to the Komatiks on the radio. When you do get to hear their music, though, I want you to think back to 20 years ago, to a little Metis boy sitting in a cabin in Fort Smith, singing along to the radio, dreaming about a career as a singer. I also want you to think about the Native kids who are listening to the radio today, singing along to the music and dreaming. I like to think that 20 years from now some of those kids will be singing in the big time. And I like to think that some of them will say their favourite singer wasn't Elvis Presley. It was Tom Hudson.

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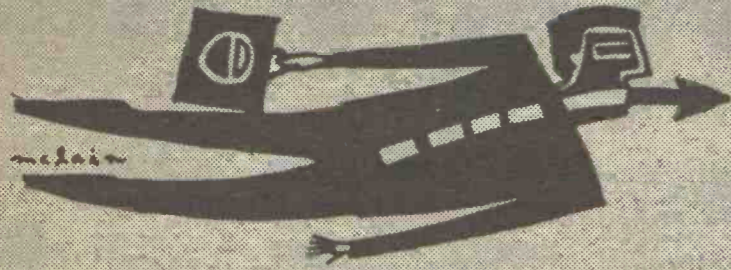
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## FIRST MINISTERS CONFERENCE



## BACKGROUND

## Pope's blessing wanted for Metis FMC prayer

By John Copley

Plans that may see the First Minister's Conference open with a new prayer by Alberta's Metis people, endorsed by Pope John Paul II, were announced at a recent news conference.

As this issue comes off the press, Metis leaders are in Rome, in conference with His Holiness.

It is no secret that the major Christian churches in Canada endorse the Metis as they struggle in their attempt to secure self-government.

At a recent press conference in Toronto, Canadian church leaders from all major denominations supported the rights of the Metis in their on-going battle to struggle for themselves a rightful place in a country which once was inhabited only by Native people — the same Native people that are given no recognition today.

"As we build toward the constitutional conference, we are receiving a lot of support," said Jim Sinclair, co-chairman of the Metis Council of Canada.

He indicated that more support was coming from the leaders and Elders because of their involvement with the church, and because of the realization that in order to retain any rights or dignities, self-government is a must.

"We are very appreciative of the support we have been given by the church leaders," reiterated Jim Sinclair.

"We hope the new prayer (by Metis and church leaders) will be endorsed by His Holiness so that we can return it to Canada to be read at the conference. It is a meaningful prayer to us. It serves our needs and that of the church."

The council is looking to build a better future for their people.

Jim Sinclair spoke of the structure:

"We are looking for a foundation on which we can build, a foundation that our people can all be a part of, a foundation, that will, in time, eliminate, among other things, the problems of poverty, welfare, alcoholism, suicide, imprisonment, and infant mortality.

A foundation which, with unity, dignity, persistence and perseverance, will see a more viable people, recognized as a people, contributing as a people, to Canada's future."

A statement prepared by the leaders of Canadian Christian churches (including Anglican, Presbyterian, the United Church of Canada, and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops) indicates full support toward the Metis people and their plight.

"We maintain," states the document, "that the rights of Aboriginal peoples are not simply legal or political issues but, first and foremost, moral issues touching the very soul and heart of Canada."

The church believes that some basic dimension of Aboriginal rights needs to be recognized and guaranteed as an essential part of the constitutional process.

These include the right to be a distinct people; the right to an adequate land-base; and the right to self-determination.

It is the aim of both the Metis people and the church to obtain these basic dimensions of Aboriginal rights through the recognition and implementation of Aboriginal self-government in Canada.

The Bishop of Victoria and president of the Western Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Remi J. DeRoos, chaired the meeting.

Various church leaders were on hand at the press conference.



BISHOP REMI J. DeROOS  
...with MNC's Jim Sinclair

# Provincial

## Government policies protested at rally

Last week you read the feature, "Guide says millions at stake." This is the second part of that story.

Last weekend the Fish and Game Association held its annual convention at the Edmonton Inn, while yet another group of outdoorsmen held a rally at the Kinsmen Fieldhouse. Some surprises were in store and the issues many.

By John Copley

"Oil and money," says Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) Treaty 8 Vice-President Lawrence Courtoreille, "are the priorities of the government in Alberta — not fish, wildlife or lands."

Courtoreille drew applause for his comments suggesting that the government wouldn't consider the Native viewpoint but would sell off the Crown lands (grazing rights) to those rich enough to afford it.

He also said that Natives were not included in the vital areas of decision making even though they have lived in the wilds longer than anyone else. He was happy and appreciative of the support he was receiving from the majority of the crowd on hand, and said that until now on-one has come to the aid of the Indian peoples.

The Kinsmen Fieldhouse played host to the affair which was held in response to the newly adopted proposals on wildlife matters.

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councillor and well-known Native rights researcher, Albert Yellow Horn as acting chief. Two councillors voted against the motion and four others abstained.

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PROTESTER TAKES BREAK  
...at wildlife rally

The rally's speakers raised doubts about the viability of the new policy. The 10 speakers addressing the various issues said they were not confident in the way the current Fish and Wildlife minister (Don Sparrow) was handling the situation.

A surprise guest speaker, Alberta Liberal leader Nick Taylor, gathered support from the crowd when he popped in to say: "If we let the government get away with giving away the rights of hunting to guides and outfitters and foreigners,

we are taking a small step to hand out exclusive rights for hunting to a few people. These rights have always belonged to the public realm, and it is our duty to see that they remain that way."

Taylor, who remained only a short time, commented on the PC Government's lack of good business sense in the environmental areas.

He said that the government doesn't seem to realize that a good environment allowed for positives in areas including tourism, conservation, watersheds and fertile

lands, which provide the ecological balance for our wildlife.

"The livelihood of the Native people will be greatly affected as many depend on fishing and hunting for their very existence," remarked WCC Party representative, Jack Ramsay.

He called for all Albertans to put their signatures to a sheet of paper in order to initiate a referendum to stop the new proposal before "we see more of our rights violated. If we let the government continue in this fashion we soon won't have any rights at all."

Tom Smith, representing Don Sparrow, contradicted the remarks that indicated Native concerns were of no importance. He said that all game animals indigenous to the province had allocation priorities.

"Firstly," he said, "to our Native people, and secondly to the rest of the natives of Alberta.

"Native people are the first to be considered when it involves wildlife matters."

Smith, who needed his wits to fend off multiple questions, did an admirable job of fielding the many inquiries brought forth by the disenchanted crowd.

In British Columbia and Saskatchewan, the NDP Governments have put a ban on most types of herbicide and pesticide spraying.

John Younie, a spokesman for the New Democrats in Alberta, said that if the

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## Peigan chief denies allegations

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government to conduct an audit on the impact study.

The study, undertaken March through December, 1986, included the cultural, spiritual, economic and ecological aspects of the proposed dam on the Old Man River.

Of the \$750,000, \$236,000 was designated for administration and \$514,000 for hiring of consultants.

Also suspended was John McDougall, economic development officer for the Peigan Nation, who said he was not surprised about the decision. Norman Grier, former councillor who was defeated in the January

band elections, will also be investigated in the inquiry.

"We did it (the impact study) legally with the great desire of determining the pros and cons of the proposed dam," said Grier.

Chief Yellow Horn said the new and inexperienced councillors were "used as pawns for some of the dissidents' concerns." He did not elaborate further.

However, Glen North Peigan, a former councillor who ran a close second to Yellow Horn in the recent band elections, said he welcomes Yellow Horn's call for an audit.

"Corruption runs deep

here and it's too bad that the Peigan have to wash their dirty laundry in public. But to correct the problem, we have to completely dismantle the organization and start all over again," said North Peigan.

He said it's unfortunate that the Peigan scandal is receiving a lot of media attention because "it hurts the negotiating position of the Peigan Nation with the provincial government on the proposed dam."

Chief Yellow Horn has vowed to sue individuals responsible for his suspension for slander and defamation of character.

# Cardinal says PTNA taking tough stand

By Albert Crier

CALGARY — The Prairie Treaty Nations Alliance (PTNA) is maintaining its tough stand against any involvement by provincial governments on Treaty matters, said Harold Cardinal speaking at the Aboriginal rights conference held February 28 at Mount Royal College here.

Cardinal, who was elaborating on the PTNA stand on the Aboriginal

right to self-government, was joined by other Native leaders at the conference panel.

Sam Sinclair, president of the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA), spoke on the Metis National Council (MNC) position to be presented along with other Aboriginal constitutional positions at the upcoming First Minister's Conference (FMC), to be held in Ottawa March 26 and 27.

Arnold Goodleaf present-



ed the position of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), which is representing Indian interests at the

constitutional talks.

Dorothy Wabasca briefed the audience on the constitutional position of

the Native Council of Canada (NCC), representing Non-Status Indian people.

The positions of the Aboriginal organizations were similar and reflected the recent agreement by Aboriginal groups to stand together on pushing for the entrenchment of the right to self-government in the Canadian constitution.

The MNC, AFN, NCC and the Inuit Committee on National Issues (ICNI), agreed to adopt a common political strategy at a summit meeting of Aboriginal organizations February 5 and 6.

The four Aboriginal groups with official participation at the FMC have opted to seek a two-way relationship with the federal government.

The PTNA has continually reminded the federal government that a bilateral relationship exists between Canada and Indian first nations, and that provincial governments do not play a direct role in discussions on Treaty issues.

However, "the feds are insisting that the provinces be formally involved," said Cardinal.

"The provinces never had, nor should have, any business in Treaty issues," added Cardinal.

Sinclair reported that the Alberta government "is upset with Metis stubbornness to oppose provincial legislative and delegated form of government.

Commenting on the MNC amendment proposal that would place Metis people under section 91-24 of the Canadian Constitution (1987), which was discussed at the preparatory ministerial meeting to the FMC, held recently in Toronto, Cardinal said

such action would open the door to provincial legislature changes over Indian and Indian lands.

"It was a sneaky, slimy and sleezy attempt to twist the MNC proposal to open the door to provincial interference. The prime minister has totally switched his position of two years ago when he said "he would jealously guard the federal responsibility for Treaty Indian and lands," said Cardinal.

Goodleaf said that the AFN perspective on entrenching the right to self-government would allow for a diversity of Aboriginal government models to develop.

"This leaves it wide open to a diversity of Aboriginal groups and a variety of ways of implementing self-government," said Goodleaf.

Wabasca stressed that "an equitable right to self-government with equal access to rights "would insure women's right to equality in Aboriginal government.

Government insistence on detailed definition of Aboriginal self-government was attacked by Cardinal, who does not believe the government's excuse that Aboriginal self-government has not been adequately defined.

"No government, federal or provincial, can say that self-government has not been defined," said Cardinal.

He pointed to the Penner Report on Indian Self-Government as an example of an all-party report, outlining various kinds of self-government.

"Provincial governments are saying, you can't have self-government, or sovereignty, unless we give it to you. Our sovereignty and theirs, the two have to live together," said Cardinal.

## Metis claim support at FMC

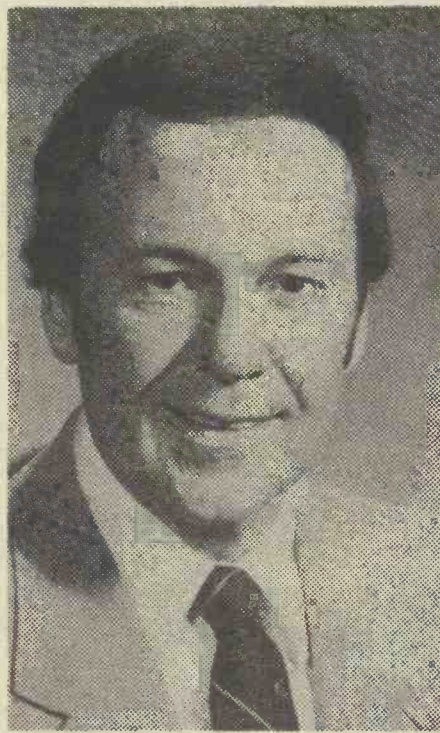
By John Copley

Alberta's Metis leaders will again approach the First Minister's Conference (FMC) (March 26 to 27) with hopes of establishing Aboriginal self-government in Canada.

"We have the support of many groups and organizations across Canada, including the major Christian churches, yet according to one of our senior minister's we are no better than a bunch of separatists," stated Sam Sinclair, president of the Metis Association of Alberta, following recent statements made by Intergovernmental Affairs Minister, Jim Horsman.

Horsman, who took over responsibility for Native legal issues following the departure of Alberta's previous Native Affairs minister, Milt Pahl, claims that it would be incredible to believe that such a proposal would ever find its way into the Canadian Constitution without first being clearly defined in advance.

In his statement, Horsman said "in the long run, it



JAMES HORSMAN  
...under fire

(Aboriginal self-government) would have an extremely destructive affect on Canada as a nation. I think it would tear Canada apart."

"There is no way we are going to lie down to the statements made by Horsman," exclaims the Metis association president.

"We have always taken the position that we must work within the Canadian Confederation. We want to be a part of it. We want our future to be self-determined and we want the land and the resources that go with it.

"We are willing to negotiate with the government once this first step has been taken.

"We are totally against any type of separatism and certainly didn't deserve the remarks spat out by Mr. Horsman," Sinclair concluded.

The words that stung the Metis leader the most was the inference that "economic and social disaster" would result should Aboriginal self-government be entrenched into the Constitution.

"I can't imagine," said Sam Sinclair, "what social and economic disaster could be worse than the way we have been handled in the past 100 years." Jim Sinclair, co-chairman of the Metis National Council, said that the proposal by the Metis people was fair and workable. He said that a fair position would be presented at the constitutional table.

"It will not force anyone to say, no," claims Jim Sinclair.

"It will be one that

ensures a solid foundation that will secure a viable economy and a viable people.

"We are only seeking a system that is economically and socially reliable — a system where, through our own taxation and monies, we can build the institutions and other areas of needs we must have in order to care for our own people."

Saskatchewan Premier Grant Divine recently said that it was not likely to be any easier to get a deal on self-government than it was last year.

He blamed the worry of money as the biggest obstacle.

"Everyone's short of money," he said, "and worried about the financial implications of virtually everything they do."

The Saskatchewan Metis have also been calling for amendments to the constitution.

Devine said that he was willing to strike provincial accords on self-government with the Metis of Saskatchewan.

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## Horsman's remarks damned

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Goodleaf from the Assembly of First Nations.

One item which has been disturbing to Native leaders has been the issue of trilateral agreements, particularly from the viewpoint of Treaty Indians. Cardinal charges that "provincial governments have no role and no right to intrude into the Treaty self-government discussions of our people." The basis for his argument is the fact that the Treaties were bilateral arrangements between Indians and the federal government. Now that the province has entered the arena in the constitutional

talks, provincial politicians speak their minds. One who did so was Horsman.

Natives are highly concerned with the entrenchment and security of Aboriginal rights, said AFN spokesman Arnold Goodleaf. The mandate of the AFN, he said, is: (1) "to protect what we have now in the constitution so... government... cannot take away what we already have now," and (2) "to enhance what we have now."

The AFN, explained Goodleaf, is participating at the conference table for fear that arbitrary decisions by the government might be effected if Native representation is absent. As for those Natives who

boycott the talks, he said "we have to respect each First Nation's (Indian Band's) rights to take the approach they feel is appropriate for themselves."

Goodleaf said that statements from Horsman are "probably evidence of the kind of attitudes we're running into at the tables" and government would likely "go ahead and amend the Constitution without our participation and, probably to the detriment of our situation."

The NCC purports to be in a "different situation" in that its membership, which includes all Natives, has been divided by federal legislation. Wabasca took exception to Horsman's

comments that the entrenchment of Native rights and self-government "would fling the vast areas of Canada into purgatory." She challenged Horsman to live under the same conditions as Natives: "It's worse than purgatory and all we are asking is for us to have the chance, the opportunity, to become part of Canada."

MAA President Sam Sinclair also criticized Horsman and charged the province with "trying to weaken our position when we're only about a month away from dealing with the biggest issue of the country in our times." He commended all Native groups for "pulling together

moreso this year than ever before.

Recognition of the Metis people in the Constitution, said Sinclair, is no different than that espoused by Louis Riel 101 years ago. That position may be even tougher now, he contends, "because there's more of the redneck attitude about government." He further criticized the province, which he maintains preaches to the rest of Canada about how well it takes care of Alberta's Metis on the settlements, but neglects the "50,000 or more of us that are landless."

Cardinal professed that, because "Horsman and the Alberta government generally refuses to

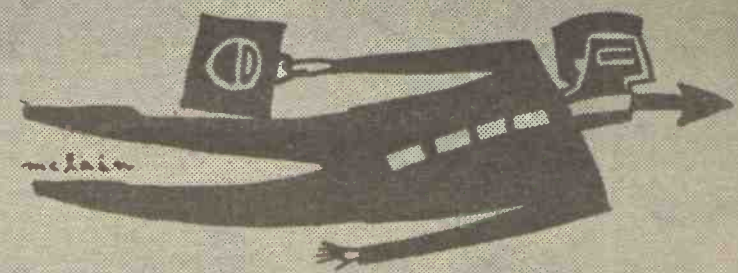
acknowledge that self-government is already an inherent right under the section 35, does not mean that we don't have that right." To strengthen his line of argument, he referred to the Supreme Court of Canada's decision on self-government with respect to the Musqueam Indian Band which recognized the right of Indian sovereignty.

If government tries to back off from entrenching Aboriginal rights to self-government, "we won't sit still," said Cardinal. "If they don't do that, they're going to be in court" if that's what it takes to "have our rights recognized, defined and implemented," he concluded.

## Mount Royal Forum

## National Native leaders discuss FMC concerns

FIRST MINISTERS CONFERENCE



B-A-C-K-G-R-O-U-N-D-E-R

By Terry Lusty

CALGARY — "Aboriginal Rights and the Constitution" was the theme of a February 27 forum held at Mount Royal College in Calgary. The forum, designed to increase public awareness and understanding of the issues that are to be the subject of Native constitutional talks at the First Minister's Conference (FMC) in Ottawa later this month, attracted approximately 150 people, many of whom were Natives.

Panel moderator, Dr. Bea Medicine, who is director of the Native Centre at the University of Calgary, called upon Chief John Snow from Morley to say the opening prayer before introducing the four panelists. Medicine described Aboriginal rights as "one of the most salient issues that confront Native people."

**AFN's GOODLEAF**

The first speaker, Arnold Goodleaf, is a Mohawk who serves as co-ordinator for the AFN. In reference to the constitutional talks, he said that "the main buzzword has become self-government," and one of the most frequent questions asked is, "what is self-government?"

Goodleaf explained four major points about the Constitutional amendments on self-government which the AFN is seeking: (1) the explicit recognition of the inherent right of Aboriginal people to self-government; (2) a constitutional commitment by governments to sit down with Aboriginal people and negotiate agreements to work out the details on how self-government is going to be implemented, to what extent it will be exercised and in what geographic area, what areas of jurisdiction the Aboriginal people will be able to exercise and what kind of interrelationship they are going to have with other governments; (3) providing constitutional protection for the agreements or the rights that are contained in the agreements that are negotiated; and (4) a non-abrogation clause which means that the rights Native people currently have and which are recognized and affirmed in section 35 (1) would remain untouched by any of the agreements, arrangements or new Treaties.

Goodleaf elaborated on the fourth point by stating that the clause seeks to make Aboriginal and existing rights "explicit" so no future government or judgment could turn around

**ABORIGINAL LEADERS**

Forum panelists at Mount Royal College in Calgary were (clockwise from top left) Dorothy Wabasca (NCC), Sam Sinclair (MAA/MNC), Harold Cardinal (PTNA) and Arnold Goodleaf (AFN).

"the validity of the exercise of the right of self-government by a First Nation or an Aboriginal group." He also admitted that, while the right to self-government has been suppressed, that "does not mean it was taken away."

A united front, which he called an "Aboriginal wall," consists of four main Aboriginal groups which solidifies the Native position. As well, some "new, innovative ideas" from Nova Scotia "give a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel," Goodleaf remarked. He concluded that if an amendment appears to threaten Native rights, the AFN cannot accept that amendment.

**PTNA's CARDINAL**

Speaking on behalf of the PTNA, Harold Cardinal alleged that the Constitutional talks have occurred

in very closed circles, which results in an uninformed public. Many of the discussions, he said, are "held behind closed doors, in secret." In addition, Cardinal disapproved of government leaders vying for media attention at the expense of Aborigines. "Perhaps," he told his audience, "if there weren't so many ladies and Christian people in this room, I might be more blunt in describing my reactions to that."

Two task forces commissioned to look at three items for constitutional action were implemented last year, said a perturbed Cardinal, to: (1) examine the removal of the word "existing" from the current Constitution and maybe in question period that deals with the implications of that term, (2) examine the possibility of developing a

constitutional amendment to make governments adhere to the spirit and intent of the Treaties, and (3) develop a constitutional amendment to a proposal to a post-1987 process which would allow the Treaty people to enter into whatever discussions they felt appropriate with the federal government to have a Constitutional mechanism in place that would compel the governments to deal with the Treaty questions.

What Cardinal expressed his displeasure about was the manner in which the task force operated and for which he holds the federal government responsible, as well as the way in which they have mishandled their obligations to Indians.

On point one, said Cardinal, the government has now backed off from removing the word "exist-

ing." Government has also tabled positions regarding any amendment respecting adherence to the spirit and intent of the Treaties. As for the post-1987 process, that too has been tabled because government feels "it is premature or they don't have enough time... to put in the time and effort that is required," commented Cardinal.

Another matter that irks Cardinal is the resistant attitude of government. They have been unwilling to accept the Indians' position that their rights are supreme, that they have an enforceable trust relationship with government, that the right to self-government is an inherent one and that the issues are not relative to constitutional amendment, but are a process and procedure. Furthermore, said the panelist, govern-

ment argues that Treaty or special relationships were at the pleasure of the Crown, not the Indians. However, he continued, the Supreme Court decision on self-government by the Musqueam Indians "has told them in very clear terms that they were flat-out wrong...there is no logic in their position."

**MAA/MNC's SINCLAIR**

For the Metis, "we have our foot in the door under section 35 and certainly we're going to stay in that door 'til the government recognizes our Aboriginal position and, hopefully, this time around, we'll get the entrenchment of a land base and self-determination." These were the words of MAA President Sam Sinclair, who also attempted to dispel the rumor that Natives are separatists.

The question of jurisdiction over the Metis is often raised, but Sinclair avers that "both governments are responsible" for the Metis. Of both governments, he suggests caution. In illustrating the importance of entrenchment, Sinclair used the province's treatment of Alberta's Metis settlements. Originally, they were 12 he said, but "four were struck off just by the stroke of a pencil. They can be good to you one day, allow you land, then take it away from you the next (day)." In closing, he noted that these are the kinds of things that need protection in the Constitution.

**NCC's WABASCA**

By the time Dorothy Wabasca's turn to speak rolled around, most of what she had planned to say had already been said by the three previous panelists.

Wabasca did claim that it was not the people who divided themselves, but government. She expanded a bit on the regional and band differences of Natives, saying they need to be acknowledged and respected just as, "we respect our diversities from one end of Canada to the other."

People, she added, "are very wary of self-government." This is why awareness is important. "They think they're going to lose everything," she explained.

At the conclusion of the presentations, there was a brief coffee break which was followed by a question and answer period which went an hour beyond its allocated time frame. In general, most of the people expressed satisfaction and a positive reaction to the evening's speakers.

# Editorial

## Time for Answers

There is no need to comment further on recent remarks by Jim Horsman, Alberta minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, regarding Native self-government. That has been done quite well enough on the next page and elsewhere in this newspaper.

What should be noted is that this is only the latest in a series of changes and incidents relating to the Getty (and Lougheed before that) government's relationship with Native people.

Until now any questions or challenges from Native people have usually been answered evasively, unsatisfactorily or not at all.

There is, of course the obvious question: Why is Horsman still in the Cabinet? Is it because his racist and derogatory remarks echo the views of the other members of the Cabinet? Is it because Native people are such insignificant Albertans that it doesn't matter if a Cabinet minister insults them? Is it a tactic to put Native people off balance and reduce their effectiveness at the First Ministers' Conference later this month?

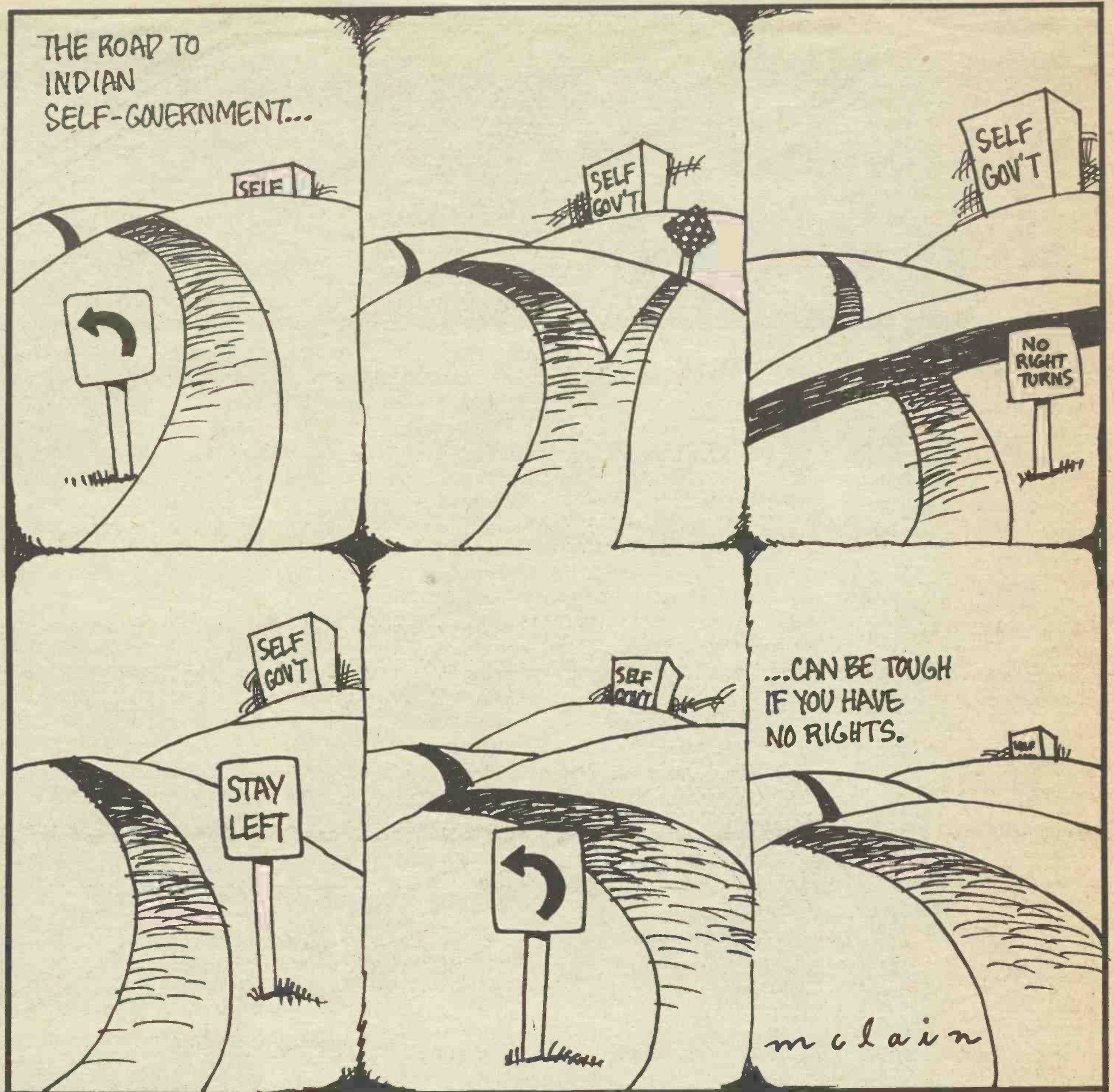
In the light of Horsman's remarks, it is almost impossible to resist the temptation to compile a list of other provincial government actions and policies affecting Native people negatively:

1. The blockading of efforts by Metis settlements to obtain royalties for their mineral rights;
2. Failure to negotiate a fair and just land settlement with the Lubicon Lake Indian Band;
3. The active pursuit of arrests of Native people for hunting and fishing regulations violations;
4. Allowing resource development at the expense of Native trapping, hunting and fishing in isolated areas;
5. The downgrading of Native Affairs from a secretariat with its own minister to a small responsibility divided among three different ministers;
6. The introduction of legislation severely affecting the relationship between Native people and the land (wildlife, grazing lands, guiding and outfitting, game management).

Are we to believe that all of this has taken place only in consideration of the best interests of all Albertans, and not as part of a deliberate hidden agenda aimed at eliminating all special status and rights for Native people, forcing their total assimilation. That is difficult to accept.

Whatever the answer, it is time for the government to be open and honest.

Continued evasiveness, deception and insulting rhetoric can only result in further damage, not only to Native people, but to all of Albertan and Canadian society.



## Coverage, reporter praised

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the organizers of the public meeting held on Friday, February 27 at the Kinsmen Sports Centre, we would like to thank "Windspeaker" for their detailed coverage of these issues (guiding and outfitting policy and Crown lands grazing conversion policy).

The reporter, Mr. John Copley, in particular, has given your readership not only details within the specific policies, but also the broader view of environment and Aboriginal people.

Your reporter has "shown up" the Edmonton media in his extensive coverage of this very important issue. At times, there are issues that arise

to which we must react on short notice. We are impressed with your reporter's ability to educate himself to the specific issues and present them to the public.

As a result of the coverage of "Windspeaker" and the ARTS studio in Lac La Biche, we had a broad spectrum of representation at the Friday meeting in particular, more than one-third of the participants were Native people from various parts of Alberta.

We would also like to extend a very special thank you to all the Native people who came to support our concerns.

Roger Lawson  
Lorraine Sinclair  
Ken Steinhauer

## The Metis Prayer

We give thanks today to those who have had the compassion and foresight to recognize the need for meaningful changes in our relationship with our fellow countrymen and for the courage and wisdom that has enabled us to come together today and seek a new meaningful covenant.

We give thanks to past Metis leaders who despite formidable obstacles, had the strength and faith to build upon the foundations of our historic nation. Most especially, we give thanks to the Metis patriarch Louis Riel whose vision has inspired our nation and given us the determination to

secure our place in Canadian society.

Our Father, we thank you for the breadth and bountifulness of the country which you have provided to such a small number of your flock, but mindful of our landless existence within it. Grant us the grace to set in place a remedy for this injustice, not according to what history has given to one and withheld from another, but according to the greatness of your will, so that we may finally arise and determine the course of our destiny.

We thank you, O Lord, for the work of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, who has inspired the world with his vision of aboriginal peoples

taking our rightful place among the peoples of the earth, with a just and equitable degree of self-government and an adequate land and resource base necessary for the development of a viable economy.

We pray, O Lord, for your spirit to guide us on the remaining part of this long journey so that we may all walk together to a peaceful and everlasting justice.

Grant us strength if we should falter on this high road to justice and enlighten our minds so that we may shed the weight of the sorry confusion of this world and take our rightful place in the brotherhood of man.

# HORSMAN'S COMMENTS ON NATIVES NAILED

## New Democrat's views

EDMONTON — "No, No, No, and No! That's what Mr. Horsman is saying about constitutional amendments that would entrench Aboriginal rights to self-government," says Leo Piquette, Official Opposition Native Affairs critic.

Piquette, the MLA for Lac La Biche, made his remarks in reference to a recent report that Alberta may opt out of any constitutional amendment

entrenching Aboriginal rights to self-government.

Said Mr. Piquette: "His position is absolutely appalling. It shows a complete lack of understanding of the concept of self-government and a failure to appreciate the quest by Aboriginal peoples for self-respect and dignity.

"Mr. Horsman seems satisfied with the status quo — status quo that fosters paternalism towards Natives. His claims that

self-government will have a "destructive effect on Canada as a nation" and that it "will fling vast areas of Canada into purgatory" are ludicrous," said Piquette.

"If his beliefs about the proposal were indeed the case, why would other areas of Canada be in agreement with it or at least looking at it with favor?" asked Piquette.

The concept of Aboriginal self-government has been accepted by the maritime provinces, the Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Manitoba. It is being looked at with favor by the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Continued Piquette,

"Mr. Horsman's attitude is entirely negative. One can only hope that his remarks do not reflect the attitude of the government in general.

"If they do not, Mr. Getty should seriously consider divesting Mr. Horsman of his responsibilities. If they do represent the government's position, it doesn't look like they are prepared to negotiate in good faith at the First Ministers' Conference March 26.

"If that's the case, the government's participation in the First Ministers' Conference is pointless — a mere hindrance to efforts to resolve the issue effectively and finally," concluded Piquette.

## Sam Sinclair responds

I wish to express my shock and dismay at a recent statement by the Honourable Jim Horsman, the minister of Federal Intergovernmental Affairs, and the Attorney General of Alberta, that a guarantee of Aboriginal self-government in the Canadian Constitution would be a "social and economic disaster" for Canada.

Mr. Horsman's remarks cast serious doubts on his ability to understand the political evolution occurring in Canada today.

His expression of disbelief that federal and provincial ministers are seriously considering a Nova Scotia compromise to the constitutional amendment on Aboriginal self-government, demonstrates how far he is out of line with today's progressive thinking on Aboriginal issues.

The fact of the matter is that Mr. Horsman has been participating in a process on self-government during the past four years with a closed mind and in a spirit of bad faith.

How dare he condemn the concept of Aboriginal self-government when he is the first to admit that he doesn't know exactly what it means!

Had he taken the time and effort to study Aboriginal positions, as did his colleagues from other provinces,

his uncertainties may have been erased. Instead, he chose to become an obstructionist. His disconcerting attitude is reflecting very poorly with Alberta's people.

I am particularly disturbed by the inflammatory nature of Mr. Horsman's statement, which claimed that a recognition of our rights would "fling vast areas of Canada into purgatory," or that Aboriginal self-government would "tear Canada apart." He is inciting public fear and prejudice.

I believe I speak for all Metis people when I say that in view of this reckless and inexcusable behavior as Attorney General, together with his demonstrated incompetence in the field of intergovernmental relations, Mr. Horsman should immediately resign from Cabinet.

Mr. Horsman, by his own admission, acted without first consulting with his Cabinet colleagues.

Let us hope his views and threats of Alberta opting out of the Aboriginal self-government amendment does not reflect, and is not supported by, the Government of Alberta as a whole.

With three weeks remaining before the First Minister's Conference, I call on Premier Don Getty to disassociate his government from Mr. Horsman's remarks and make clear to the country, as did former Premier (Peter) Lougheed, that Alberta will keep an open mind on self-government amendments and will cooperate with Alberta's Aboriginal people in trying to find a workable consensus.

**Sam Sinclair**  
President

**Metis Association of Alberta**

## Dumont writes Getty

**Premier Don Getty**

**Dear Mr. Getty:**

It was with shock and disbelief that a report quoting your minister Jim Horsman, uttering public statements that undermine the First Ministers' process on Aboriginal rights, embarrass your own government and employs racist "scare-tactics" in order to whip the general public into a frenzy of anti-Aboriginal hatred, was published in the Calgary Herald recently.

It would appear that Mr. Horsman's motives are to deliberately prevent the amendment to the Constitution and to thereby undermine the whole process. Obviously Mr. Horsman had hoped that no agreement would come out of the process. However, when a promising agreement formed in Nova Scotia recently, he obviously felt it necessary to scuttle the whole process by employing distasteful utterances which are reminiscent of the poison pouring out of the mouths of the neo-Nazi groups residing within Alberta's borders.

I am therefore, forced to request you demand Mr. Horsman's immediate resignation, his withdrawal immediately from the First Ministers' process, and his immediate dismissal from your Cabinet. Only with your

prompt action in this matter, will the Alberta government be saved from further embarrassment, and hopefully, the process of the First Ministers' Conference on Aboriginal rights will be upheld.

At this time, I also wish to address the problems we are experiencing since the Alberta Native Secretariat was dissolved and jurisdiction for Native Affairs was split between two ministers, Mr. Neil Crawford and Mr. Horsman.

Since you made your decision to split the jurisdiction, we at the Metis Association of Alberta have undergone tremendous difficulties in negotiations with your government as it is often necessary to have input from the two ministers rather than one. And the recent appointment of Mr. Rostad, who will take some responsibility from Mr. Crawford for Native Affairs, has only exacerbated the problem as it now appears that we must deal with three ministers before we can negotiate agreements with your government.

In view of the serious action of Mr. Horsman, and in view of Mr. Crawford's health problems, I request that responsibility for Native Affairs be immediately returned to a one minister system in order to expedite the process of the First Ministers' Conference and general day-to-day negotiation with Native groups in Alberta thoroughly and efficiently.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Aurele Dumont**  
Zone 3 Vice-President  
**Metis Association of Alberta**

## Dumont writes Horsman

**Dear Mr. Horsman:**

It is with deep sadness that I note the unfortunate, and in my mind, racist comments you made recently in a story published in the Calgary Herald.

As Zone 3 Vice-President of the Metis Association of Alberta, I had presumed that we were negotiating with your government and the federal government over the question of Aboriginal rights, in good faith and with a genuine concern for human rights. However, it has become apparent that such is not the case with yourself and the government of Alberta.

To actually insinuate that the government of Alberta would "opt out of any constitutional amendment entrenching Aboriginal rights to self-government" has definitely put the whole First Ministers' Conference process in jeopardy as it would appear that any agreement would be overturned by your government.

It appears I am forced to remind you that when the 1981 Constitution was being formed, many Aboriginal people lobbied the British Parliament over their concern on Aboriginal rights. An agreement was made to hold the First Ministers' Conference in order to address this important question and to thereby enable the Constitution to be brought home to Canada.

If you permit this process to be sullied and corrupted by your racist and bigoted remarks, further turmoil, also including the legal battles you fear, over the blatant disregard for this agreement between the British and Canadian governments will ensue, possibly including the international community.

To address the remarks you made. You state, that guaranteeing Native people the right to self-government in the Constitution would be "social and economic disaster for the country," and that "in the long run it would have an extremely destructive effect on Canada as a nation." And "I think it would tear Canada apart." And "it would fling vast areas of Canada into purgatory."

May I enquire on what evidence you based this sweeping generalization? It would appear you are employing typical bigoted "scare-tactics" in order to panic the general public into a state of anti-Aboriginal rights hysteria. There is absolutely no evidence to back up your claims which smack of the typical "right-wing red-neck" attitudes pouring from the mouths of neo-Nazi supporters that we had hoped were a tiny minority within Alberta's borders.

Aboriginal people in Canada in fact make up a mere five or six percent of the population and could hardly be a threat to the rest of society, or the country, let alone plunge the government into "purgatory." In fact the many, many years we have been negotiating with government, more than proves that we have been patient and are more than willing to make concessions when necessary.

May I also enquire why a minister of the Alberta government feels it incumbent upon himself to make these sweeping racist statements about Canada as a whole? Did you bother to inform the prime minister of your fears, or did you perhaps think him in dire need of your ill-informed bigoted advice?

The crux of the matter, and obviously your motive in making these rash statements is of course to undermine the First Ministers' Conference. You are again resorting to the "Lougheed ploy" by claiming you have absolutely no idea of what Aboriginal self-government entails. It would appear that you have already forgotten our position paper, Principles and Parameters, released by the Metis Association of Alberta to your government in the fall. This clear and concise paper makes it quite clear to the Alberta government exactly what the Metis people mean by self-government or self-determination. You have conveniently forgotten this paper.

It is more than obvious, even to a casual observer, that not only have you lost all credibility with Aboriginal people and the general public, that you have in fact been deliberately attempting to undermine the whole First Ministers' process and thereby plunge the Aboriginal people of Canada back into the limbo of subservience to your government.

I therefore feel compelled to demand your immediate resignation as you have irreparably damaged your own reputation and your credibility as a minister of the government of Alberta. Only through your prompt action, can the credibility of the First Ministers' process be saved.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Aurele Dumont,**  
Zone 3 Vice-President  
**Metis Association of Alberta**

# Dene Tha faces

By Rocky Woodward

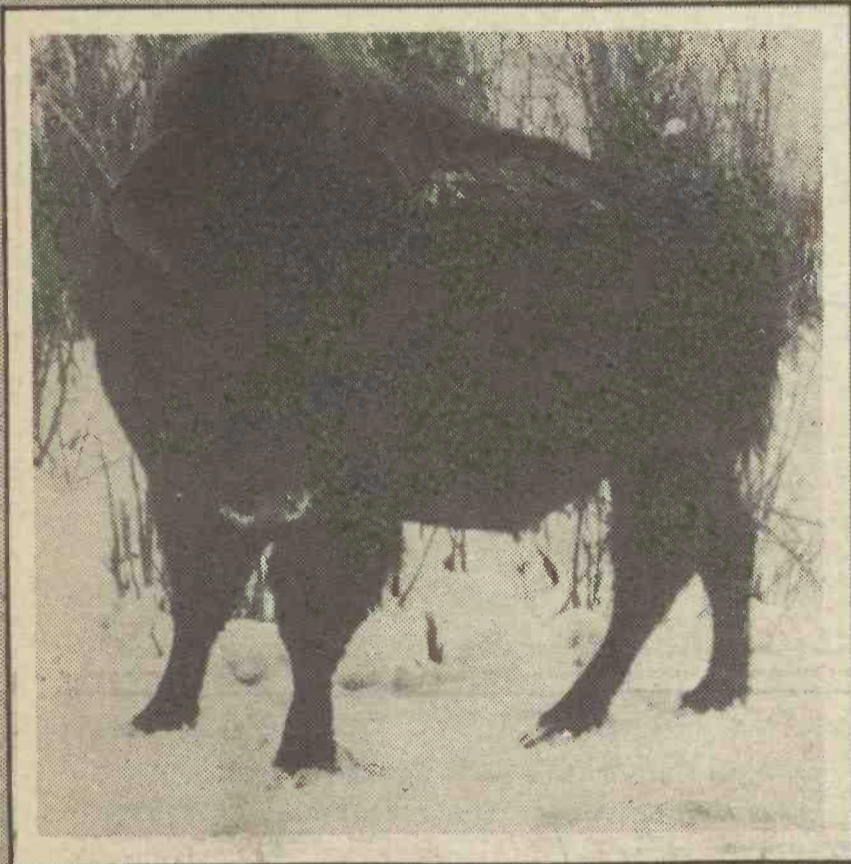
On a trip north to Assumption recently, I had the opportunity to visit with many of the Dene Tha residents, all of them very friendly.

The one thing that stands out most in my mind is the cooperation they showed to me as I toured their area.

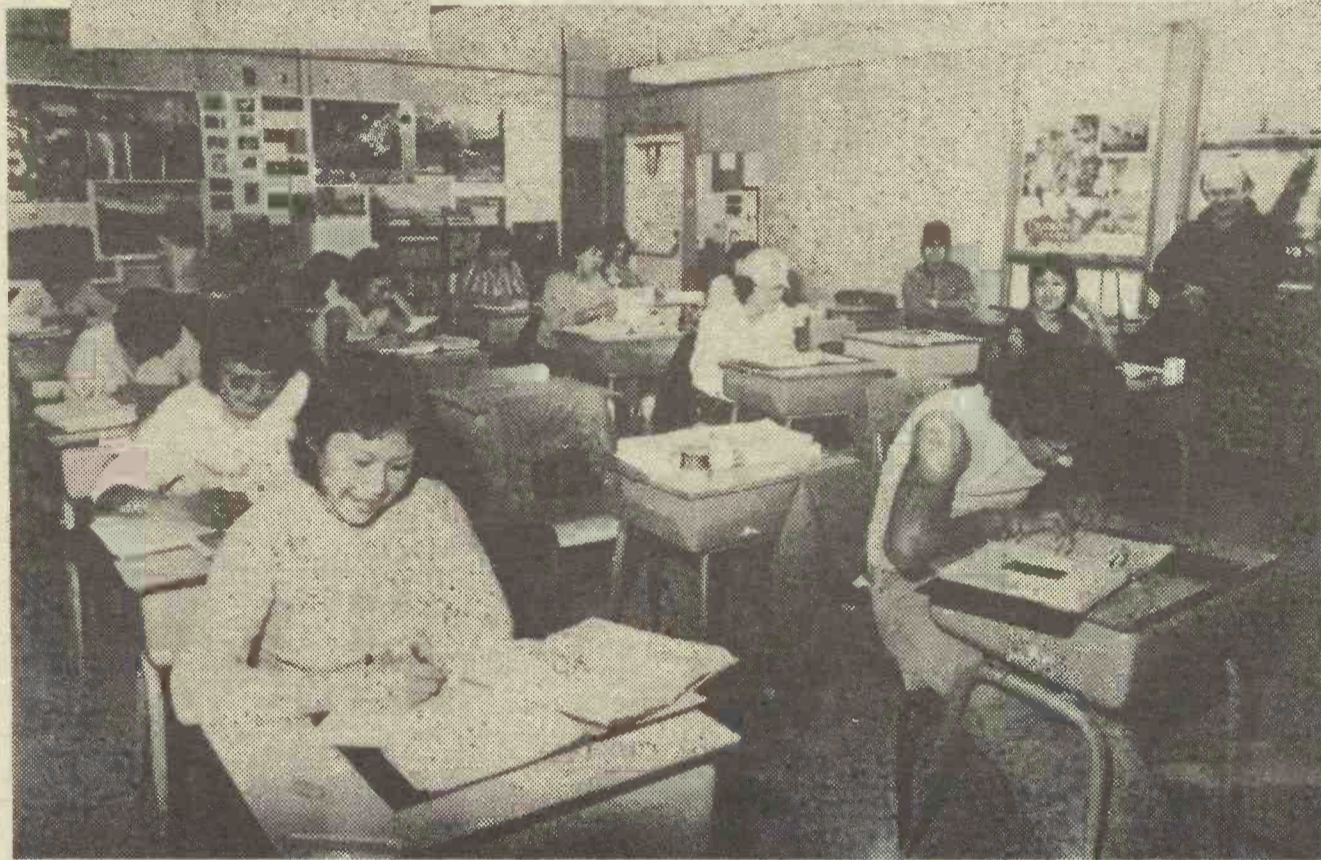
Not once, but a few times, I was invited to sit, enjoy a cup of tea or offered a meal. I would like to thank Bill Peleth, who offered me a tour for the day in and around the Assumption area, and Harvey Denochean, who drove me over roads that are only passable in winter, to see the buffalo near Assumption.

Again, as in the past, getting out there and simply being with people who see you as an equal human being...and who just want to share in conversation and good companionship, was an experience.

I truly enjoyed the trip.



THE OLD BULL  
...ranch at Assumption



TOP LEFT — Maggie Martel, Social Services;  
LEFT — Upgrading class at Assumption.

# People

TOP LEFT - Harvey Denechoon, assistant executive director;  
LEFT — Bill Peleth, Band coordinator;  
BOTTOM — Daniel Dahdona and Harry Danais, hauling wood;  
RIGHT — Rose Didzena, works at school lunch program.



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**by Rocky Woodward**



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My boys were in the office the other day after I took them to Lac La Biche for the one year celebration of the "Native Perspective" radio program there.

So I asked them to write something for Dropping In and this is what they came up with.

"A short story. There once was a man. He lived and then he died." By T.J. Woodward.

"My younger son, Cory, used his imagination somewhat better than my favorite hockey champ.

"When we went to my brother's hockey game it was fun because they won 3-0. Then we went home to sleep. Then me and my brother got up to go to Lac La Biche. And we had breakfast. Then we went to the Native Perspective. Then we ate lunch there." By Cory Woodward.

As you can see, food is Cory's number one topic. And you didn't believe me about Cory and my four ugly

dogs living for food?

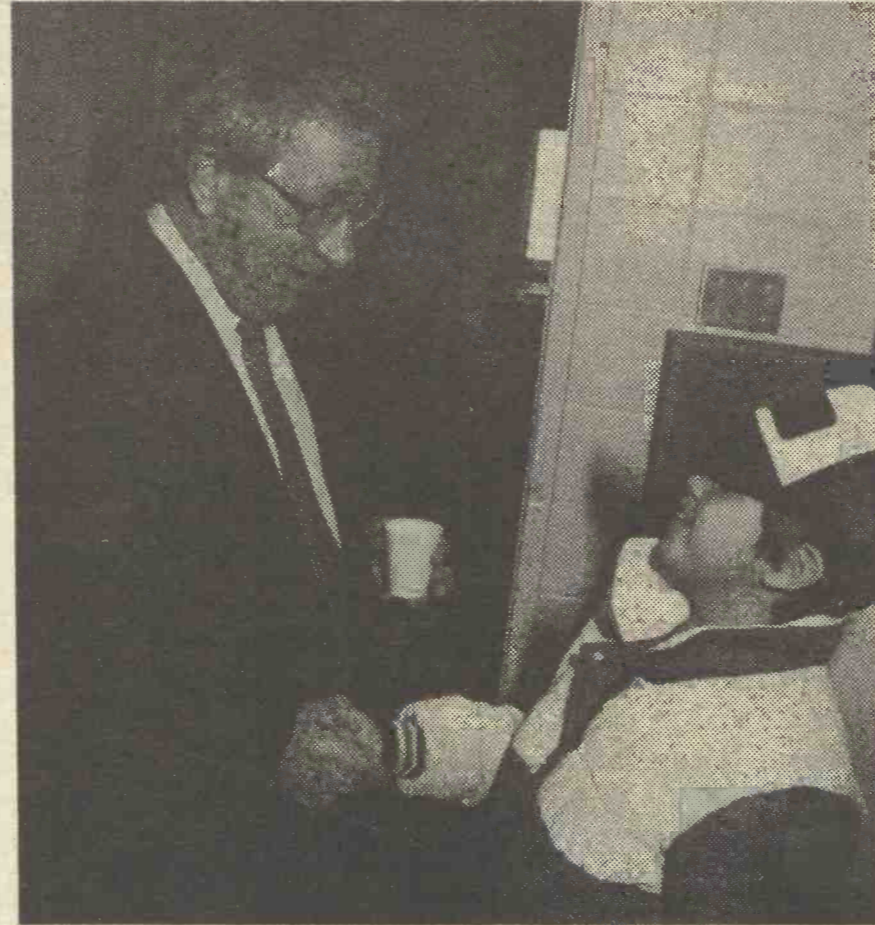
They love food so much they took over shopping duties.

When the dogs cut their way out of the barbed wire fence and Cory and the Ugliers disappear, I always know where to find them...at the nearest convenience store!

There's still three hold-ups of four bags of doggie biscuits and one package of food that local enforcement is trying to pin on them. They're the only ones I know of that have been doggie printed at the local police station.

By the way! If you have any stories from your children, or poems, please send them to Dropping In. We would love to print them.

**LAC LA BICHE** — Below is junior reporter wearing the Windspeaker hat, Cory Woodward, meeting with his friend, Jack. The picture was taken at the "Native Perspective" open house party on February 20, when Member of Parliament Jack Shields was present, along with other dignitaries for the one year anniversary party of ARTS.



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**ANZAC** — Congratulations, Bill Woodward, for receiving the Hero Award! Bill Woodward received a certificate for rescuing a canoeist on stormy Lake Gregoire, near his home in Anzac. Better late than never, Bill. The award was received in December of 1986.



**HINTON** — Isn't this exciting! The Hinton Native Women's Society officially opened a Drop In Centre in their Rocky Mountain town, and a grand opening was held on January 31.

The director for the centre is Lorna Nexdorf, and hopefully when Windspeaker assigns me a trip up that way...you can be sure that Dropping In will drop in on the Drop In Centre in Hinton.

**EDMONTON** — I understand that Jeff Miller has left Native Secretariat, or Municipal Affairs, or whatever it is now called, and is now employed with Plains Publishing. Best of luck in whatever you are doing, Jeff, in your new job. Dropping In always gets its facts straight.

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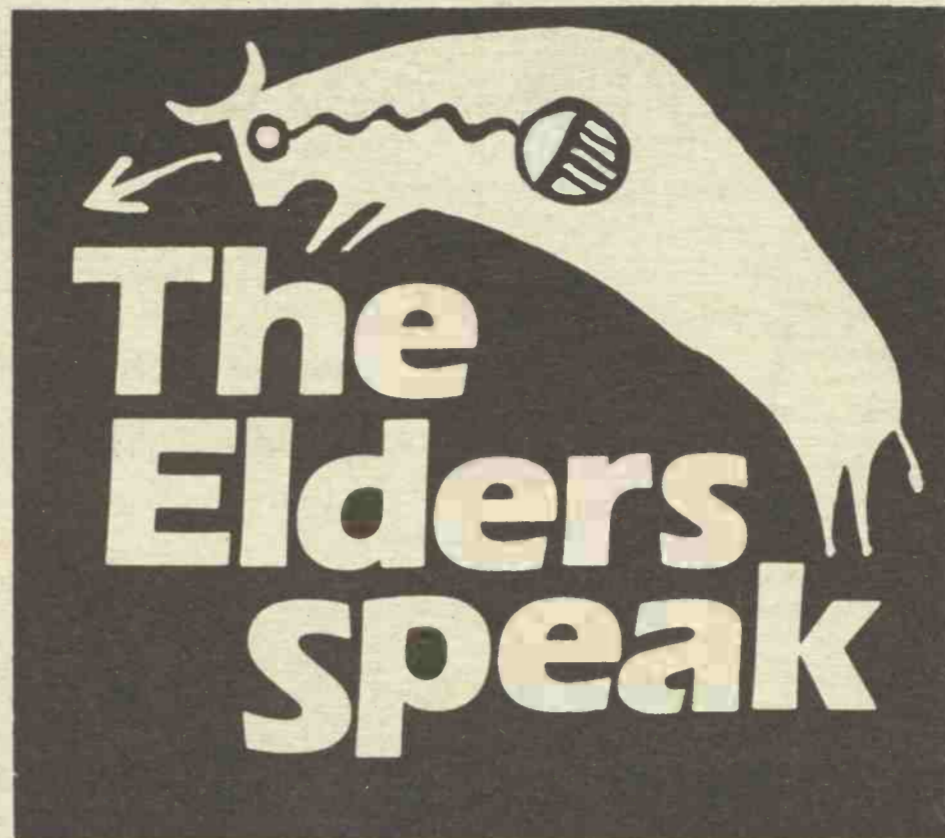
By Diane Parenteau

FISHING LAKE — Musician, laborer, soldier, handyman, hardware salesman. Joe Daigneault has been them all.

Daigneault was born in St. Lina, Alberta, in 1917, on a homestead quarter that was purchased by his father for \$10. By the time he was 14, he was working for a living.

"I worked for \$1 a day," he said. "It wasn't much but it was enough to live on."

Groceries were a lot cheaper than today. A loaf of bread was five cents and eggs sold for 10 cents a dozen. A person could outfit themselves with a fairly good shirt, jeans, and



a pair of runners for about \$2.50.

In 1936, following in the footsteps of an older brother, Daigneault arrived

in Fishing Lake. He helped out at a local trading post operated by his brother.

Over a midmorning coffee, Daigneault remembered how things were.

A supervisor at Fishing Lake raised cattle near the shore of Frog Lake. Many local men were hired to clear the land in the area to plant crops for feed. People moving into the settlement were given two or three of the purebred cattle to start their own herds. Some settlers sold their animals or ate them. A few cows on the settlement today may be from those original animals.

In 1940, Daigneault volunteered his services to fight in the Second World War. He was given tests and classified as A1. A year later he was called to serve his country. Daigneault took his basic training in Calgary before being transferred to Halifax. There he was chosen to attend military school for officer training, before going overseas.

During his enlistment in the army, Daigneault asked for and received permission to marry. Three days after his wedding he returned to his unit and wouldn't be back home for a number of years.

"When we came back, we kissed the ground in

Halifax," said Daigneault. The son he had only heard about was already a big boy when he returned.

In the years that followed, Joe Daigneault played music in a band for awhile till family pressures convinced him to give it up. He spent about a year on the Vancouver coast working in a hardware store but eventually returned home to Fishing Lake.

Back in Fishing Lake, he purchased himself a small house and, like so many other men of that time, found jobs wherever possible traveling away from home.

Daigneault worked as a handyman "fixing windows and things" in the second school building on the settlement.

"There wasn't even a fence around the school like there is now, children had to chase away cows from the playground before they could play ball."

One main road in the area came to a dead end just a mile and a half north of the present townsite of Fishing Lake.

The first log school house on the settlement also served as a church in the early days. After a wedding ceremony, a dance took place in the same building.

There were a lot of community dances in those days.

"It was the only pastime they had I guess, was dancing and drinking homebrew. Everyone played the fiddle."

Two years ago Daigneault moved into a new house. He added a log porch against one side and the beginnings of a log shed sit in the back year. Retired with a pension, Daigneault lives a quiet comfortable life on the Fishing Lake Settlement.

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# Education

## Education all-year concern

By Clint Buehler

Education Week is March 2 to 6.

It's a time for schools to throw open their doors to the community with special activities, for parents to get the grand tour and for students to enjoy a bit more freedom to shout and run than they have during school hours.

The activities and attitudes of Education Week are what should, but seldom do, exist all year.

With too few exceptions, on a day-to-day basis, there is too little interaction between school and community, parent and teacher, and even child and parent where school matters are concerned.

While school activities may be used for community activities, it sometimes seem that there is little direct relationship between the school and the community it serves, that

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curriculum is based more on a general set of objectives than on the reality of the community and its unique identity and needs.

Too often, too, parents seem to abandon responsibility for their children once they pass through the school gate, not only giving teachers free reign to educate without parental monitoring, but leaving the school totally responsible for their physical and moral wellbeing as well.

And, also too often, it seems that children are

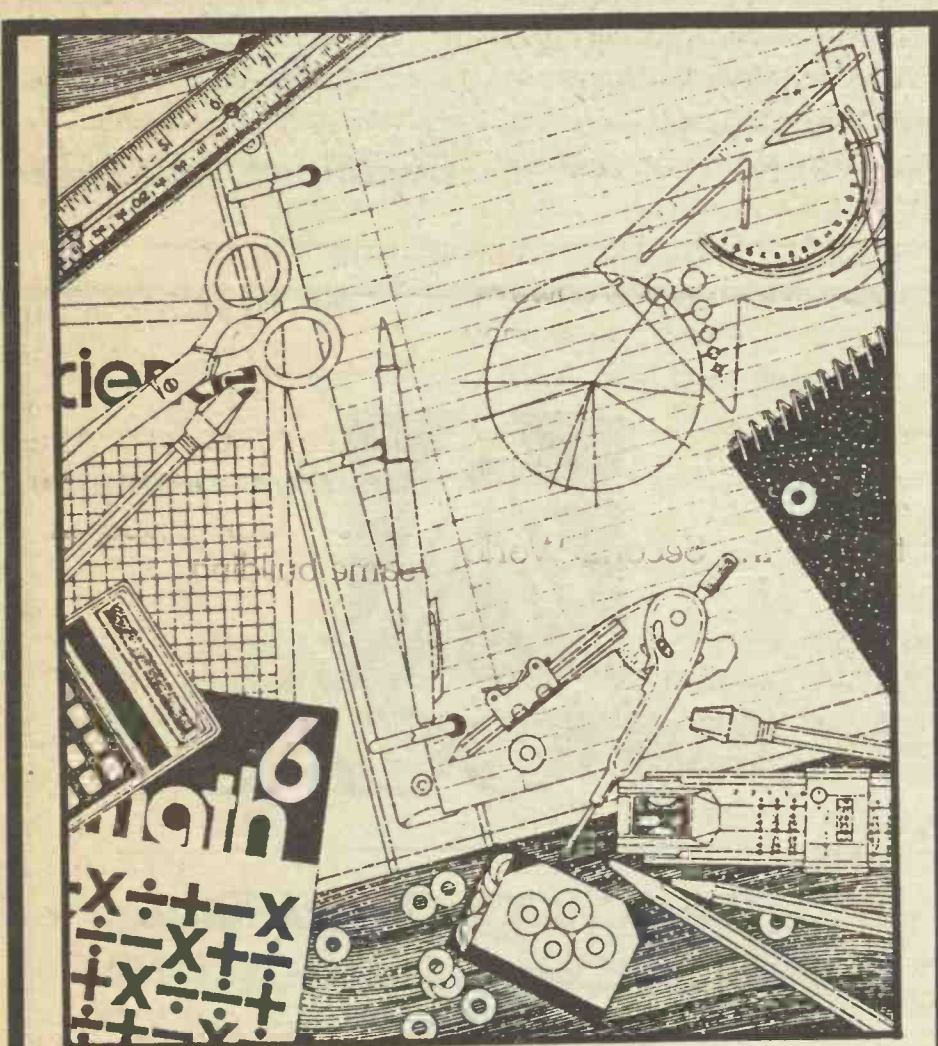
caught in the trap of living dual lives, playing one role in school and another at home — if home demands any role of them at all.

It is unbelievable that how some of us who have borne children and have raised them through the dependent years of their infancy and the magic of their growth and development until they are of school age, then suddenly turn them over to strangers and make little effort to monitor what is happening to them.

Our children are our greatest creature, our richest resource, our insurance for the future.

Because education plays such a key role in their lives, we must be actively involved in their education to ensure that they continue our identity and our tradition, and that the future they create is built upon the foundation we have established.

Every week should be Education Week, for all of us.



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# Changes create variety of concerns

By Terry Lusty

Education, like anything else, is not a static thing. It is subject to change as a result in shifts in the economy and in policies that govern and control the state of affairs.

Over the last couple of years, Alberta has been faced with economic restraints which have curtailed both the quality and quantity of educational services, programs, staffing and hardware. A few areas which are creating more anxiety of late are cutbacks, distance education and technology, the need for computer literacy and the regression of a system that could become a vehicle for the elite.

Certainly the cutbacks

and stagnation of education funds is taking its toll. While school costs increase, their grants do not. Teacher salaries are not increasing while the cost of living is. The teacher-pupil ratio is also affected. Because the dollars are not there to bring on additional staff, there is an increase in the number of pupils per teacher. This means teachers have less time to spend with individual students and, therefore, reduces the quality of education. As well, the increase in pupils places greater stress on the teacher.

By the mid-1970s, particularly in urban centres, the diversity of course offerings in Alberta were substantial. One could pick and choose from many

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possible courses, but this situation is being curtailed with the major emphasis falling on core subjects and only some of the more popular and widespread option courses.

Funding for pleasure is losing ground. Field trips to museums, zoos, far-away sporting activities and so forth are feeling the pinch. To continue to engage in such interests is going to bite

into the personal savings of the individual students or their parents.

Rural communities which have grown accustomed to going without even some very basic equipment such as typewriters, computers, laminating machines, shop tools and home economic equipment, more library books, and science equipment, not to mention a host of other material necessities which make the school "tick" and the student "aware, skilled and competent" to journey into the work force of the world.

The absence or dearth of basic necessities does not equip those who go on to further education. If they are not able to compete or benefit on equal terms with the rest of society, they are doomed to wallow in obscurity, poverty and social assistance.

Even some of the more removed individuals are being impacted by cutbacks. Some of the invisible people who are saddled with providing their expertise and recommendations to the provincial education ministers are getting the axe. For example, several

ministerial advisory committees are being chopped. In their place, there will be only one committee to tackle the onerous role previously addressed by the several committees. This thinning out cannot but have some desultory affect on the outcome of educational policy and procedure.

Just when it appeared that things were beginning to take a turn for the better in terms of distance education, the curtain crashed down. A prime example of this is the threat to teleconference courses, in particular those aimed at remote and semi-remote communities. Needless to say, an expansion of equal educational opportunity is destined to drift into oblivion. And who will suffer most? The non-urban areas which is where the majority of the Native population reside.

Of greater and greater import these days is the rapid transfiguration of that society in which we must live and survive. Society is increasingly striving to advance and it is not always

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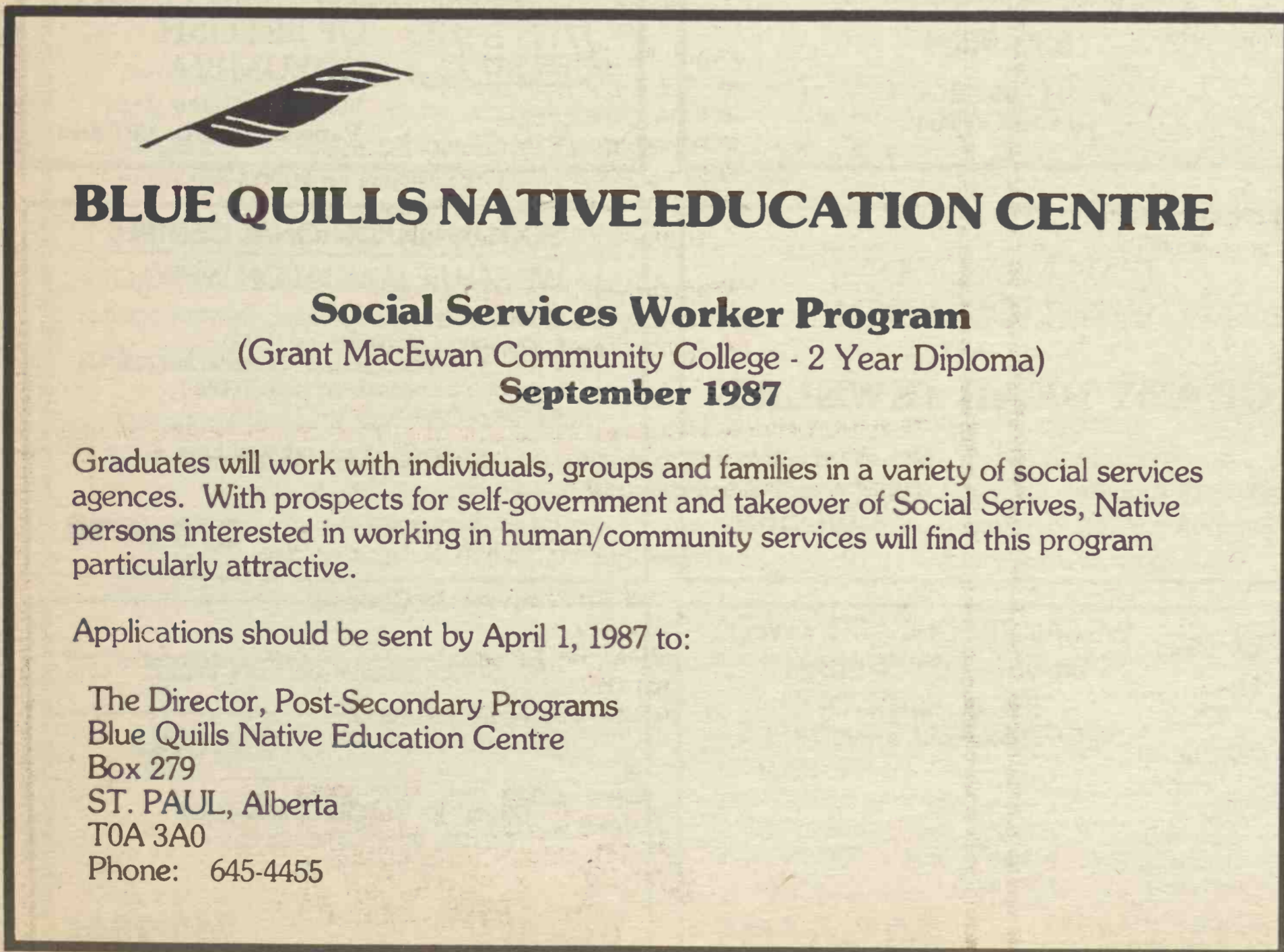
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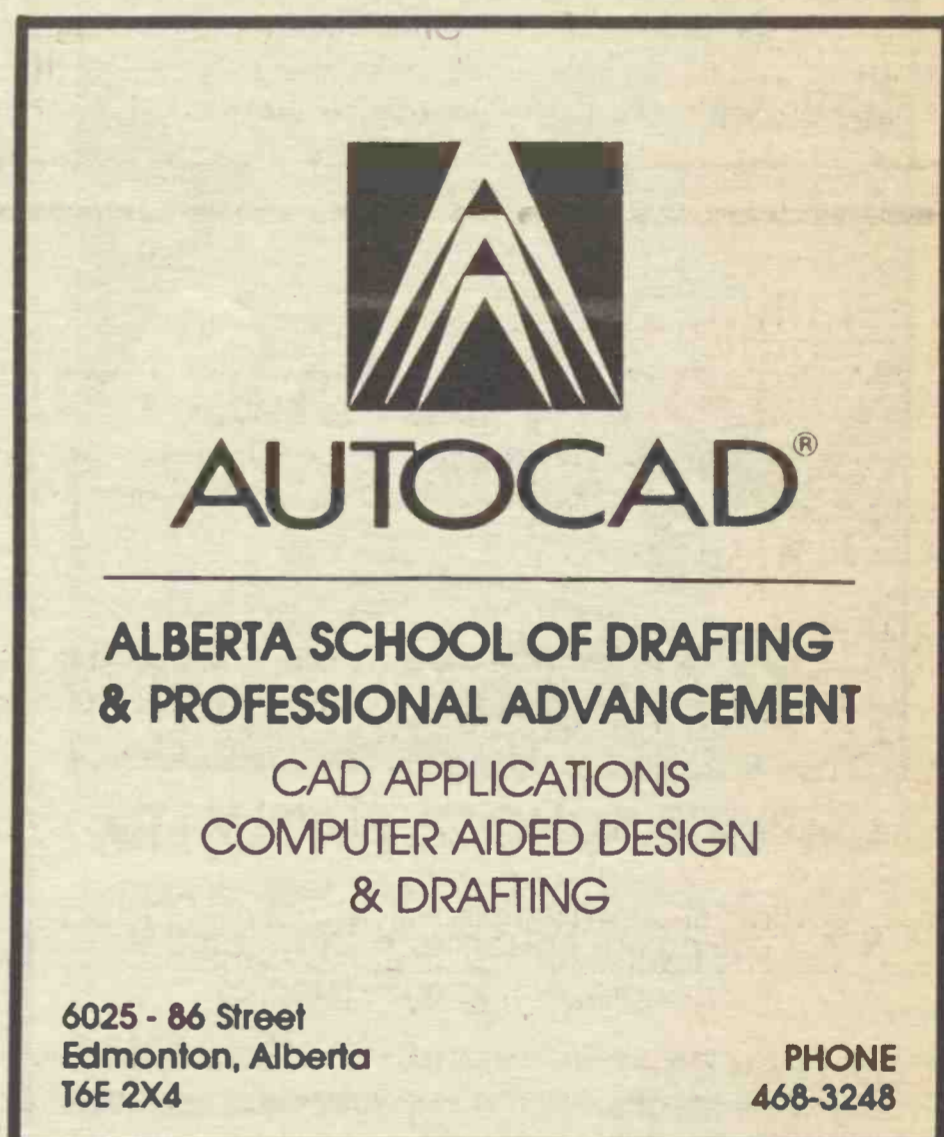
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easy for some of its members to keep pace.

Right now, technology has thrust us into the age of the computer. The demand and need for computer literacy has climbed sharply, but how many Native people and how many rural people have had the opportunity to access those machines? Just think, some day we will be able to speak into a microphone attached to a typewriter and all the typing will be automated. People will no longer have to bash out their words using their fingers.

New vehicles are incor-

porating many systems which have computer or digital-based functions. Who will understand how to repair or build those frills if they lack the education and know-how? A good many jobs already require computer-trained personnel to operate its equipment and that situation is escalating. If one cannot get that kind of education through schooling or on-the-job training, they will be the ultimate loser.

If one goes back in time to two or more centuries ago, education was only available to a select few. Only the sons and daughters of the elite, the rich, had the wherewithall to

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# Kehewin introduces computer program

By Mark McCallum

KEHEWIN RESERVE — Education in the Kehewin reserve school has taken a large step into modern techniques of teaching its playschool to Grade 9 students with the addition of a computer system, which feeds children information on an individual basis.

The Israeli-type computer, developed in the U.S., is called the DEGEM system. School principal Jim Hawkins says that "the Kehewin school and the Blue Quills facility own the only two sets of computer systems in Alberta that we believe are fully individualized for teaching students.

"After determining what level the student should begin at, the completely unique computer will address questions at a level the student is comfortable with," explained the principal. "When the computer concludes that the student has reached a higher level of learning success, it will then move the child up to a higher level until the student works his way out of the computer program."

Hawkins adds that all of the 215 students at the Kehewin Junior High and Elementary School, opened in 1975, use the DEGEM system (which is being piloted at the Blue Quill complex) on a regular

basis. Although the system is composed of an American curriculum, he says that teachers and students are

However, the school does teach the Alberta prescribed curriculum. Hawkins reasons that this "enables

speaking Native teachers. The school employs "a large number" of community residents as para-professional instructors and at present has one full-time teacher from the reserve on the teaching staff.

The school also offers an intergrade special education class, which operates much like a resource room, to elementary students who have learning difficulties. A similar class is available to junior high students having trouble with academic subjects called the prevocational program where students spend time in an academic setting, doing individual reading, mathematics and life skill training such as banking, budgeting and acting out job search situations. Operating under the supervision of one professional and para-

professional instructors, three students are enrolled in a Trainable Mentally Handicapped class at the school.

"The student-teacher ratio is 11 to one in Grades 1 and 2, and 18 to one in higher grades, which ensures that all the students get the necessary assistance they need," said Hawkins.

The band is in the process of discussions and negotiations with Indian Affairs to advocate funds for a feasibility study by an architect, who will examine space requirements and suitable locations for a new education complex on the reserve for playschool to Grade 9 students. The school that is being used now will be turned into a high school facility.

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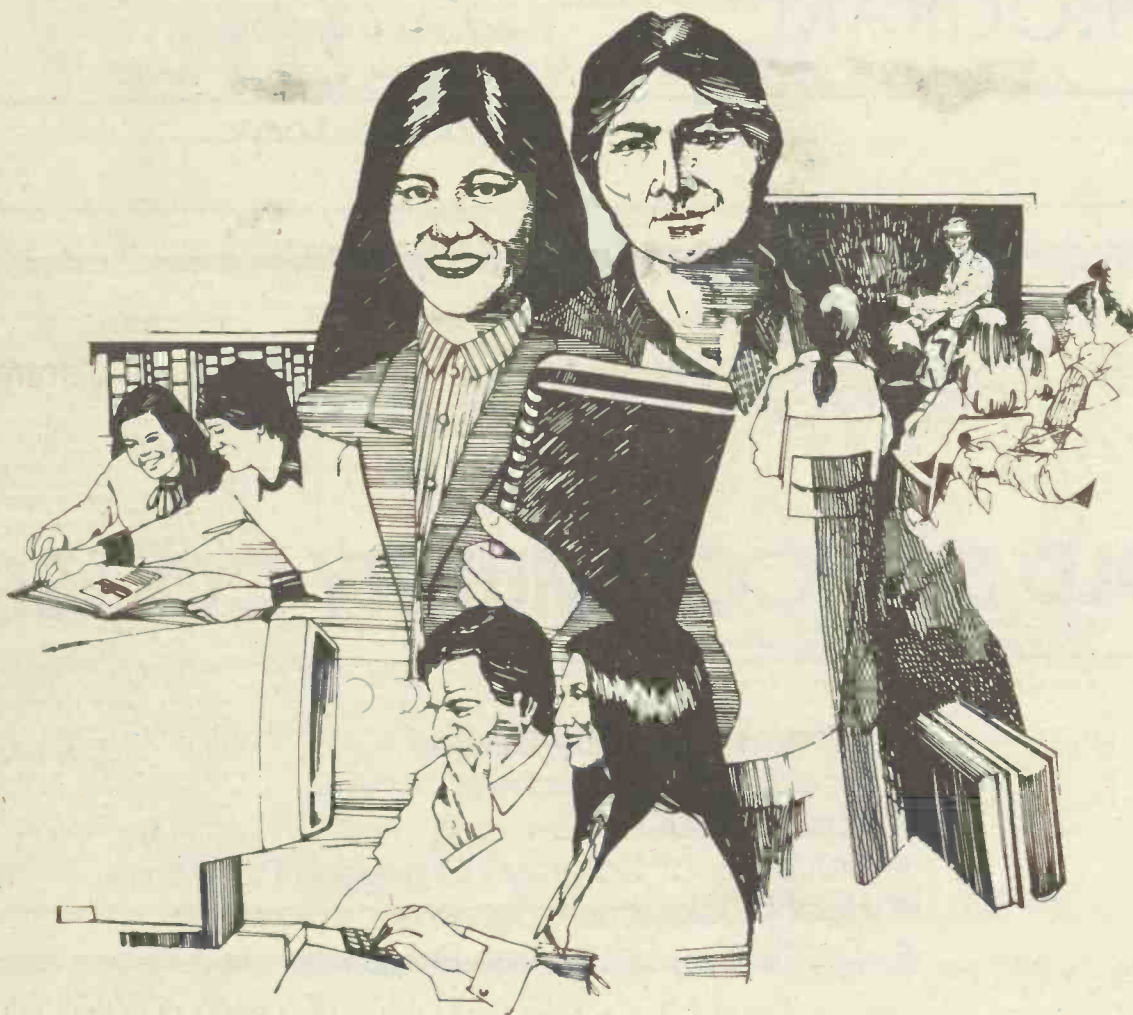
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overcoming this minor inconvenience and learning to work with the computers. According to him, the computer curriculum will eventually be developed so that it meets Alberta standards for teaching.

students coming on to the reserve or students from the Kehewin school leaving the reserve to attend another facility to adjust into the new system with greater ease."

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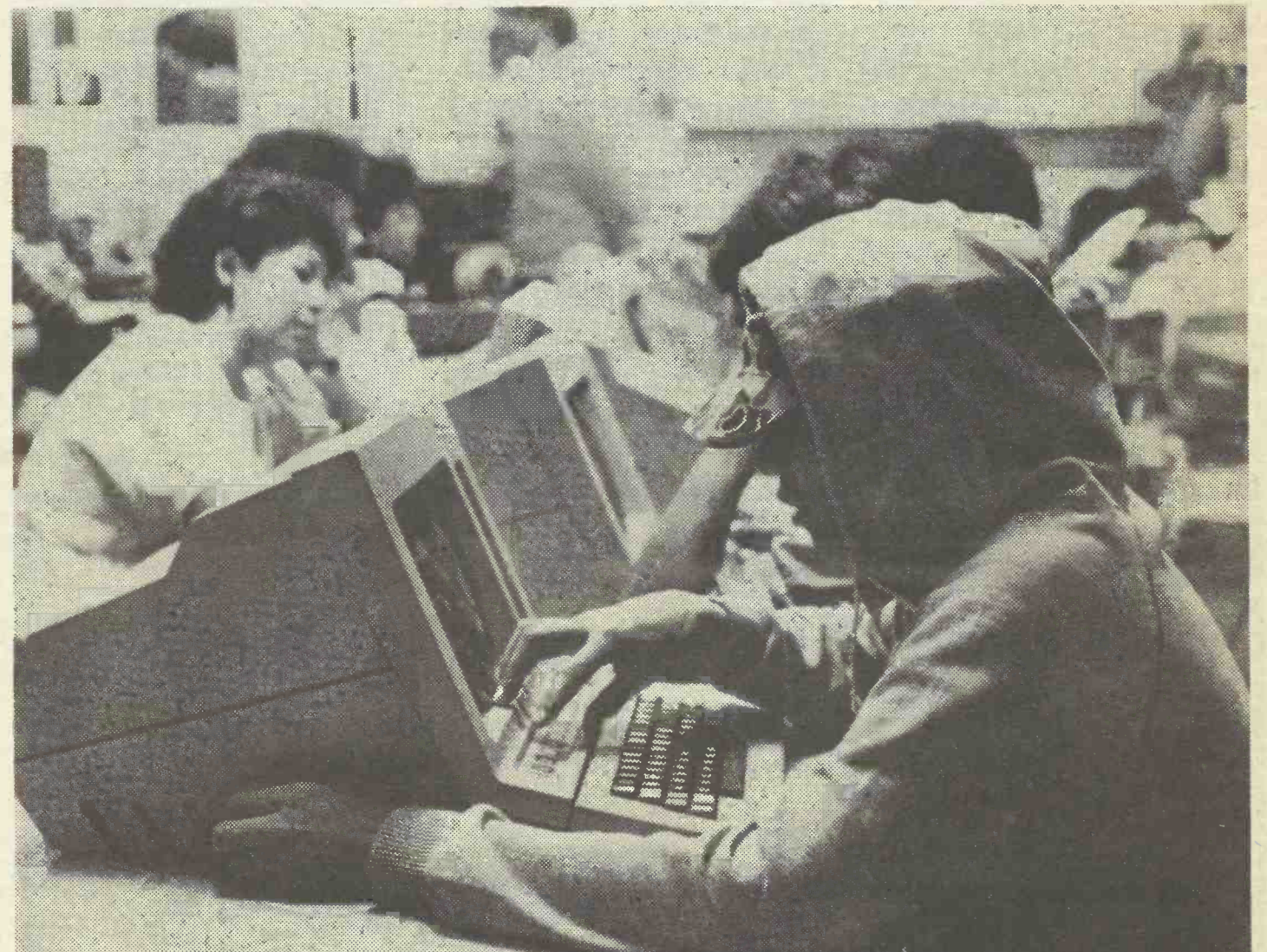
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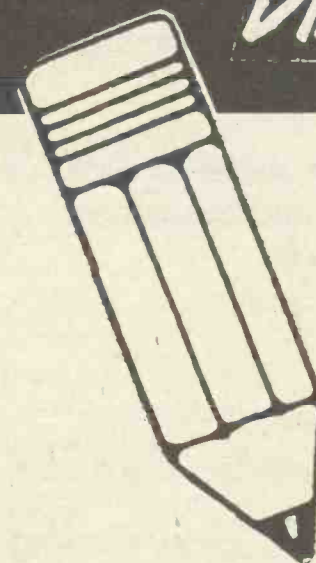
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# St. Paul centre private school plans expansion

By Mark McCallum

ST. PAUL — The St. Paul Mannawanis Native Friendship Centre owns and operates a category one private school for children who (1) get pushed through the educational system, (2) need extra help in school subjects and (3) have problems in other schools and get expelled from school, according to the friendship centre's executive director, Ray Chambers.

Chambers explained that "we see children who are in Grade 9 or 8 but only read and write at a Grade 2 or 3 level because they were pushed through the (educational) 'system' for being problem students."

The executive director says that the 40 students at the school, which has received full Indian Affairs and Alberta government funding since it opened in September 1986, have the advantage of a teaching staff that can give the student extra attention because of the ratio of one teacher for every eight students.

"It's very easy for a normal school to say a child's done something wrong and put him out of school. But, we don't believe in that and our school does not expel



**RAY CHAMBERS**  
...centre director

students — no matter what they do. We think if a child has done something wrong, then there is a consequence that follows for the student's actions. But, we don't kick the student out of school because most of these children have been expelled from schools all their lives," reasoned Chambers. "The only difference between our school and other schools is we're here to keep the child in school."

The Mannawanis facility had to turn away students from places such as Hobbema, Calgary and Cold Lake First Nations because there was simply

not enough space or available funds for the children. However, when the school begins classes this September, the facility will expand to an 80-student teaching complex.

Chambers remarked that "it's really been tough and go for students and their families who don't live in St. Paul and have to pay room and board, because they can't afford it. But there is money in place for 48 student resident beds for the next term — that means room and board for 48 children who need a helping hand."



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# Social Services bursaries available

By Dorothy Schreiber

Alberta Social Services has announced that a "limited number" of bursaries will be made available to Metis and Non-Status Indian people interested in pursuing a post-secondary education in the social services field.

The deadline for application for the bursary program, which will cover the 1987-88 school year, is April 30.

The Native Professional Training Bursary was announced last August by Alberta Social Services Minister Connie Osterman.

According to a department spokesman, the bursary program is a departmental initiative designed to increase the numbers of Native people with a social work background.

The department's director of staff development, Sally Huemmert, said the bursary also reflects the interest in the department to transfer services to Native communities.

In announcing the bursary program last August, Osterman stated: "There's a high proportion of (Native) people receiving social

services in this province and the experience of the last number of years shows clearly that the Native community is willing and able to take over responsibility for the provision of those services. We are committing to assisting in the development of qualified Native staff to deliver those services."

At the time of the announcement, the minister also indicated that the bursary program would be evaluated after its second year of operation.

Huemmert says the minister will be reviewing the success rate of the program.

"For example, was there a high dropout rate, what was the success of students in relation to academic studies...and we may be looking at aspects of peoples' ability to get jobs."

Huemmert further stated that, based on what "we learn after two years, we'll be making some recommendation as to the continuation of this program."

If the program does continue, Huemmert said, its administration may be transferred to an agency or

agencies within the Native community. However, she added, the department is not currently negotiating any kind of transfer now

because "we believe it is important to get it (bursary) firmly established.

For students who are now receiving the bursaries,

Huemmert says she is "reasonably confident" that at least those people would continue to be supported throughout their school term.

"It's been my experience that even when programs are cancelled, the people in the programs continue to get support," says Huemmert. Social Services Minister, Connie Osterman could not be reached for comment. Currently there are 13 Metis and Non-Status students who are receiving the bursary.

For some students, the bursary program was a deciding factor in deciding to enter university.

Bursary recipient Jeanine Laboucane says if it weren't for the program "I would have waited and saved and tried to pay for it myself, so it (the bursary) meant an earlier start. It's been a great opportunity for me." But Laboucane admits the "ambiguity" as to whether or not the program will continue to exist puts students in a difficult situation in terms of planning.

Laboucane is working towards a Master of Social

Work degree, and stated "I'm working at a five year plan, so it's really important to know where the finances are coming from."

She says the bursary has made it possible for her to attend university without having to finance her education through a student loan. "I didn't want to owe the government \$35 to \$40,000 upon graduation," she stated.

Under the program, students with dependents receive \$800 a month and single students receive \$600 a month. The program also pays for the students books and tuition fees.

The bursary recipients are people who have worked in areas related to social services. Among the recipients are people who have worked for Native Counselling Services, AADAC, ALANON, Metis Children Services, Native Brotherhood and the Lethbridge Native Parents Committee.

Huemmert says in selecting applicants for the bursary program, the department is looking for people with a "strong and involved background in the Native community."

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# Kehewin Band moves to control education

By Donna Rea Murphy

KEHEWIN — The Kehewin band council has formally severed ties with the Lakeland Board of Catholic Education as a first step toward taking official control of the education of its children.

Kehewin School Principal Jim Hawkins stated the band terminated their agreement with the board just before Christmas last year, and plans are in the works to begin construction of a new elementary school, possibly next year.

The existing school, built in 1974 after an arduous

eight-month sit-in at the Department of Indian Affairs offices in the CN Tower in Edmonton by the seven Lakeland reserves, holds classes for Kindergarten to Grade 9. After completing the highest grade, students must be bussed to high schools in Bonnyville, Elk Point and Blue Quills. The construction of a new school would allow students to complete their education on their home community and hopefully would lower the high drop-out rate for Native students attending high school in towns.

There are 215 students enrolled in the Kehewin

school. With the addition of three high school grades, enrollment will rise to about 250, Hawkins says.

The agreement with the Lakeland board basically assured seats in the town schools for the reserve students and the Department of Indian Affairs has to have tuition agreements with schools in every jurisdiction where there are Indian students. Terminating the agreement was part of the process the system demands although until the new school is operational, Kehewin will continue to work with the board on a year-to-year basis.

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## Native artists well received at Calgary show

By Terry Lusty

CALGARY — "Alberta Inspirations," a five man exhibition of contemporary Alberta Native art, was officially opened by Bruce Simpson, senior vice-president of NOVA, on February 23. The display, which runs until March 20, is located in the NOVA Garden Court at NOVA's main offices in downtown Calgary.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Society (AIACS). Lois MacLellan, AIACS manager says she was "overwhelmed by the positive response." She was lost for words at the apparent success of the show. Comments from some of the approximately 150 visitors at the opening

were "incredibly good," she exclaims. Representatives of a number of organizations and corporations were in attendance.

It is the society's first art show in Calgary and was meant to be a "test ground" to see what the response would be, explained MacLellan. Based on the initial reaction, they will certainly look to possibly working the Calgary market again, she said.

The featured artists are: (1) Faye HeavyShield, a Blood Indian who won the 1985 Asum Mena Art Contest, as well as the Ben Calf Robe Memorial Scholarship.

(2) George Littlechild, a Cree from Hobbema who came 3rd in the 1986 Asum Mena and is pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts

degree at the Nova Scotia School of Art and Design.

(3) Kim McLain, a Cree from Edmonton who works for the Windspeaker newspaper and placed in the 1985 and 1986 Asum Mena contests. He was also the 1983 and 1986 runner-up in the Peace Hills Trust Art Competition.

(4) Ken Swan of St. Paul, who has exhibited the past two years at Asum Mena and Peace Hills Trust. He freelances for the St. Paul Journal.

(5) Sam Warrior, a direct descendant of Nez Perce Chief Joseph, who is also a photographer who studied art at the University of Calgary.

The works of these five artists provide a fine cross-section of styles and media which have been well received in Calgary. The sponsors were rather surprised at the reaction of the public because most of the artists are not well known. That, however, has not stopped them from contacting the society to inquire about the artists and to purchase their works.

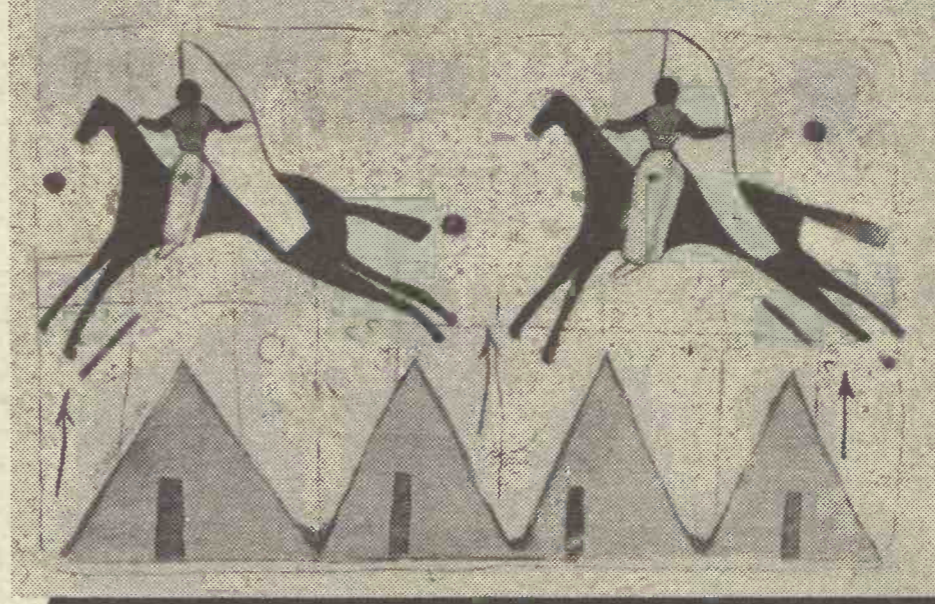
In flipping through the "comments" book at the exhibit, response has been stupendous:

"Fresh, provocative...this is great! Will we see this calibre of art at the Olympics?...very innovative styles with a strong Native feeling...a most valuable exhibition!...broken ground always smells fresh...talented group...they merit wide exposure...exciting work...beautifully displayed...wonderful!"

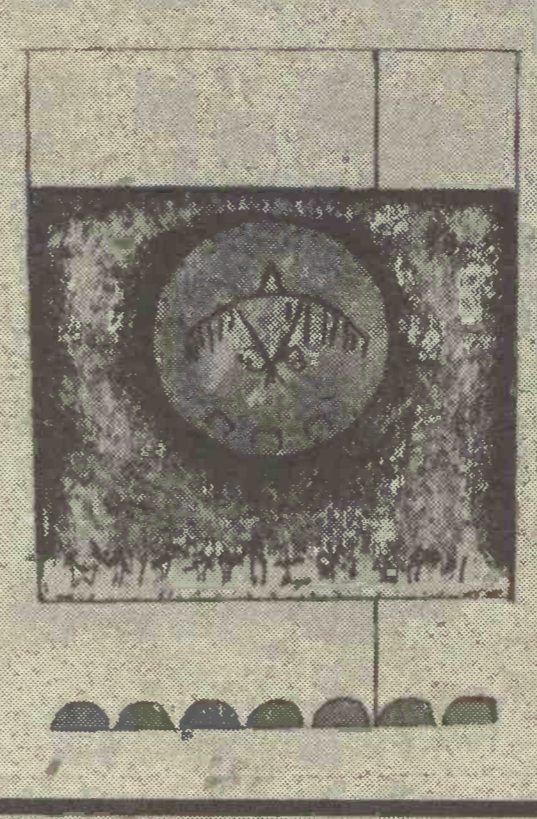
The display is wonderful. It is spaciouly arranged, which adds to its appeal.

# Culture

GEORGE LITTLECHILD



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KIM McLAIN

Even the security staff at NOVA have been amazed at the public response. One of them informed Windspeaker that it is the best reaction he has ever witnessed to any of the company's art exhibitions.

Whether the display opens more doors for the five youthful artists is difficult to say. Initial feedback would seem to indicate that the possibilities are very good, but it would be both premature and

presumptuous to categorically state that such will be the case.

It is a good beginning, a strong start, for a few very promising artists who all still have a whole lifetime ahead of them.

## School features Native festival

By Albert Crier

EDMONTON — Edith Rogers Junior High School celebrated the 40th anniversary of Canada's Citizenship Act, by focusing on the people and culture of the first nations in Canada, on February 23, 24 and 25.

"From the first nations flows the character of Canadian citizenship. We have tried to sensitize the fact of Indian and Native roots of the Canadian system," said R. Koilpillai, principal of the school.

The activities, started two months ago by the students and staff of Edith Rogers Junior High, "showed what Indian values are and to appreciate these values, which are a part of Canadian values," explained Koilpillai.

During the three-day multicultural celebration, a special sitting of the Canadian citizenship court was convened and presided over by Judge David Frunchak, at the school gym.

A classroom door decorating contest depicting Native Indian cultural themes, was judged by a panel of students.

The play "Handsome warrior," depicting the experience of Native people, was performed by local players and students, under the direction of Martha Campiou-Zarutsky.

Cultural resource sessions with presentations by Native people on Native sports, stories and trapping and hunting were also held.

Other activities had

students carving a citizenship totem pole, tasting Native foods and observing Native arts and crafts on display.

A multicultural citizenship celebration festival held on February 25, at the Kinsmen Fieldhouse, provided the backdrop to a Native dancing performance finale.

After government officials and other dignitaries made their speeches, a large turnout of students from different schools were entertained to Native dance groups showing their agility at Metis and Indian dance steps.

The Canadian Native Friendship Centre Junior Dancers gave a lively performance of the Red River Jig and sets of square dances.

The White Braid Dancers and Drummers showed the crowd various dance routines of Indian dances, such as the grand entry, grass, fancy, crow, round and intertribal dances.

At one point the student audience joined in a huge round dance, and resulted in several circles being made in the fieldhouse.

Robert Bull of Hobbema later fascinated the crowd with his hoop dance routine on the stage.

"We had excellent cooperation from Native individuals and organizations," said Koilpillai.

Native participation at the festival was very evident in the display of booths of food, art work and crafts. This was complemented by the on-stage participation.

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# Culture

## Success prompts plans to hold powwow annually

By Bert Crowfoot

**BLACKFOOT RESERVE** — Indian time! A fact of life at most Native functions and activities, but something that our Elders have told us never used to exist in the past.

In the past, our Elders have stated, Native people were always on time, sometimes even hours or days ahead of schedule.

Most powwows run on Indian time, and dancing finals go into the wee hours of the morning.

A person who doesn't believe in Indian time is Blackfoot Recreation Director Rick Running Rabbit. In any function that Rick helps organize, the one thing you can depend on is that the function will be on time, honest and well organized.

Rick was the organizing committee chairperson for the first annual Deerfoot Sportplex Powwow, held on the Blackfoot Reserve February 21 and 22.

This is the first powwow Rick has helped to organize as he is usually involved in sports events, but he used the same successful formula he applies to his sports tournaments, and that is hard work, a good supporting committee of individuals and dedication.

The powwow had two grand entries on Saturday, and by 11:30 Saturday night, all the events were completed. Sunday's



**ABOVE** — Grass dancers, from left to right, Dino Saddleback, Cecil Redstar, Darryl Goodwill and Rod Scout. **UPPER LEFT** — Darlene and Alvin Windy Boy doing the Owl Dance.

grand entry was at 1:00 p.m., and by 5:30 p.m. the powwow was over and everyone was headed home.

The judging was based on the point system, with eight points awarded for a first place vote, five points for a second place vote and three points awarded for a third place vote in the two go-arounds.

Points were awarded for the three grand entries, as follows: Saturday afternoon, 20 points; Saturday evening, 10 points, and Sunday afternoon, five points.

There was also a three point award for participation in the intertribal dances.

The master of ceremonies was Pete Big Head of the Blood Reserve, and the host drum was the Eagle

Society drum from the Blackfoot Reserve.

This was Rick Running Rabbit's first powwow as committee chairman, and with its success, Rick and his committee plan to make it an annual event.

Word from all the dancers and drums was that they enjoyed themselves and will definitely be returning next year.



### RESULTS

**Girls' Fancy:** 1st, Pearl Good Eagle, Blackfoot; 2nd, Audrey Saddleback, Blackfoot; 3rd, Rachael Francis, Lethbridge.

**Girls' Traditional:** 1st, Delphine Francis, Lethbridge; 2nd, Melody A Youngman, Blackfoot; 3rd, Stacy Brass, Blackfoot.

**Boys' Fancy/Grass:** 1st, Terrence Goodwill, Carlyle, Saskatchewan; 2nd, John Windy Boy, Box Elder, Montana; 3rd, Cameron Francis, Lethbridge.

**Boys' Traditional:** 1st, Darcy Anaquad, Maskipitoon, Saskatchewan; 2nd, Kydd Little Sky, Pine Ridge, South Dakota; 3rd, Ellery Starlight, Sarcee.

**Ladies' Fancy:** 1st, Irene Goodwill, Carlyle, Saskatchewan; 2nd, Amanda Whiteman, Browning, Montana; 3rd, Celeste Tootosis, Poundmaker, Saskatchewan.

**Ladies' Traditional:** 1st, Darlene Windy Boy, Box Elder; 2nd, Sharon Smallboy, Hobbema; 3rd, Agnes Francis, Lethbridge.

**Mens' Fancy:** 1st, Luke Whiteman, Browning; 2nd, Stan Whiteman, Browning; 3rd, Alvin Windy Boy, Box Elder.

**Mens' Grass:** 1st, Darrel Goodwill, Carlyle; 2nd, Podford Blackrider, Blackfoot; 3rd, Sidrick Barber, Mandaree, North Dakota.

**Mens' Traditional:** 1st, Arnie Calf Boss Ribs, Heart Butte, Montana; 2nd, Tim White Eyes, Tulsa, Oklahoma; 3rd, Art Scalplock, Morley.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Northland School Division No. 61 will hold its next Regular Meeting on Friday, March 20, commencing at 7:00 p.m., and continuing on Saturday, March 21, 1987, at the Northland School Division Board Room in Peace River, Alberta.

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

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

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# Entertainment

## Valdy tour aids Natives

By Rocky Woodward

"We all look for peace in many ways," said Canadian superstar Valdy, prior to singing a song titled "Peace of Mind." And with humor he added, "there are many roads to Damascus, but there's only one to Fort Smith."

Valdy has been touring across Canada for the Canadian Native Arts Foundation, and on February 24, he performed for an almost full house at the Citadel's Rice Theatre in Edmonton.

The cause for Valdy's northern tour came from the founder of the Canadian Native Arts Foundation (CNAF), John Kim Bell. Bell, a Mohawk Indian from Kahnawake, Quebec, launched the tour recently to promote the foundation's objectives, and for support.

According to Bell, the idea for the CNAF took form in Toronto in the fall of 1985. Upon his appointment as an apprentice conductor to the Toronto Symphony, it was brought to his attention that he was the first North American Indian to pursue a career as a symphonic conductor.

Although he was honoured by the fact, Bell says it "shocked and saddened" him as well.

Bell says that after visiting Indian reserves across the country, he began to understand that a plethora of political, social, economic, cultural and demographic factors have

contributed toward a lack of exposure to, and opportunities in the arts for, Native people.

The purpose of the CNAF is to seek out and develop talented Native people who would otherwise not have the opportunities to cultivate their talents and skills by directing their course of study and by affording them the necessary training and materials for this study.

Programs offered by the CNAF include an incentive and awareness program, a promotional program and a comprehensive educational program.

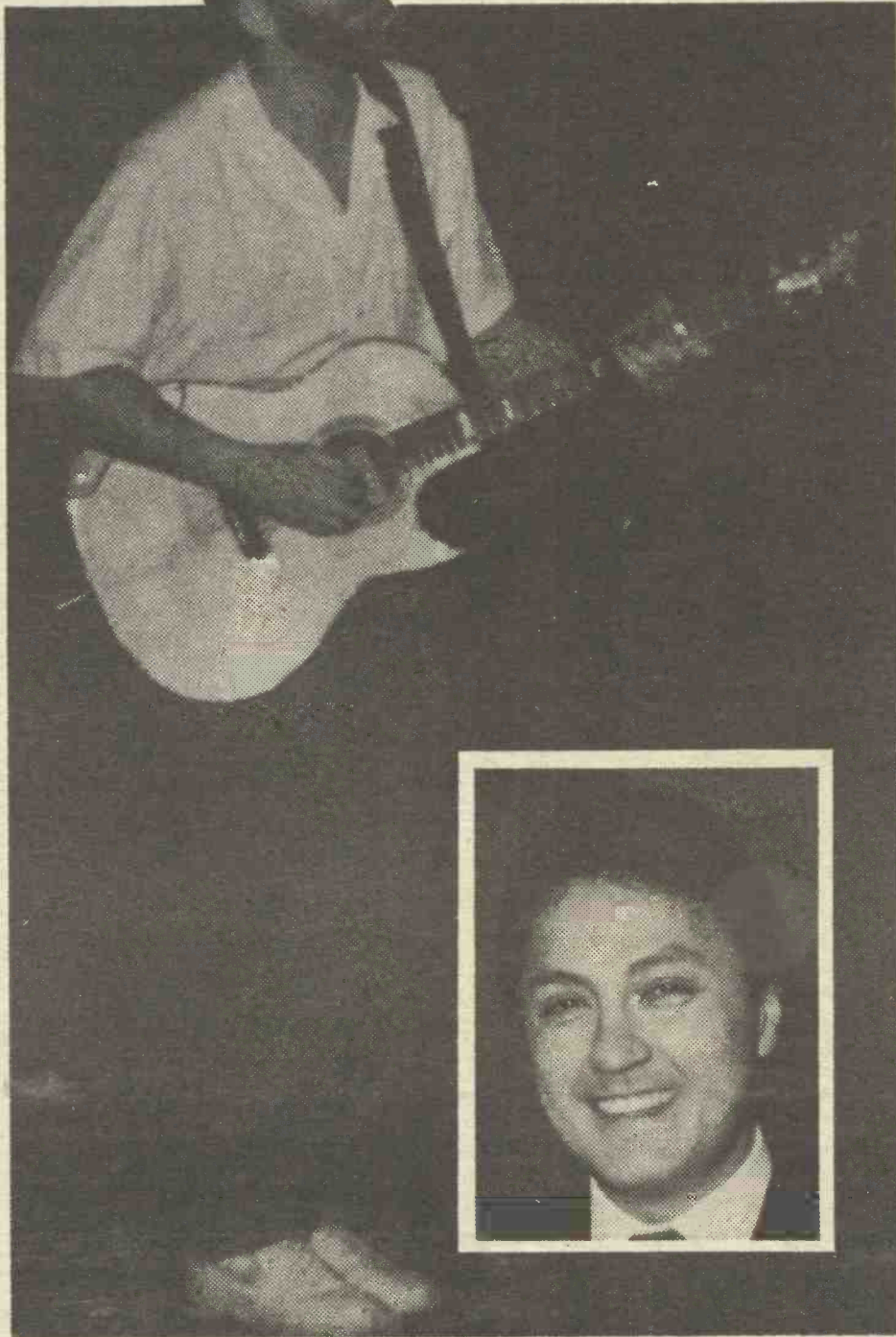
Bell received \$105,000 as start-up monies for the foundation after lobbying five federal ministries. The Department of Indian and Northern Affairs contributed \$25,000, the Department of Communication contributed \$40,000, the Secretary of State contributed \$30,000 and the Ministry of State for Multiculturalism contributed \$10,000. The province of Ontario and other contributions totalled \$51,000.

The CNAF is a non-profit society, and it is Bell's hope to find corporate sponsorship, one of the reasons Bell has staged a series of benefit concerts across Canada to put the foundation on solid financial footing.

Bell believes that in the overall scheme of things, the arts have always been neglected and "this is especially true with Natives.

"It is my belief that one

### CANADIAN NATIVE ART FOUNDATION



VALDY AT THE CITADEL  
...John Kim Bell (insert)

must try to reach those who are not successful in the present educational system by offering training in areas for which there is an interest or displayed talent," Bell said.

The program is a first of its kind designed to meet the needs of Native youth

today. The CNAF will provide grants to assist in training opportunities and resource materials.

The objectives of the CNAF are;

- To encourage young Native persons to discover their artistic talents by creating awareness of and incentives in the visual and performing arts.
- To develop artistic talents through an organized comprehensive process of study.
- To provide Native students and artists with opportunities to perform and exhibit their work.
- To promote and support Native persons in becoming competent professional artists.
- To support existing programs with similar objectives.
- To build upon present developmental efforts in an area that has previously been neglected.
- To promote understanding and communication between Native people and mainstream society.
- To liaise between relevant organizations both public and private, expanding upon and interfacing with current programs and developing cooperative efforts to ensure efficient use of available resources.

was a success as it was in other northern communities he visited.

"They are wonderful up north. I was playing at one of the schools at a Hay River Reserve, I believe it was called Big River. Lots of young people, so I sang children's songs. I just finished this one number and then this kid says, "don't you know any adult songs?"

Valdy is a tremendous performer, singer and writer. One of his songs, "Sonny's Dream," has been on the top hit list for months now and no one goes away feeling they did not get their money's worth, when he entertains.

John Kim Bell could not have picked a better showman and singer than Valdy to act as an ambassador for the Canadian Native Arts Foundation. And John Kim Bell? How else can he feel but an open pride for a thought of his that has now turned into reality — a reality that will eventually open the doors to many Native artists deserving of this chance, if but through no way but the doors of the foundation he started.



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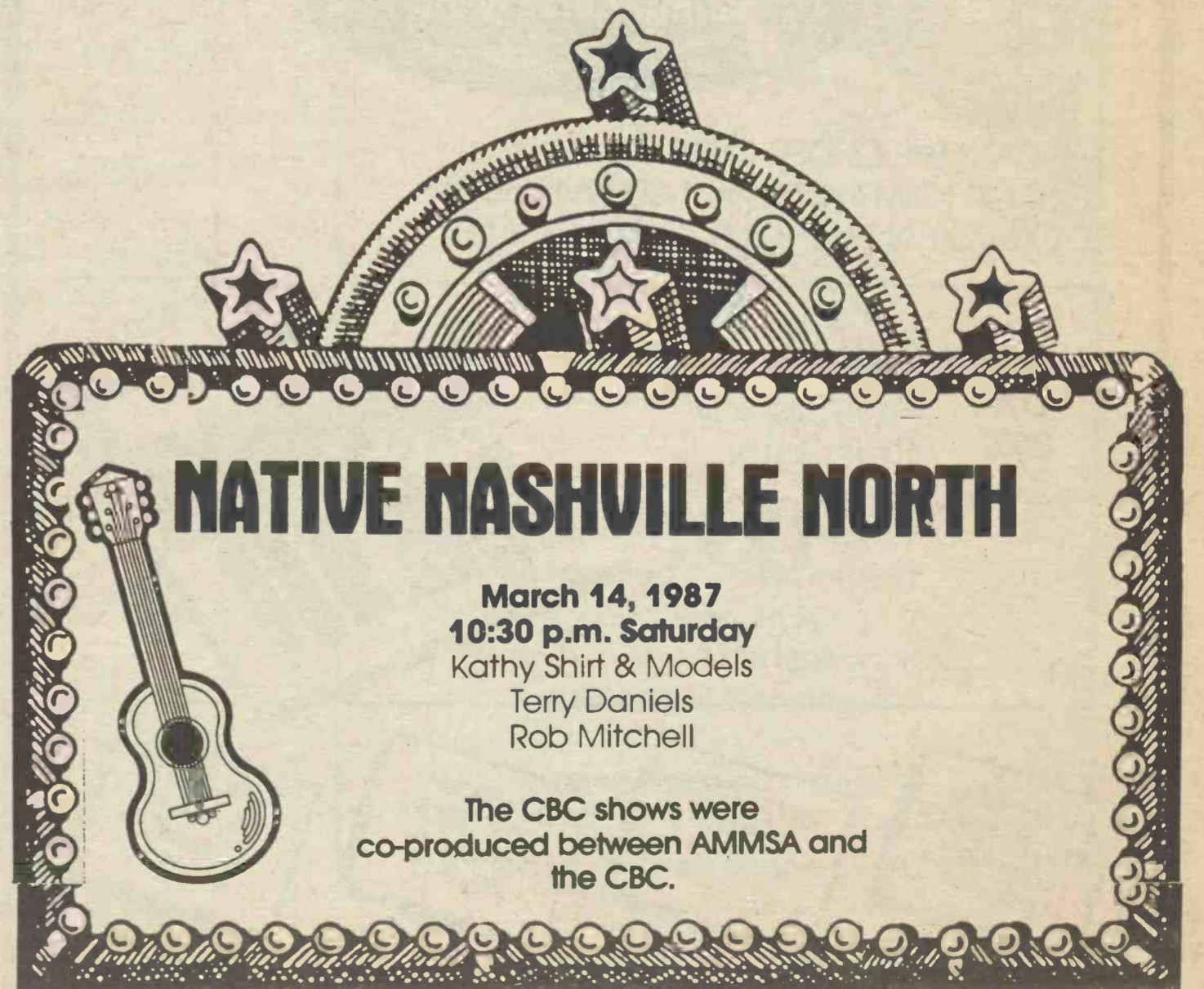
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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Mark  
McCallum

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Since Rendez-Vous '87, the Edmonton Oilers have had one of the worst National Hockey League records. They've only beaten the likes of the Toronto Maple Leafs (9-2) and Wayne Gretzky has been held pointless twice. That's right, twice in less than half a dozen games. The NHL team is a tired looking bunch, but who can blame them?

While the Calgary Flames, who didn't seem to mind not having any representatives at the all-star series and are the best team in the NHL of late, took a short-lived holiday, the Oilers toiled in Quebec City at the international event.

Flames coach Bob Johnson was one of the chief promoters of the Edmonton players who are now obviously very tired, except for perhaps Jari Kurri. It would appear that Johnson pulled a fast one on Oiler GM and coach Glen Sather and the rest of the league's top teams. All for what: a small advantage over any team that might pose as a threat in the playoffs, which would definitely include the Oilers. Nah, Bob wouldn't do that. Would he?

The hot and cold Edmonton team could learn a lesson from all this. Stay cold and send its all-star performers to the sun and fun of any tropical island where the only ice they'll encounter will include a slice of fruit and an umbrella.

**EDMONTON** — On March 21 and 22, the Edmonton Canadian Native Friendship Centre will be sponsoring a mens' and womens' volleyball tournament at the Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre in Hobbema. Recreational Director Gordon Russell says that they're not putting a limit on the number of teams that can enter, but he asks that teams have their \$150 entry fee in by the registration deadline of March 16.

Gordon also asked me to mention that the Edmonton friendship centre will be starting to serve breakfast five days a week, at a cost of \$2.50 per person. Call Gordon at 482-6051, if you have a craving for volleyball or pancakes.

**FORT McMURRAY** — Recently, the Nistawoyou Association Friendship Centre held a king and queen of the north contest, in conjunction with a winter carnival. Recreation Director Kevin Daniels said the event was

"a little chilly," but that didn't dampen the spirits of George Alook and Anne Auger, who were selected as the respective king and queen, on February 7 and 8.

Kevin adds that the friendship centre's Nistawoyou Chiefs will be at a 32-team Yellowknife senior hockey tournament from April 17 to 20. He says interested teams can call tournament organizer Rob McLeod at 920-4340 (evenings) 'til the deadline of March 31. The entry fee for the event is \$350 and \$9,000 in total prize money will be awarded to winners.

Phone Kevin at 743-8555 for more information on Nistawoyou's upcoming events.

**PAUL BAND** — An eight-team Atom hockey tournament is being sponsored by Paul Band Recreation on March 14 and 15. Trophies and medals will be awarded at the tournament, which is accepting teams 'til March 11. The cost per team is \$150.

The following weekend, on March 21 and 22, an eight-team "body contact" senior hockey tournament will accept \$400 registration fees 'til March 18. Total prize money is estimated at \$4,400, ranging from \$1,800 for first to \$600 for a fourth place finish. Feel free to contact Recreation Director Alex Belcourt at 428-0188 or 892-2691 for more details.

**STANDOFF** — Robert George, who coaches both the men's and women's Strikers, called the other day to tell me that his teams took both sides of a 14-team mens' and womens' volleyball tournament in Standoff. Two players from each of the Striker squads were chosen to the all-star teams. Two more players from the teams were selected as the tournament's Most Valuable Players: Mike Auger and Stephanie Poitras.

Robert said "the Strikers men's team beat the Blood Trail Blazers in the best-of-five final series in three games straight (15-8/15-10/15-13)." The women's team beat another local team 15-4 in the final game of a close five-game decider.

Robert says they're still raring to go, so call him at 428-9350, if you're looking for some good competition.

**GRANDE PRAIRIE** — Youth worker Danny Bellerose says that the Grande Prairie Friendship Centre, in conjunction with the COOL-AID centre and Family Education Society, holds a gym night every Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. for teens 10 to 16, at either the Mountrose Junior High School or the Holy Cross School (depending on which facility is available). Danny informs me that on Thursday nights you can find him at the South Side Recreation Centre or "tubbin' down 'suicide hill'," weather permitting.

The youth worker adds that the instructor, Sharilyn Eckstron, is doing a "great job" teaching children "how to better prepare themselves in case of an emergency or crisis at home in a home skills course, which is in its fifth week of operation."

The friendship centre will be sponsoring a trail ride within the next month, so saddle up and call Danny today. Don't wait 'til the "spur" of the moment. He can be reached at 539-7514.

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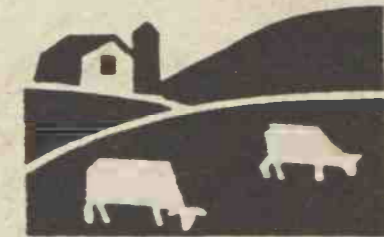
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## FISHING LAKE

### Education was struggle for Community Health Worker

By Diane Parenteau

FISHING LAKE — As Fishing Lake's community health worker, Mrs. Rose Desjarlais spends a great deal of time with everyone from expectant mothers and newborns to school age children and senior citizens.

"I like being in contact with people and the kids..." says Desjarlais.

She has been working as CHW since the spring of 1982 when she graduated from AVC Lac La Biche in June of that year. The 10 month course required rotating three weeks of theory in Lac La Biche, and six weeks of field work. With a family at home, it wasn't always easy to go back to school when the weekend was over.

"It was a really hard winter," she remembers. "I just about quit lots of times." She hadn't been to school for 25 years.

Services provided by the CHW begin right from the birth of a baby. Desjarlais is well stocked up on informa-



**ROSE DESJARLAIS**  
...back to school after 25 years

tion pamphlets and advice on baby care, feedings, nutrition and birth control. She keeps in regular contact with mothers, reminding them about immunizations. Mrs. Desjarlais assists the health nurse from Elk Point who

comes to the settlement every month for Well Baby Clinics.

"It's taken us a long time to establish the baby clinics," says Desjarlais. She is pleased with the public response. Almost all children in Fishing Lake are

up to date with their shots, something that in the past was uncommon for this area. School children also

receive visits from the CHW, who does yearly audio and visual screening. During the weekly fluoride rinses in school, the children are checked for signs of ill health, poor nutrition or other problems. Parents of pre-school children are provided with fluoride drops that are given in a prescribed amount, according to the degree of natural fluoride found in personal water supplies. Mrs. Desjarlais handles transporting water samples for testing.

Travelling with her trusty blood pressure gauge she takes blood pressure for seniors and others who have a history of high blood pressure. Keeping in touch helps her monitor and thereby report any problems to the nearest health nurse, who advises on further medical attention.

"If I feel there's something that needs her attention,"

says Desjarlais, speaking of the health nurse, "she'll come out and check."

Disabled and older folk who need help moving around or carrying on daily functions are eligible for assistance from the Alberta Aids for Daily Living (AADL) program. Fishing Lake's CHW makes recommendations on their behalf for things like canes, bathroom bars, telephone showers and even wheelchairs that will make life easier. This program, however, may have seen it's last days as a free service because of government cuts.

"It's really a good service. I hope it doesn't get cut, but it might.

"We operate a preventive service. People don't see a lot of the stuff we do because we don't advertise," says Desjarlais.

## GRAND CENTRE

### Opportunities committee established

By Donna Rea Murphy

GRAND CENTRE — The Grand Centre Chamber of Commerce was recently approached by Native Outreach public relations officer Hart Cantelon with the idea of setting up a Native Canadian Opportunities Committee (NCOC). Cantelon, whose office is in Calgary, addressed the chamber about setting up the committee as a communications mech-

anism between Native people and the local business community.

The NCOC owes its inception to Stan Waters, past-president of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce, who saw the need for an active chamber role in addressing the challenge of Native unemployment in Calgary. The first NCOC meeting was held there in 1980.

The aim is to encourage chamber members to provide more employment opportunities for Native people, to create awareness about Native issues and to provide a linkage between the chamber business community and the Native business community.

In Calgary, Cantelon explained, the Chamber of Commerce hosts an annual Native Awareness Week and Travois Tour in which chamber members and their families visit surrounding reserves to view firsthand the positive developments taking place. With increased awareness between the two groups it is hoped joint ventures, investments and partnerships will develop.

Cantelon submitted a project plan for the Grand Centre Chamber to study. It outlines various avenues that may be explored in formation of a committee, its goals and purpose, and a proposed action plan should such a committee be struck.

Some of the plans include a Native Awareness Event, breakfast workshops, Native foods luncheon, fashion show, arts and crafts displays and tours of the local Native communities.

This committee would alert the Native Outreach office of new developments within the area at the industrial, business, agricultural and service levels in which Native people might be hired. It would also act as liaison with educational institutions and communicate with bands as to hiring opportunities and government programs in which Native people could become involved.

Cantelon pointed out Grand Centre is the only town in Alberta that has a Native Outreach office but has not formed a committee.

Speaking at the chamber meeting, he said "the Chamber of Commerce is the logical place to work with since the professional and industry people are the ones who need to know there are qualified Native people in this area who could work in professional capacities."

Chamber Executive Manager Helen Farrell, responding to Cantelon's speech, assured him the C of C would look closely at the proposal in the near future and agreed the NCOC mandate is one that could be mutually agreeable to both parties.

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## FORT McMURRAY

### Corporation formed to seek Native business opportunities

The Athabasca Native Development Corporation which is owned by the five Metis locals and Indian bands in the Fort McMurray area recently announced its intention to proceed to negotiate with Syncrude Canada, the government of Canada and the government of Alberta, a new agreement under which the four

parties will co-operate to provide training, employment and business opportunities for local Native people at Syncrude Canada.

The president of the corporation, Chief Robert Cree said, "Local Native people in this area are not adequately represented in the local labour force. Consequently our commu-

nities continue to suffer social and economic problems. As leaders of these communities, we must take initiatives with both the public and private sector in a cooperative manner to tackle these problems."

Chief Cree said, "This marks the first major initiative to be undertaken by the Treaty and Metis people in this area together. We both suffer from similar problems of discrimination, unemployment and low income. We believe that as

local Native people working together we as leaders can do much to change the situation, providing we receive cooperation from the public and private sectors."

Chief Cree noted that the federal government has agreed to participate in the agreement. However, the corporation is still awaiting word from the government of Alberta as to whether they will participate in this agreement. Chief Cree noted that local MLA, Norm Weiss has strongly

favoured the agreement and will be urging his cabinet colleagues to have the government of Alberta participate.

Cree went on to say that Syncrude Canada has demonstrated itself to be one of the most progressive companies in Canada in its Native hiring, training and contracting policies.

Chief Cree believes that the new agreement will bring additional federal and provincial resources to the corporation and Syncrude Canada to support greater

efforts in training and employment for Native people.

Chief Cree stated that the successful conclusion of an agreement will provide hundreds of training opportunities and jobs for Native people, particularly in light of the proposed \$2.5 million Syncrude expansion project.

Chief Cree indicated he hoped the negotiations for the agreement could be concluded by the fall of 1987.

## HOBHEMA

### Hobbema greets Hansen

By Jerome Bear

HOBHEMA — The Man in Motion, Rick Hansen, was greeted by hundreds at the Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre here Tuesday evening.

The Samson, Louis Bull, Ermineskin and Montana Bands worked together to raise over \$24,000 to donate to spinal cord research, rehabilitation and wheel chair sports.

Hansen was also presented with two eagle feathers by Roy Louis, one of the Samson Band councillors.

"The symbol of an eagle feather is something that you receive in the highest honor from our tribe," said Louis.

During the ceremony, Hansen joined Elder Fred Nadeau in a prayer to wish him a safe journey to his final destination. Hansen was also entertained by a hoop dancer Jerry Saddleback.

Hansen thanked the bands for their contribution to the tour and for the entertainment which he had witnessed earlier that evening.

"Thank you for believing in me and my dreams, and thank you for helping me in achieving it," said Hansen before leaving the centre.

Public Relations Officer Rod Soosay thought that the evening went very well and hoped that Hansen was pleased with their effort to support his tour.

Soosay said that he received a letter last year from the Man in Motion fundraising committee requesting that they do some fundraising in the Hobbema area. He said that he also received a tentative arrival time and that he was to make an agenda to fall around the allotted time of 15 minutes.

One of the groups who raised money was the Montana and Ermineskin kindergarten schools. The two schools worked together in raising over \$6,000.

A total of 256 kindergarten students participated in a one kilometer walk-a-thon. They were sponsored by their parents and other relatives.

Valerie Tootoosis, principal of the Ermineskin kindergarten school, said that she and her students worked very hard in completing their task of raising money for the tour.

Tootoosis and a few of her students presented Hansen with a certified cheque for \$6,495.55. They also presented him with a pail full of change, a pair of hand-crafted gloves, and a star blanket.

As Hansen was leaving, people opened a path for him and shook his hand as he passed by them. Hansen is expected to finish his tour across Canada sometime in May.

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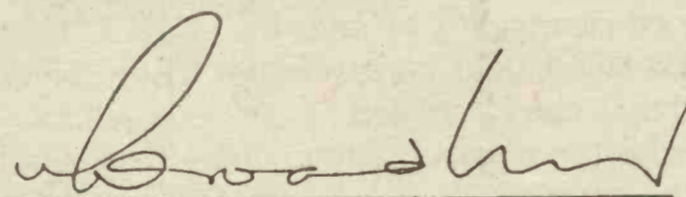
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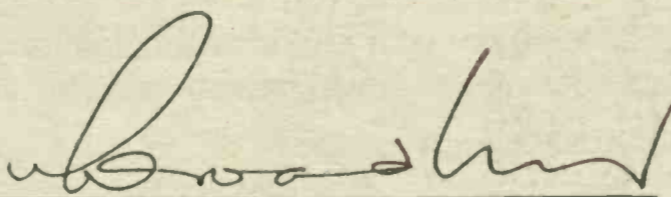
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The Fort McMurray Advisory Council will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING to consider a proposal by the Janvier Development Corporation to amend the I.D. No. 18 Land Use Order from "R-2" (Rural District) to "H" (Highway Commercial District).

The PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 1:15 p.m. on the ELEVENTH day of MARCH 1987 at the NORTHLANDS SCHOOL, JANVIER, ALBERTA. At that time, the Advisory Council will hear any persons who wish to make representation on the proposed amendment. Copies of the proposed amendment can be seen at the Improvement District Office, Room 513, in the Provincial Building in Fort McMurray.



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# WAR ON DRUGS & ALCOHOL

By Harold V. Tookenay  
(Nechi Newsletter)

We all deserve the best care that our parents can give us as children, but somehow that does not happen when we are brought up in an alcoholic home. We, as children of alcoholics, are brought up in a family system that is fraught with chaos, unpredictability, and inconsistencies. It is no wonder that children bring into adulthood unresolved issues, for example, sadness, guilt, anger, confusion, and the list could go on.

### Double Messages

The children, when growing up in an alcoholic home, receive double messages from the parent(s) who may be addicted to alcohol or drugs. The types of double messages can be:

#### 1) Love/Rejection:

"I love you. Go away." As children of alcoholics move into adulthood, they are attracted to relationships where they are rejected because they equate love with rejection.

#### 2) You can count on me/Disappointments:

"I'll be there for you ... next time." The alcoholic parents want credit for their good intentions but don't want their disappointing behavior to count. Children learn not to want or expect things. They deny their needs because they don't want to be disappointed when their needs aren't met. They don't depend on others.

#### 3) Always tell the truth/I don't want to know:

The child is told to tell the truth as long as it's something the parents want to hear. Here the truth becomes the ideal, lying, the reality. In adult life, adult children lie automatically (without guilt) even when telling the truth would be easier.

#### 4) Everything is fine/Sense of hopelessness:

The child was told that everything is fine or will be all right, but the family atmosphere is one of hopelessness, depression, and anxiety. Everything was not all right! They now suffer from distortions in their perception of reality, feel powerless over their lives, and are often depressed and distrust their own judgments.

#### 5) Blame the alcoholism/Excuse the behavior:

The alcoholic parent does some negative and irresponsible behavior like embarrassing the child of the child's friends by drunken behavior and the child is told by others not to get mad at the parent. "It wasn't her fault. They were just drunk." As a result, they learn that, "If I am drunk, I can do whatever I want."

These double messages heard as children of alcoholics can be carried into adulthood which can have harmful consequences in adult relationships.

### Characteristics of Adult Children and Breaking the Cycle

1. Adult children guess at what normal is.

Recognize that there is no such thing as normal. What's normal for you may not be normal for me. Do what's good for you. Normal is a life which does not operate from one crisis to another.

2. Adult children have difficulty following a project through from beginning to end.

Examine your methods. Do they work? Open yourself to new learning. Examine your goals. Are they realistic? Plan projects systematically and follow the plan. Seek help.

3. Adult children lie when it would be just as easy to tell the truth.

Become aware of when you lie and ask yourself, "What is the payoff?" Make a pointed effort to tell the truth.

4. Adult children judge themselves without mercy.

Just because you make mistakes does not make you a bad person. Begin giving positive affirmations to yourself.

5. Adult children have difficulty having fun.

Make time for yourself. Relax and do nothing. Spend time with people who know how to have fun, children make fine teachers. Develop new hobbies, games.

6. Adult children take themselves very seriously.

Schedule free time. Learn to let go. Learn to trust others. Learn to be good to yourself.

7. Adult children have difficulty with intimate relationships.

Discuss with your partner the feelings and fears that make intimate relationships difficult for you. Do more risking at new behaviors. Explore your feelings with an experienced counsellor or peer group (A.C.O.A. Group). Be aware your partner is not that alcoholic parent and they can be trusted.

8. Adult children over-react to changes over which they have no control.

Is your reaction appropriate or over-reacting? Ask for feedback from friends, peer group. Be aware of how

you try to control changes or your relationships and practice trusting your Higher Power that you will receive the help you need to deal with what happens, whether it be good or unhappy.

9. Adult children constantly seek approval and affirmation.

Find a person you can trust, whose opinions you can believe and ask for their feedback. Zero in on something positive about yourself. Set small goals you can succeed at. Give full credit to yourself for success. Don't dwell on impending failure, no one has succeeded at everything. Build on the things you do well.

10. Adult children usually feel different from other people.

Take the risk of sharing with others (peer group) and you will learn you are not all that different. Share with your peer group your thoughts, feelings, and concerns. Let others know who you are.

11. Adult children are super-responsible or super-irresponsible. Make a realistic assessment of your own attributes. We do not have to be right to be responsible for ourselves. Learn how to say "No" if you are super-responsible. If you are irresponsible, be aware of how you shrug off responsibilities and set daily goals of what is one responsible act you will carry out today.

12. Adult children are extremely loyal even in the face of evidence that loyalty is undeserved.

What is best for me now? Why do you maintain this relationship? What does this person represent to you? What is the payoff? Is this person projecting his bad feelings on you and making you feel guilty?

Develop other friendships and relationships. Learn to love yourself. Peer group attendance (A.C.O.A. Group).

13. Adult children tend to lock themselves into a course of action without giving serious thought to other behaviors and possible results.

Ask yourself who is going to be affected by this behavior. Make a plan, think it out. Delay gratification. Do you have any choices?

The double messages and characteristics described above are typical of adult children of alcoholics and to add hope for them ... there is a solution!

A.C.O.A.'s have found that by attending A.C.O.A. Groups on a regular basis, they have learned that they can live their lives in a more meaningful manner. They learn to change their attitudes and habits to find serenity. They have learned to accept that alcoholism is a three-fold disease: mental, physical, and spiritual. They come to see their parents as victims of the disease.

Nechi Institute is attempting to meet the need created by this growing awareness of the adult child. We have held numerous workshops on the subject, both at the Centre and elsewhere. We invite your inquiries and also suggest that additional information could be obtained from the Alcoholism Commission Office nearest your residence.

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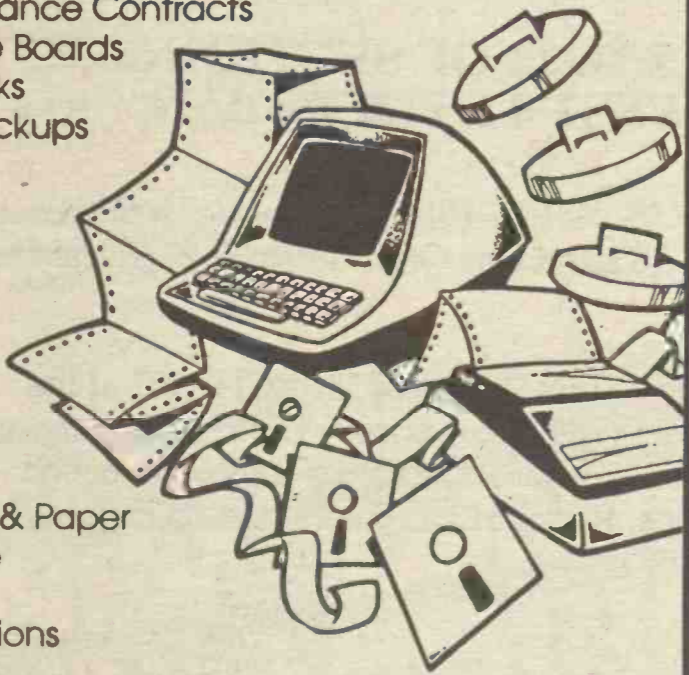
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### Qualifications:

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- Ability to develop and coordinate youth development and prevention programs;
- Appreciation and ability to integrate traditional, cultural and spiritual values in community programs;
- Ability to engage staff and residents in community development activities;
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same measures weren't soon applied here "we probably wouldn't be fighting about the wildlife a few years down the road," because the animals would probably die off from toxic poisoning anyway.

He estimated that 95% of the guides currently registered in Alberta would be jobless if these new policies are approved in the Legislature later this month.

"These proposals," claims Younie, "are meant to restrict competition, and restricted competition always causes sky-rocketing prices."

The Glengarry MLA also suggested that once the government sanctioned the allocation of permits it could affect the resident hunter.

"How do you take away the private business once you've given it the go-ahead? You don't — you take it away from the resident hunter.

"The government seems to have forgotten what they are giving away. These are your resources, your wildlife, your forests, and we as Albertans should be able to enjoy them at our leisure."

Though the government position as stated says no foreign ownership will control the wildlife, Mr. Younie claims that this could be misleading.

He cited the Shell Oil company as an example.

"Shell Canada," he said, "is a Canadian enterprise, but technically it is controlled by its parent corporation in the Netherlands.

The 150 or so Native people at the gathering were pleased when they heard of the recent pact between the IAA and the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA), which will now provide a voice of over 100,000 on wildlife and land issues.

"We'll be damned if the province is going to go ahead and sell off our lands," stated Courtoreille after releasing the news of the pact between the two Native groups.

He said that a good working relationship which should include everyone is vital for stability within the two Native groups.

Spiritual ties to the land was also a subject on the IAA VP's mind. He reiterated that, should the Native people lose their lands and their wildlife, the whole province would lose.

Courtoreille was referring to the cultural and traditional ways of life shared by many of Alberta's Native people.

George Mitchel, a noted sportsman and author, was one of many who stood and praised the Native leaders (Indian and Metis) for their united effort to protect the heritage of their people.

"It is good to see a united front among the Native people. One large voice often speaks louder than two smaller ones."

In addition to the rally,

Forestry, Lands and Wildlife Minister, Don Sparrow, the central figure on the current guide/outfitter, grazing lands, game ranching, and other related concerns, held several press sessions and question-answer periods this past weekend.

A sudden announcement involving the topic of game ranching took many by surprise.

The minister, at a Fish and Game Association luncheon, said that after having completed a review of the game ranching issue, he was against it and would not support a motion to endorse the practice.

Asked if game ranching was originally scheduled to be taken over by (Agriculture Minister) Peter Elzinga's department, Sparrow said, "we often work together with Mr. Elzinga, but the intent was 'if' the proposal went forward, then agriculture would have had a role to play."

On his support for the Fish and Game Association, Sparrow said that the amount of representation provided by the organization over the past two years deserved a "strong voice, and I assured them that I'd give them that."

Sparrow, in the same session, admitted that a communication problem did exist in some of the fish, wildlife, and environmental areas. He said that with three levels of government involved, and so much going on, they didn't always get together often enough or fast enough.

"Native concerns," said the minister, "have always been and always will be considered.

"Input is a two-way street. We've had problems with their (IAA) changing of members (on the Fish and Wildlife Advisory Council) and their amount of input. I've offered them at least two seats, along with the Metis, and have added them to the review committee on guiding and outfitting."

Courtoreille of the IAA has made it clear that the Native people will not accept a 'token' position where their input is overruled by a minority and their concerns are short-lived.

Sparrow was asked about last week's statement by guide Norman Steinwand, concerning the big dollars to be made by only a few.

The minister skirted the issue, but defended it by saying, "the principle of transferability is within society. I don't know why you can pick on one group of society and say 'you can't do that.'"

"The guy who buys the mineral rights to start with — he can sell them continuously and it's within the system," he said.

It is simply a "business opportunity," he reasoned, and free enterprise is, after all, the Canadian way.

# Activity Corner

## WORDSEARCH

By John Copley

Circle the words from the following list and the remaining letters starting from left to right (working across) will give you a phrase or sentence. Letters may be used more than once in order to achieve another word. Words may run vertically, horizontally, backwards and diagonally.

THEME: Words Beginning with "I"

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LAST WEEK'S:

- (1) ONE: Newspaper, TWO: Seep, Prawn, THREE: War, Pep, Sen
- (2) ONE: Partridge, TWO: Drag, Tripe, THREE: Red, Pit, Rag
- (3) ONE: Spaghetti, TWO: Peat, Sight, THREE: Hat, Sip, Get

## WINDSPEAKER PICTOGRAM

By Kim McLain



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