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MAA officials say splinter group is elitist

By Lesley Crossingham

The president of the Metis Association of Alberta is unhappy over the formation of a splinter group but feels the group is elitist and will not appeal to most Metis.

Reacting to a Riel memorial ceremony held by the Metis Nation Alliance headed by acting president Ron LaRocque, Larry Desmeules said he felt "sad to see a group, especially when they were working within our democratic process, break away."

"There are a lot of disgruntled people, but it is better to work than fight," he said during an open house held at Local 1885 in Edmonton Nov. 16.

Local president Stan (Butch) Plante agreed with Desmeules and read an article from the Edmonton Journal which he felt indicated the new organization was not interested in low-income Metis.

"It says LaRocque's group want to attract successful, well-educated and wealthy members from the provincial Metis population," he said, reading from

the report.

"I didn't want to involve politics in today's celebration but this group does not, in my view, represent the Metis population," he said. "It's unfortunate because we need unity rather than personal interests. We already have people in place in the MAA who are prepared to work for us."

However, Ron LaRocque says the alliance is interested in Metis in all income groups, but because he feels the affluent Metis were not interested in the association, he particularly wants to encourage them to get involved.

"We are not just targeting them. But we need those kind of people," he said in an interview.

LaRocque pointed out that he and the alliance "do not want to attack the MAA" but the Metis people are going to get tired of the "heckling," he added, referring to an incident on the steps of the legislature when Local 1984 president, Thelma Chalifoux interrupted a press conference LaRocque was holding.

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LESLEY CROSSINGHAM, Windspeaker

Members of the Metis Nation Alliance swear an oath of Metis affiliation on the steps of the Alberta legislature.

Two separate groups pay tribute to Riel

By Lesley Crossingham

The Louis Riel memorial which is enacted each Nov. 16 on the steps of the Alberta legislature took a new turn this year as two separate sects of Metis gathered to remember their great leader.

As the legislature clock struck noon, Ron LaRocque, acting president of the new Metis Nation Alliance, took the microphone to speak of Riel as the great Metis father.

"We are gathered here today to remember that Riel fought for the Metis and died for our nation," he told about 50 members of his organization.

As LaRocque and vice-president Jo-Ann Daniels addressed the crowd, members of the Metis Association — including 1885 president Butch Plante, Zone 4 vice-president Dan Martel and president Larry Desmeules looked on.

Alliance board member and Commissioner of Oaths Muriel Stanley-Venne led the crowd through a public oath declaring Metis affiliation.

After the ceremony, vice-president Jo-Ann Daniels led the crowd in a rendition of "Oh, My Metis," a song she wrote herself. Then Stanley-Venne told the crowd it is "fitting that we commemorate his hanging and the establishment of the Alberta Metis National Alliance is proclaimed on the steps of this legislature...today of all days the name of Riel will be heard on these steps and in this prairie city and on other legislature steps in Canada."

Stanley-Venne then shouted Riel's name across the concourse.

Members of the alliance proceeded inside the legislature building to sign their names to their oaths while president LaRocque held a short press conference.

As the alliance supporters moved into the building members of the Metis Association assembled on the steps and began their ceremony.

After a prayer performed by Dr. Anne Anderson of the Native Heritage and Cultural Centre in Edmonton, former president Sam Sinclair laid a wreath on the steps next to the Metis flag.

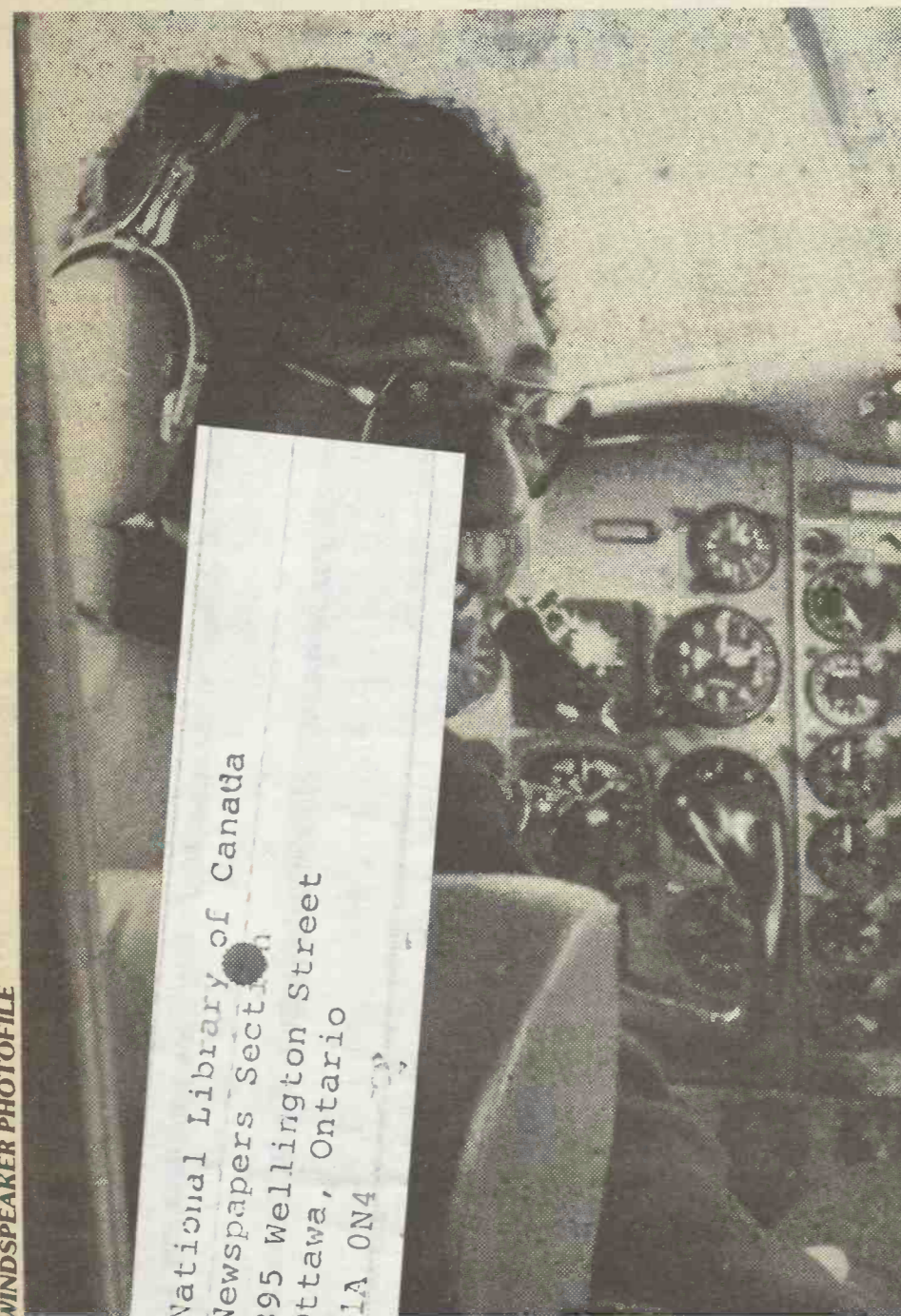
President Desmeules addressed the crowd, pointing out that many people don't know who Metis people are.

"I say to them we are a unique people and one-of-a-kind in this country. We are Canadians first, Albertans second and Metis third. We have the veterans to prove it," he said.

Desmeules pointed out that Metis social conditions are changing due to good leadership.

"We have people who are business people, doctors, lawyers, chartered accountants, civil servants and politicians. This is beginning to multiply. We are now entering into a new era and major announcements will be made to our people this week on our own self-determination."

After the ceremony, coffee and donuts were served at the Local 1885 office.



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ROLAND CALAHASEN
Faces stage of bankruptcy

Former contractor sues

Cree airline faces bankruptcy

By Lesley Crossingham

The president of Native-owned Cree Airways says he and his company are being pushed to the brink of bankruptcy because of a lawsuit which he says led to the seizure of assets and the freezing of the company's bank accounts.

The company, which began offering flights to northern Alberta in August, received a lawsuit from a former marketing manager and Edmonton city police Const. Randolph Kim Klonkeid. Klonkeid is claiming \$185,167.80 for alleged breach of contract says Roland Calahasen.

"Because of a mix-up, we didn't file the statement of defence so he (Klonkeid) received a default judgement," said Calahasen.

After the judgement, Calahasen says a court officer arrived at the company's hangar at Edmonton's Municipal Airport Oct. 13 and seized assets.

"This is why we are not flying," he said. "We have the money, we have the planes, we have the licences, we have the equipment but we just cannot operate right now," said Calahasen.

The company has been forced to lay off staff from 26 employees to four pilots and two secretaries. And treasurer Garnet Chalifoux estimates it has cost the company more than \$200,000 in lost revenue since the company ceased operation in October.

He and the other members of the executive are bitter, angry and feel betrayed by the Alberta government.

"How would anyone feel when they sink \$300,000 of your own money to start a company and this happens?" said Calahasen. "We did not receive any government funding — we went it on our own."

Calahasen says he has contacted government departments and MLAs for the northern areas they serve, but have not received any assistance.

"It seems they're all against us," said Chalifoux. "Now we can't even fly into Wabasca-Desmarais because we need a radio beacon. We are losing about \$21,000 a week because of that," he said.

Const. Klonkeid was unavailable for comment at press time, however, lawyer Bruce Proulx who represents Klonkeid says the lawsuit was not the main cause of Cree's problems.

"They (Cree Airways) have a slow down, but not because of our lawsuits; they have other difficulties," he said.

A hearing to appeal the default judgement will be held today. If it is successful Calahasen says Cree Airways will be "back in the air the very next day."

Cree Airway's lawyer Gary Teeling was also unavailable for comment at press time.

Cree Airway's six Cessna light planes serve Slave Lake, High Prairie and Wabasca-Desmarais.

World Briefs

British museum joins Indians for cultural exhibit

In an effort to educate the European public about Northern Aboriginal cultures, Indigenous Survival International announced recently the official opening of "The Living Arctic."

This marks the first time the British Museum has worked jointly with an Aboriginal organization on a million dollar exhibition emphasizing the traditional and contemporary Aboriginal cultures. This will also be the first time England and Europe will not only see but also hear the survival spirit and strength of Aboriginal cultures through the performances by Inuit Throat Singers, Dene Drummers, Indian Hoop Dancers, as well as the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of renowned Indian conductor John Kim Bell.

The exhibition will portray the lives of the Indians, Metis and Inuit of the Arctic and the Subarctic. This project is based on the academic and scientific expertise of Aboriginal culture, the people themselves.

The exhibition will show an expected 1.5 million visitors from all over the world, the full picture of life in the North, the complexities of Aboriginal societies that have survived for thousands of years in an adverse environment, and in the face of today's hi-tech, industrialized world. Basic principles underlying Aboriginal relationships

with the land, with the animals, with the other natural resources remain unchanged.

"In recent years, our harvesting of wildlife has been attacked by urban ethnocentric animal rights groups. ISI is charged with the responsibility to safeguard the continuing Native relationships with the land and renewable resources," said Georges Erasmus, ISI-Canada co-chairman. "To educate the public about the cultures of Aboriginal people and our dependence on harvesting of renewable resources, we are working with the Greenpeace International Board, the World Wildlife Fund, and with the British Museum.

"What started out as a recreation to animal rights accusations of cruelty to animals, has become a positive celebration of our land and animal based culture."

Approximately 125 Native participants from all across Canada will be leaving Nov. 30 to attend this event on Dec. 2 - 4 in London.

Indigenous Survival International is an Aboriginal solidarity group with representatives from across Greenland, Canada and Alaska, and formed three years ago in Yellowknife. The mandate of ISI is to protect Aboriginal harvesting rights and to ensure that there is a continuing international market for Aboriginal fur products.

National Briefs

Charges of racism may cost cab company big contract

A Winnipeg cab company accused of harassing and cheating Natives may lose a federal government contract worth about \$500,000 a year.

The Manitoba medical services branch has called for tenders to carry Natives to and from medical facilities in Winnipeg.

Unicity Taxi has had an arrangement with the department for 17 years.

Erasmus calls Lubicon TB epidemic a 'national disgrace'

The tuberculosis epidemic among the people of Lubicon Lake is a "national disgrace," says the national chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

Erasmus agrees with the Auditor General's report released last month which highlights deficiencies in the decision-making process within the Department of Health and Welfare Canada.

"This government has instituted a comprehensive Indian spending policy of reducing expenditures and essential services at any cost," said Erasmus.

Erasmus blames the government for the state of Indian health in Canada saying the poor decision-

making process has regulated in intolerably high suicide and death rates, widespread ill-health and poor services.

"Cutbacks, capping of funds, and rigid unrealistic program criteria are the tools of this government," said Erasmus.



GEORGES ERASMUS
...blames gov't

Provincial

Grouard alcohol treatment centre shuts down due to lack of funding

By Sarah Dreger

Kapown Centre, the alcohol treatment institution run by the Grouard Indian band, has shut down because of lack of funding.

A statement from chairman of the board (and Grouard band chief) Frank Halcrow and chief executive officer Barry C. Nisbet notes that the closure of the 30-bed facility is only "a temporary interruption," but that is likely to be a little comfort to the 16 people suffering of alcoholism-related ailments who will have to leave, nor to the 23 who were turned away from Kapown this month.

"Since the beginning,

Kapown has been grossly underfunded," Nisbet said.

He added that the alcohol treatment centre needs as much as \$500,000 more. In fact, he said, a government evaluation of Kapown found that a budget of about \$1.2 million would be required to operate efficiently. "We are cutting a lot of corners," Nisbet added.

The evaluation, conducted by an official of the State of Oregon three years ago, noted the centre was "grossly underfunded."

The evaluator, Nisbet said, "didn't understand how the hell we were able to operate at all on that budget."

Kapown has a unique approach to alcoholism treatment that deals not only with the patient but involves the family and community as well. Kapown hosts traditional Indian feasts and twice yearly sober family gatherings. These occasions include local people and as many as 500 people attend.

The present closure of Kapown Centre, Nisbet said, "is a temporary delay. We are all still working and will continue on a daily basis to try and obtain the necessary funds." The chief executive officer said he expects the centre to reopen by April 1, 1988 — "if not before."

"Every effort is being made by the executive and management to find additional funding."

Kapown staff is attempting to relocate the present patients to other treatment centres in the province, but at the end of last week places were found for only four of the 16 patients.

Treatment facilities at Bonnyville and Poundmaker's are filled to February and, said Nisbet, "all Native alcohol rehabilitation centres are full to capacity til next year.

(Courtesy of The MIRROR - Northern Report)



MARK MCCALLUM, Windspeaker

ESTER BIG JOHN
...moose and hides seized from her home

Hunters charge harassment from game wardens

By Mark McCallum

The Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) is concerned that Native hunters may be receiving unfair treatment from game wardens.

Ester Big John told association officials earlier this month that she and her husband Daniel Desjarlais allegedly had their Treaty hunting rights violated when Alberta Fish and Wildlife officers seized three quarters of a moose from the couple on Oct. 31 near the Hobbema reserve.

The following day wild game hides and more meat was taken from their Evansburg home. Although the couple did not have proper identification, they are status Indians.

Through a Cree interpreter, Big John claims their sons (who are fluent in English) pleaded with Fish and Wildlife officers and tried to convince them of their status but to no avail. They also claim that one of the officers who came to their home was aware of their status. The IAA is still investigating the matter.

Ken Steinhauer, Fish and Wildlife adviser to the

Indian Association, says this kind of alleged "harassment has to be stopped."

Steinhauer claims other similar cases are occurring throughout the province and adds that game wardens are allegedly taking sides, bending rules for non-Natives and throwing the book at Indian hunters.

He reported that a Fish and Wildlife officer gave an illegally killed elk to a non-Native farmer near Athabasca Oct. 17 for helping haul it from the bush. The meat should have been given to charity, says Steinhauer.

But, he didn't become upset until he learned the same officer was also responsible for sending a 78-year-old Metis trapper to court for shooting a spruce grouse without a licence about one year earlier.

Clement Powder was charged with illegal possession of wildlife Oct. 10, 1986 and spent two and a half days in jail instead of paying a fine.

Director of operations for Fish and Wildlife, Jim Nichols agrees that poached meat is usually given to charity. But, Nichols says the warden made a judgment call, adding that charges against Natives are rarely pressed.

Lubicon supporters protest torch run

By Karen Booth

Native groups and supporters of the Lubicon Lake Indian band are trying to snuff out the Winter Olympic spirit as the torch relay wends its way across Canada.

A small crowd of protesters was on hand Tuesday in St. John's Nfld., as the Olympic flame began its cross-Canada trip.

"Most people have heard about the Lubicon case but may not know much about it," said Adrian Tanner,

who demonstrated on behalf of the Native Peoples' Support Group of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Tanner said his group distributed about 100 pamphlets outlining the Lubicon's band position.

He characterized the outstanding land claim as "a dramatic case of injustice."

"The name of the government of Alberta is being dragged through the mud by this campaign, and rightly so," he said in a phone interview from St.



John's.

The Lubicon Lake band got another vote of support Tuesday from a Manitoba band which intends to join

the torch protest in mid-January.

When the torch arrives at the Manitoba-Ontario border, Peguis band

members will follow the relay team by snowmobile to Winnipeg to signal their protest, Chief Louis Stevenson told a news conference in Winnipeg.

The Assembly of First Nations, the umbrella organization representing many of Canada's status Indians, will be meeting in Ottawa when the relay team arrives Dec. 16. An official contacted Tuesday wouldn't indicate if a show of support is planned, however.

The chief and council of

the Peigan band — whose reserve sits on part of the southern Alberta torch route — have asked for a meeting today with Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak.

In Fort Vermilion, Chief Harvey Bulldog said his Boyer River band has elected to take a neutral stand when the torch relay arrives there in February to coincide with the town's 200th anniversary celebrations.

(Courtesy of The Edmonton Journal)



LARRY DESMEULES and (inset) RON LA-ROCQUE — Two leaders pay tribute to Riel.

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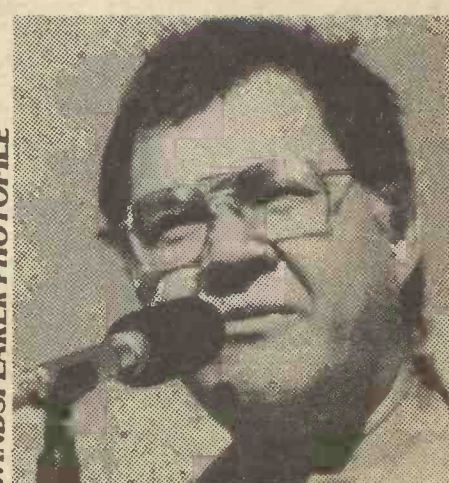
New Metis coalition to meet in Edmonton, Nov. 27

The newly-formed Metis Settlement Members Coalition headed by Buffalo Lake member Joe Blyan is inviting members from all eight Metis settlements to a meeting to be held in Edmonton Nov. 27.

"We have sent invitations to the Federation (of Metis Settlements), the Metis Association and the councils of the settlements," he said.

The meeting will be held at the Eastwood Community Hall located at 11803 - 86 Street and will run from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. followed by a dance.

The coalition was formed Oct. 31 after a meeting held on the Buffalo Lake settlement. During the meeting, attended by about 60 settlement members and Metis Association president



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JOE BLYAN
...heads group

Larry Desmeules, members expressed concern over alleged financial difficulties and a petition which calls for the removal of two settlement council members.

The meeting was called by council member Felix Desjarlais not Blyan as was stated in the Nov. 6 Windspeaker report.

Sucker Creek opens new gas utility

By Albert Burger

Sucker Creek's gas utility had its grand opening, Nov. 6, with a dedication that featured a buffalo steak dinner.

While the start-up of the gas utility is an important occasion to residents of the reserve, what seemed to appeal most to guests and visitors was the buffalo meat — raised right at Sucker Creek.

The system that will serve over 100 reserve residences was completed between Aug. 24 and early November at a cost of some \$800,000.

Sucker Creek Chief Jim Badger said the band contributed \$140,000 from its new housing and renovations fund. Badger added that he hoped residents, especially the older ones, who may have to wait for new housing or repairs, would agree with the band council's sense of priority in re-allocation the funds to bring the gas service to band members.

The Sucker Creek gas utility is to be supplied from

the Prairie River Gas Co-op Ltd. It will be operated through an agreement with the Town of High Prairie until band personnel can be trained to take over.

Pam and Allan Woods of 303 Alberta Ltd., the prime contractors for the distribution system, said the company put in a aluminum high pressure supply line and 32 km of low pressure plastic lines between July 15 and Sept. 1, using a crew of up to 15 — of which about half were local to Sucker Creek.

Conversions to propane gas services at reserve residences were carried out under the supervision of sub-contractors Tom Hubler Plumbing and Gas Fitting of Faust and Bob Hills Plumbing and Heating Ltd. of Falher.

Crew foreman Roderick Willier (who's fast becoming known as "the gas man," according to Chief Badger) said a crew of four band members changed furnaces and in-house services.

(Courtesy of The MIRROR — Northern Report)

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During the open house, several members complain-

ed that the splinter group could split the association. Unsuccessful candidate Joe Blyan pointed out that

he stood for election "and lost more than anyone else. And I've lost to the best of them, but I didn't start a new club even though I lost to some heavy-duty Metis," he said.

Blyan pointed out that he had fought against former president Stan Daniels and lost, "but I still worked with Daniels. The Daniels' name stood for development in this country and now I understand his two daughters have left and that makes me feel a little sad."

But Jo-Ann Daniels says the association has no right to speak of her father because "they have betrayed the cause."

Daniels says her father fought for the rights of all Metis people but "now the association says member-

ship is a privilege, not a right. My family and I thought long and hard before we made that decision to leave the association, but we feel we are carrying on my father's vision in the alliance," she said in an interview.

Although association members say the alliance will only appeal to a few, Metis Zone 4 vice-president Dan Martel added that he will continue to promote the ideals of the association and will be conducting a series of forums to address the issues of the general membership.

In an interview after the discussion, Martel said he would be conducting seminars in all parts of the province to address the issues and concerns of the association.

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Water management conference gets task force idea

Indians seek more clout for water problems

By Val Yushchyshyn

A Native task force on the environment would give northern Alberta Native people a louder voice in protecting their interests on water issue, a water management conference was told Nov. 6.

General discussion on the problems Natives face in getting adequate water supplies resulted in the task force idea. It's aimed at giving them more clout when negotiating with industry and government.

"The idea would be to represent all of the Natives in the north, to discuss water-related issues and to act as a clearing house for the Aboriginal people on environmental issues," said Ron Wallace, a consultant for the Fort McKay band, 60 km north of Fort McMurray.

The Grande Prairie conference learned water-related problems facing northern Natives include pollution, low water tables and a lack of acknowledgement by groups planning to develop near Native settlements.

Simon Waquan of Fort Chipewyan said Natives need an avenue where their voices can be heard just as loudly as any other interest or environmentalist group in the north.

"We'd like to see a task force to deal basically with

the Native communities — to see how we can work together to resolve these issues."

Waquan said his community is a good example of how people, Native or not, can be forgotten in water development projects.

In Fort Chipewyan, 250 km north of Fort McMurray, the lifestyle of the people is based on trapping, hunting and living off the land, he said.

When the Bennett Dam was built on the Peace River near Hudson's Hope, B.C., it dropped the level of the water in the Fort Chipewyan area, over 1,200 km away.

Lower water levels in turn had a severe effect on muskrat populations in the area, and Natives who trapped the animals were left with a lot of problems.

"You think you live in sort of a pollution free environment and yet your whole lifestyle could be affected by something that has happened miles away," Waquan said.

"It's so important that we really consider the effects we have on the land we are developing — if we kill the land base we've got nothing left."

People in Fort Chipewyan have lived on the land and in harmony with the land for a long time, Waquan said, but industry has shaken that balance.

His community has since built a wooden dam system to build up water levels in certain areas so muskrat populations can grow, he said, but all that wouldn't have been necessary if someone had studied the effects the dam would have.

"Had the situation been properly studied, and properly monitored we probably wouldn't have been put in a situation of creating (our own) dams."

When it comes to industry, Waquan said, "it's nice to have a job, but it's also nice to have the land to live on too."

According to Wallace, and Alberta Metis Association representative Lorraine Sinclair of Hinton, it's situations like Fort Chipewyan where a task force could be of some help.

Natives have the same problems and concerns about water as everybody else in the north, he said, but Native communities don't seem to have the mechanism to work within the political system.

"There has to be some way different groups — like industry or government and Natives — can get together."

Said Sinclair: "The general public really doesn't want to hear about Native problems, but we are quite capable of dealing with them ourselves if we are

given the proper mechanisms."

The fact is Natives want to be involved, and they want to see action, not just discussion on environmental issues that will affect their way of life, she said.

"Again, the bottom line is as Aboriginal people who have traditionally based their livelihood on the land, we just want to have a say in what is happening to that land.

"A task force is one way

we can do that."

The three-day conference was sponsored by the Northern Alberta Development Council.

(Courtesy of Herald-Tribune, Grande Prairie daily.)



BARB FAYANT and CAROLYN PETTIFER
...busy setting into the office

Metis Children's Services on the move

Metis Children's Services has moved to a new location in Edmonton. And, although the staff is busy settling into their new office (located at 10950 - 124 St.), executive director Carolyn Pettifer says they are continuing to accept clients and explains the move.

Providing family and youth support services to the Metis community since

1985, MCS moved from its old downtown location after the rent was tripled by the owner of the building, says Pettifer. She adds the move will benefit the community in the long run because the organization's new office building is situated "away from the downtown rush" and is more accessible to clients.

MARK McCALLUM, Windspeaker



DROPPIN IN

By Margaret Desjarlais

H! I'm your new columnist for Droppin' In for the time being which means I'll be dropping in your community sometime in the next few weeks by telephone.

Enjoy this — phoning different communities, making new contacts and most of all learning that each community is unique in its own way because each community has totally different activities to offer.

Community events seem to have certain psychological effects on those who are a part of it all whether they are volunteers, observers or participants. The adrenaline seem to flow like a deadly rapid prior to an event, doesn't it? We all get these rushes, chills to the bone, on Cloud 9 and most of all sleeplessness from excitement. Of course, it depends on the occasion and whether you are an observer or participant. And then the day arrives.

For us ladies — we tend to spend much of our time in front of the mirror to look our finest. Which is only natural! After all, who wants to make a grand entry with a skirt or top on backwards?

For the men — they are the pacers. They take fast and long strides from the mirror to the closet. They wonder if the tie matches or the socks are the same and when they can't find a hair out of place they holler, "Let's go ole' lady!" Sounds familiar?

Actually it's not that bad.

Our special issue last week on alcohol and drugs seems to be getting more popular each year especially in Indian country. For all the contributors — a big thanks from all of us. You are the people that make this issue a success. It's also good to hear that leaders,

Activities give communities unique identities and personalities

organizations and the general population are beginning to realize we do have a problem. My prediction is that in the future we will all look back and say, "We did have a problem."

BONNYVILLE: The friendship centre is promoting the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week this week, says Valerie Mader, community service representative. The centre is having an open house (Nov. 18) and everyone's invited. "We will be showing films and we also have posters and brochures for anyone that's interested," says Val.

Val also commented on Windspeaker's drug and alcohol special issue saying, "It's really great!" Thanks Val! It's a sign of a new beginning.

The centre is also in a process of starting up new programs. There is a universal gym at the centre and free swim night at the swimming pool for members only. For more info call the centre.

Val informs me that she is new in her position and finds her job challenging. Good luck!

KEHEWIN: Kehewin is into big bucks! The Kehewin Fundraisers, geared to assist programs mainly in minor sports, are members of the Lakeland and District Bingo Association. They will be hosting bingos at the Tropicana Bingo Palace in Grand Centre later this month.

According to president of the Kehewin's fundraising club, Roland Dion, "The prizes should be big enough to draw a crowd and a lot of parking space."

Roland says he doesn't know much about bingo, but speaking from personal experience I bet he'll be a pro in no time.

The newly-formed association consisting of five interested organizations will be hosting bingos at the Tropicana.

So stash your bingo paraphernalia and watch for the dates in your community newspaper for this much needed type of fundraising — BINGO.

The Kehewin Teen Reelers, a junior dance group, are in Prince Albert this week vying for tops. The Teen Reelers boasts two first place trophies at Edmonton's Native Friendship Centre annual talent show last month. Thanks to their superior Herman John.

BONNYVILLE REHAB: By now you've probably heard of the Bonnyville Indian and Metis Rehabilitation Centre. Both the high profile image and the executive director are new to the centre.

"People from around here told me that the centre had a low profile," says new director Oliver Soop. Now the centre is becoming known provincially. Soop comes to the centre as the ex-director of the St. Paul's Treatment Centre. The 47-year-old Blood was also the treasurer of the National Native Treatment Directors Association. His other claim to fame is that he is the older brother of Everett Soop, renowned Indian cartoonist.

This week the centre is having an open house. Everyone is invited to meet some brave youths who will share their experience with drugs and how they overcame their addictions. Also, there will be literature and films showing information about drugs.

The centre is on the shores of Moose Lake, offering peace and serenity to clients battling alcohol and drug addiction. The 26-bed facility is usually occupied with people from northern Alberta but many clients come from as far away as B.C., Northwest Territories and Sask.

Soop says the centre "doesn't expect to heal an alcoholic in five weeks when it's taken them five, ten or 20 years to get where they are." He says the main objective is to make the clients aware about alcohol and drugs during their five week stay.

The centre's open house and alcohol and drug awareness drive is in conjunction with National Addictions Awareness Week, Nov. 15 - 21.

And how was your week?

Fiction

Boy follows tracks to manhood

By Dale R. Belcourt

Once there was an Indian boy who wished to become a man, but before he could he had to show the Elders that it was time. To do this, he had to spend three nights on his own with only his knife.

He set out from camp when it was still morning and, following a river, he came upon some strange tracks he did not know of. He decided he would go in the same direction these tracks faced. As evening grew nearer on the first day of his journey rain clouds began to form and he could see thunder and hear lightning off in the distance. Even though he searched all day he was not able to discover what creature the tracks were from. That night he built a cover out of boughs and huddled there as the thunder and lightning was all around him.

He awoke in the morning shivering and hungry and realized he must hunt for food or he would not make it for two more days and nights. He made a bow and some arrows out of willow and oak; he knew the Elders would be proud of this. After all, this was his first bow and arrows and they were made by his own hands!

So, on he went and came upon a moose who was feeding on some tall grass. Sitting down, he prayed to the spirit of the moose for forgiveness, for killing it. He spoke to the spirit and told him he needed the meat for food to give him strength and the hide to keep him warm at nights. The spirit gave him permission, but only because the young boy asked first and the spirit welcomed being set free.

The boy ate and then took what he needed for the

rest of his journey. He buried what was left for safekeeping to take back to his people, so that they could share in his good fortune. On he went and came upon the strange tracks, which he again followed. The day grew to evening, but this time he was not worried. This time he had food to give him strength and hide to keep him warm.

He woke in the early morning to the warmth of the sun and again set out on his journey. He came upon a tall, rocky hill and at the foot of this hill there were the strange tracks. Climbing the hill, he came upon a great discovery at the top. There at the top was a great nest and in that nest was a large feather. He knew from the stories he had heard that it belonged to the ruler of the skies — the eagle. He wanted to take it to give to the Elders because he knew that only a man could wear it. Before he did he gave thanks to the spirit of the eagle for leading him there. Because he took the feather he left his only prized possessions — his bow and arrows, plus the moose hide.

On the morning of the fourth day he entered the camp of his people. Pulling a travois behind him, loaded with moose meat, he walked up to the Elders and told them it was for everyone. He then produced the eagle feather, which brought forth cries of surprise that he could hear quite clearly. The Elders asked him how he came upon the great medicine and so he told them of his journey.

One of the Elders got up and in taking the feather he placed it in the hair of the boy. He also gave the boy the pipe of peace to smoke. From that moment on he knew he had become a Man!

Editorial

We are one with the land — hold back the flood

This week the Alberta government dismissed a call to halt the construction of the Oldman River dam despite pleas from local environment groups and Peigan Indian band members who say the flooding will destroy rare archeological sites.

This beautiful Oldman River that curls around the northern slopes of the Peigan reserve is rich in the history of the Native people who have lived and hunted in that area for thousands of years.

But when the dam is built three historical valleys will be flooded and approximately 360 historical sites which contain the treasures of thousands of years of Indian life will be covered by a deep reservoir or lost to erosion.

These irreplaceable sites include a buffalo jump, ancient tipi circles and burial grounds. According to a University of Calgary archeologist the project will cause the greatest loss of cultural resources in the province's history.

Yet, apart from a government-funded research program to take samples from the sites, the protests of environmental groups and hundreds of individuals are being ignored.

Admittedly, there cannot be progress without some loss. But, what progress is being gained here? The government wants to spend over \$350 million to build the dam that it says will benefit about 200 farmers. But, officials have failed to say where these farms are or whether these landowners even want the irrigation service. According to a 1978 Environmental Council of Alberta report there is adequate water now to service the 51,000 acres of irrigatable land if improved off-stream storage and a more efficient delivery system (canals) are developed. In other words — the dam is not even required.

Those against the dam say a worse spot couldn't have been selected, in terms of economy and environmental/cultural loss.

Other countries are more sensitive to this kind of loss. A good example is Egypt's development of the Aswan dam which flooded many ancient Egyptian tombs and monuments. Despite the cost, the Egyptian government removed many of the ancient carvings and placed them above the flood area. Although there were some losses, much of the area's history was saved for future generations.

In Alberta we have a government that either just doesn't care or doesn't have the vision to make far-sighted decisions to preserve our culture.

These historical and irreplaceable objects cannot be assessed in dollar figures and they cannot be counted, analyzed or sold. They are special and a part of this land. Trust the government to ignore the value of a heritage site in favor of a senseless project to benefit a small number of people — all in the name of progress.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

New jobs at planned sawmill

Metis community seals land deal

By Mark McCallum

The Metis community of Imperial Mills, has just purchased 50 acres of land from the Alberta Housing Corporation and plans are already being made to build a sawmill in the tiny community located about 35 miles east of Lac La Biche.

Metis Association of Alberta Zone 1 vice-president Gerald Thom, who helped negotiate the land deal, which cost \$1,000 before it was signed Nov. 8, believes the agreement will help make the community self-sufficient and improve living conditions. But more importantly, he feels the community is an example to others in Zone 1.

"I think this is where it all starts. If you own a piece of land, you feel like you're part of the community and it gives you some security to fall back on," explains Thom, adding the next step will be to try improve housing at Imperial Mills by installing modern conveniences such as water and power.

"This is 1987 — tar paper shack days are over."

Through economic devel-

opment, Thom feels the community will be able to upgrade their homes and eventually install and maintain these conveniences. He is currently developing a deal with the Lac La Biche AVC (Alberta Vocational Centre) to train about 25 community members in the logging industry. Thom is also in discussion with the Alberta Forestry Service to employ the trainees on a contract basis, which he hopes will lead to the development of a fully operational sawmill.

Thom, who was elected vice-president last September, believes other communities in Zone 1 (in the northeast section of the province) have economic opportunities they can cash in on such as the tourism industry. The Conklin and Janvier communities located about 100 miles northeast of Lac La Biche are situated between Four Trophy Lakes that could be marketed as a tourist attraction, he says adding that a new road linking the communities to Fort McMurray was completed more than a year ago.

From the tourism industry, he says other "spin-



MARK MCCALLUM, Windspeaker

EMILE CARDINAL (left) and GERALD THOM
...director and vice-president helped negotiate deal

off" industries such as grocery stores and hotels could create employment.

However, Thom says communities must act quickly because he claims a Land Tenure Agreement introduced by the province in the early '80s is "leaving

the door wide open for non-Natives to take land from northern communities."

Although the agreement was discontinued in 1985, thousands of acres of land were given to people in communities such as Anzac, the first to take

advantage of the deal. But, Thom claims many of the new landowners were tempted to sell their land to outside real estate companies, following the economic downfall of northern Alberta when the recession quickly killed the

province's "boom."

Now Thom worries that non-Natives will over-populate northern Metis communities and take advantage of economic resources before long-time community members have a chance to act.

Unique training program for the north

By Mark McCallum

The Lac La Biche AVC (Alberta Vocational Centre) is creating unique training programs to meet the individual needs of northern communities.

The centre has liaison workers operating closely with communities. The workers listen to residents and together they decide what kind of training

program would best benefit the community and create employment.

Centre director of trades and technical programs Dennis Menard says AVC developed courses that eventually led to jobs for about 50 residents at the Elizabeth Metis Settlement.

The training programs were established in the settlement in 1974, up-

grading residents from Grades 8 to 12. However, Menard explains that the courses they developed are in the technical trades field and will prepare residents for immediate employment.

The program was developed after the settlement was approached by AMOCO Canada. The oil company wanted to gather natural resources from the

settlement, however, the community wanted to ensure that residents received jobs from the company.

AVC offered to train residents and created a "industrial work program," which prepared 50 students to assist trade people.

After students helped build natural resource plants, the community then

saw a need for a training program that would prepare residents to work in the plants. The centre responded and developed a power engineering program which is currently training 24 residents who will be qualified fourth class power engineers at the completion of the 34-week program.

"This is a very unique program — a first in the

province — because residents are being trained in a technical program right on the settlement," explains Menard, adding students will be required to spend two weeks of classroom time at the Lac La Biche AVC.

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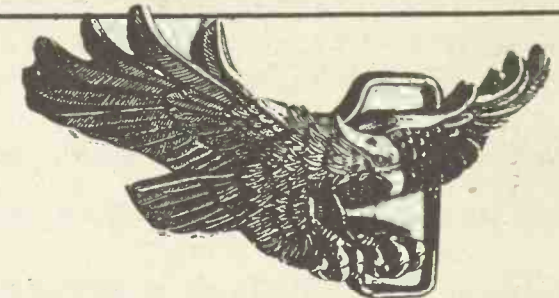
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IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Financial expert's free advice gains business

By Mark McCallum

ATHABASCA — When Metis businesswoman Frances Hanna began giving financial advice and preparing income tax statements in 1982, she only had about half a dozen clients and a one room office furnished with a desk, chair, kitchen stool and file cabinet.

Now, Hanna serves about 500 regular customers and is in the process of installing a \$15,000 computer at the Trinity Business Consulting firm she owns and operates. She also employs a secretary and has expanded her office space and supplies by at least three-fold. And, Hanna manages a constituency office for local MLA Frank Appleby.

A mother of three, Hanna says she didn't have trouble adjusting to the business world because she never really left it. "Out of necessity I worked off and on throughout my married life," she explained in an interview at her office in Athabasca recently.

Although Hanna graduated from high school and set her sights on university, she decided against continuing her education because it would mean leaving her family and moving to eastern Canada. However, she later returned to school and graduated from a clerk typist course before entering NAIT where she received a diploma for marketing administration in 1969.

Hanna, 47, says she enjoys working in Athabasca because she was raised in the area. Although she was born at Edmonton, she was adopted by a Calling Lake Metis family when she was nine months old and has lived in Athabasca for most

of her childhood years.

Hanna, who is a taxation specialist, offers her clients a free referral service and even helps them fill out the paper work for simple tax breaks and subsidy wage programs that "most people aren't aware exist." Because of this free service she was named the 1985/86 Citizen of the Year and received a plaque from the county of Athabasca. But, she doesn't believe her business is losing money by offering to work without pay. "If anything, we've gained a hundred times over," she explains, adding customers grow to trust her for her fairness, and keep coming back.

"We're proud of the fact that we not only have people coming back. But, we also see their children when they're ready to go out into the world."

Hanna prefers to see clients before they actually get a business started because she says all too often "they come to us at the eleventh hour — after they have problems."

When she sees a new client, Hanna makes no bones about the fact that she probably won't know the first thing about their business. "Most people already know their business and how it works; I know my business, too. I can keep their books and read financial statements for them, but my customers take care of their own business."

Although Hanna doesn't tell her clients how to operate their business, she says she does encourage them to set goals and become completely aware of their spending habits. "Keep receipts and see if you're getting a good return for your dollar," she advises customers.

Often her clients' personal lifestyles will dictate the future of their business. "The type of person you are has a lot to do with how your company is going to do. If you're energetic and put time into your business, then it will probably be a success. But, whether you like it or not, if you don't put in 18-hour days, you could find yourself working for someone else."

Hanna's straightforward advice is much like her own business values. And, like the slogan on her business card, she believes no business can survive without "honesty, integrity and service."



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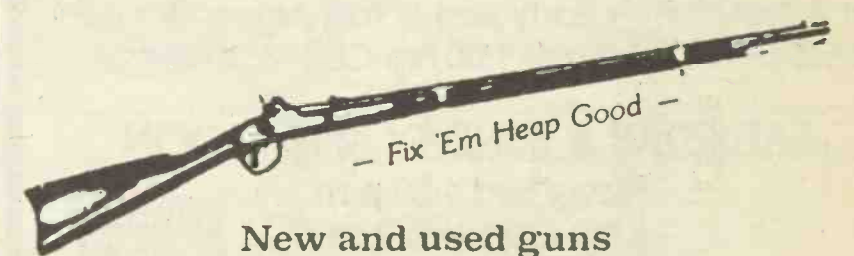
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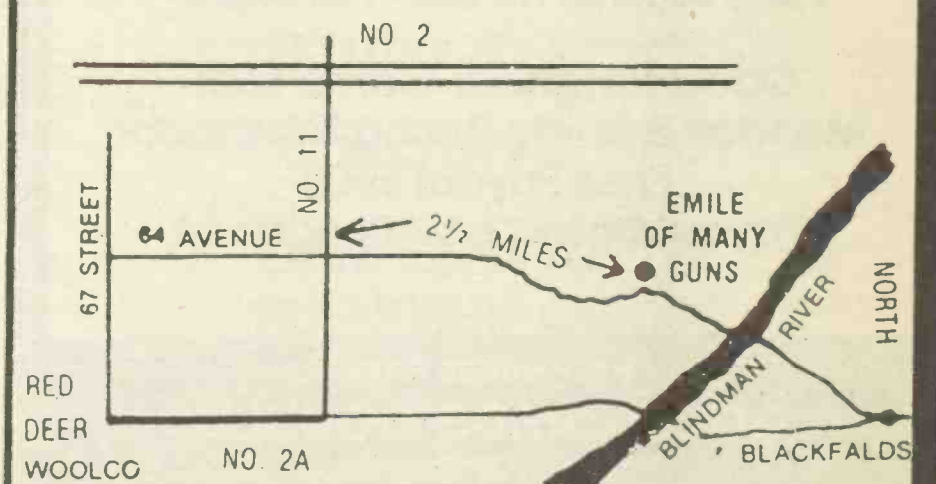
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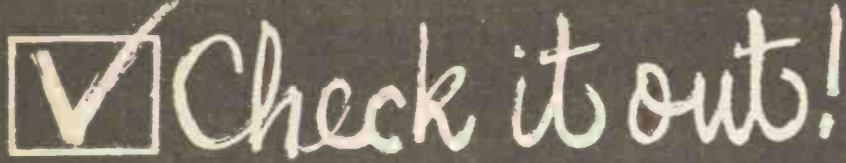
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Getting people off welfare and back working

Calling Lake steering economy back to self-sufficiency

By Rocky Woodward

CALLING LAKE — Concern over the growing number of people depending on welfare that could become a permanent way of life prompted the Calling Lake Community Association to develop an action plan.

In November 1986, a census was taken in the community, 280 km north of Edmonton, that showed about half of the community's population (418) were dependent on social assistance.

The plan, adopted by the association in March of this year, provides alternatives to the existing welfare system and consists of four components: job development, local government development, welfare reform and staffing.

"What we are trying to do here is get people off welfare and back working again. It's starting but it all takes time," said Victor Gladue, president of the association.

Alberta Social Services consultant for Community Initiatives, Mike Cardinal, who was hired through Provincial Manpower, after Calling Lake asked for support, says he would like to see the community return to self-sufficiency.

"Back in 1950 the community was completely self-sufficient and there was no welfare. There were three commercial fish plants, six to ten sawmills were operating in the area and a lot of people trapped and hunted," he said.

"Now with a long term economic development action plan we have a way of attacking the community's welfare plan and possibly

returning it to the way it once was here."

In the early '50s, Calling Lake opened up commercial industry and allowed for cottage development along the lake shore, and gas and oil exploration.

In the early '60s, a fresh water fish market was formed by the Federal Marketing Agency. It allowed for commercial fishing in Alberta by large fishing companies and closed the doors on local fishermen at Calling Lake and other fishing areas in Alberta as well.

"When that happened the local fish plant here was closed down. It just wasn't feasible for them to try and compete against the bigger fish companies. They were not equipped, so that portion of their livelihood was closed to them," said Cardinal.

The community was hurt even more in the early '60s when the Alberta Forestry Services went into a new timber management system, says Cardinal.

"This new system allowed for large tracts of timber quota to big companies and because of that none of the small sawmills in this area are operating today." Cardinal points out that a combination of timber, commercial fishing and private cottages opened to large companies and the public; this put many people at Calling Lake on welfare.

"It was not their choice and you must remember when people have no work it creates other social problems, thus the need for an action plan," adds Cardinal. In 1970, the provincial and federal governments created a

number of programs to assist such places as Calling Lake.

The Alberta Opportunity Corps program, designed to assist families on social assistance to acquire basic life and job training was introduced at Calling Lake. A Community Vocational Centre was established in the hamlet to provide academic upgrading and a housing program was introduced.

In the mid '70s, the Land Tenure program was offered by the provincial government, allowing ownership to residents of Calling Lake to two acres of land.

In the early 1980s, the government worked on upgrading roads and improving the water system, however, Cardinal says even after all these efforts "it was realized with all this programming going on there was still an unemployment rate of 80 per cent."

The community association began their action plan by exploring ideas on reform of the welfare system. They travelled to the United States with people from Alberta Social Services in order to see how welfare systems worked there and after a number of meetings their action plan materialized.

The association's main concern is welfare reform. They see a need for a system of personal and family support (a counselling service) to help people through the difficulties of upgrading, training and the transition from a welfare way of life to one based on employment.

"There are some jobs in the community now but one other important aspect we are trying to do is train people for these positions, training people who are

already holding these jobs and people to match various job descriptions," Cardinal said.

Cardinal, like Gladue, sees the community's problems as something not to be solved quickly, however both of them agree that their long and short term development plan of the community and its people and their desire to end welfare is already showing signs of recovery.

A community complex is being built to house a 2,500 square foot multi-facility area and once completed, community staff will be hired to run it.

"Right now 95 per cent of the people working on the project are community people. It should be finished in late December," said Cardinal.

Construction will soon begin on a small provincial building in which a fire hall, CVC, Opportunity Corps training facilities and municipal affairs office space will be located, creating more work in the community.

Between December and March, 25 to 30 people will be hired to work as slashers on the new road plan from Calling Lake to Wabasca.

Announced last spring by the Minister of Transport Al Adair, 120 km of road will be developed between the two communities; it is Cardinal's hope to have people trained to work on the road as heavy equipment operators, as well as slashers.

"We have a long way to go and a lot of hard work ahead. If we can revive some of the employment and self-sufficiency that Calling Lake once had, it's worth it. We have to give some of it back to the community," Cardinal concluded.

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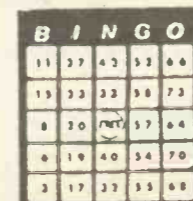


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Arts and Crafts

Crafts show gets steady stream of browsers and buyers at Calgary

By Terry Lusty

For many shoppers in Calgary, last weekend proved an ideal time to purchase Indian arts thanks to the vast array at the 1987 National Native Show and Sale of Canadian Native Arts and Crafts that got under way at the Hospitality Inn.

Exhibitors and artisans came from all over — Newfoundland, New York state, Ontario, Yukon, N.W.T. and all other provinces of Canada.

For sale were crafts made from almost anything and everything imaginable — bone, stone, wood, wool, teeth, horns, claws, hides, etc.

Many customers flock to this event year after year. It has become something of an institution and the retailers are happy with this year's turnout and sales.

Sales proved fairly brisk for many of the booths according to the staff of the Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Society which sponsors the event.

Stone carver Duffy Wilson from New York state notes that in the five years he has participated in the shows the first was very good, the second a bit slower, and the third picked up again.

This year has been pretty good, says Wilson. Other booth operators agree.

While most Indian people are fussy about items made of hide being hand-tanned, this is not true for buyers at the annual show and sale. Many of the purchasers are non-Natives who, booth owners say, buy goods made from commercially tanned hides which are cheaper or do not have the



LUCY BIG PLUME (left) and HELEN MEGUINIS
...at the Sarcee people's museum display

smoked odor which some say they do not like.

Two northern craftspeople, one from Inuvik and the other from Whitehorse, were marketing northern parkas, mittens, felt wall hangings and items made from sealskin.

Donna Kisoun of Inuvik explained her booth of northern crafts is a co-operative venture. Several crafts people from her area contributed works for this,

their first year at the annual show and sale.

Other people like Duffy Wilson and Loretta John, a Micmac from Newfoundland, return faithfully each year irrespective of how well they do.

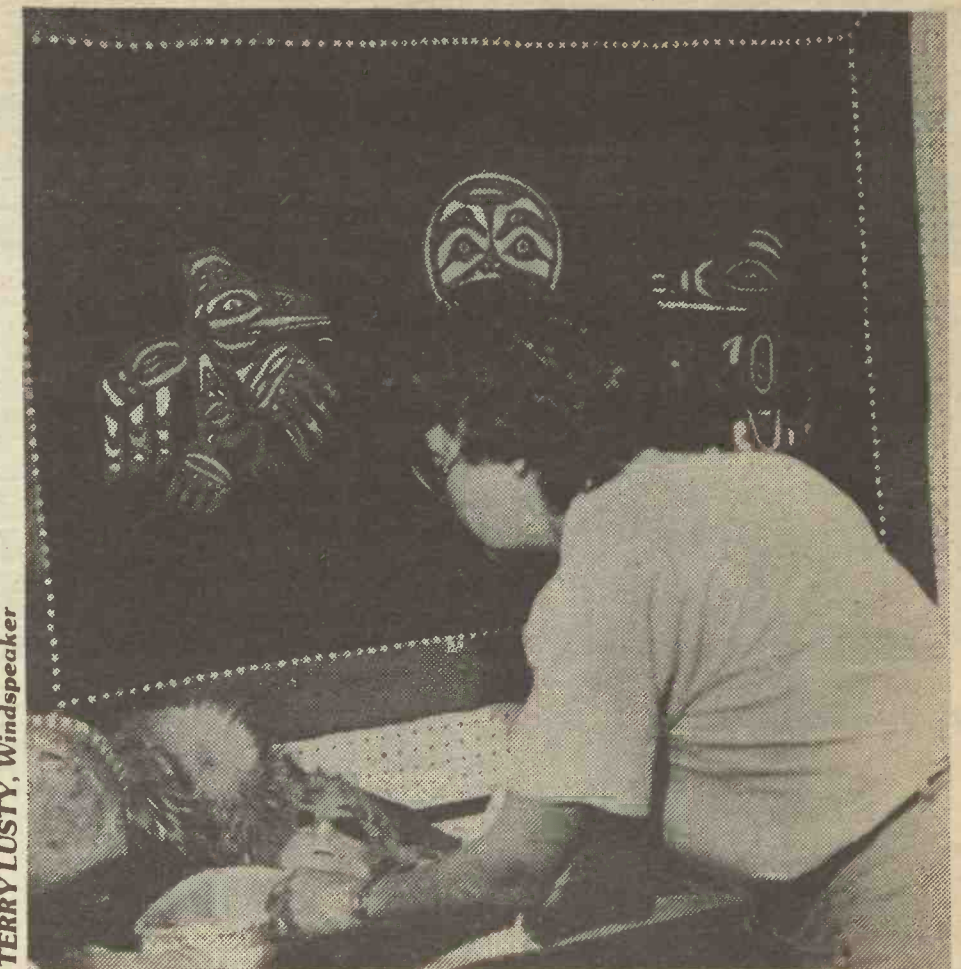
Both maintain money is not the main reason for their return every year, but the people lure them back.

There are other exhibitors who are becoming regulars — Thunderbird Crafts

from Ontario, Monague Native Crafts from B.C., Ermineskin Garments and Eagles Nest from Hobbema, Treeline Trappings from the Yukon, etc.

There are also new booths every year: McKenzie Delta Native Arts from Inuvik and a booth of Jane Ash Poitras' which also features the art of Kim McLain and Joane Cardinal-Shubert.

Calgary has fewer booths



A customer checks out the goods at the Yukon Native products booth.

than Edmonton, where the show moves to for this weekend (Nov. 20-22). Last year Edmonton had 67; Calgary had about 40.

The annual competition for 'best booth' this year was won by Harris Smith of Vancouver. His colorful display of Kwakiutl masks and figures adorned a stylized woodland setting which many passer-bys found very attractive. Winning is not unusual for Smith who has won the 'best booth' category five out of six years back home in B.C. His win is worth \$1,000, which he says will

help him to offset travel costs.

Also customary at the show is the giving of door prizes. About 20 were received by customers. The prizes are donated by the various sales booths which each contribute one item.

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Sports

Indian pool shark just misses out on \$7,000 win

By Terry Lusty

Until recently Canadian poolhalls were viewed as distasteful hangouts for low-life characters such as thieves, pimps and drug dealers.

But in Great Britain, poolhalls have enjoyed a favorable, high profile image for some years. However, the image in Canada is no longer the tarnished picture it was 20 years ago. Part of the reason for the new and improved image is due to tournament competitions.

Last week, a Calgary snooker lounge hosted what just may have been one of Canada's richest tournaments totalling \$27,000 in prize money. Also at stake was a \$30,000 car to anyone who ran a perfect game of 147 points. No one did.

The second annual Crystal Palace Classic Snooker tournament attracted 104 entries from across the country and the two Native entries were those of Joe Big Plume west of Calgary and John Bear of Vancouver.

Big Plume, better known in snooker circles as 'Indian Joe,' is a living legend of the sport. Now close to 60, he is a past winner of the Alberta title on several occasions and has also contested the Canadian championship in Montreal. Even today, he commands much respect and is a force to be reckoned with.

Bear, 40, has been around the sport for some 20 years. He and his brother, Jim, have always posed a major threat in snooker. After capturing the Canadian title and placing second in the World Amateur in 1982, Jim turned professional and now plays out of England.

John Bear also turned professional but returned to the amateur ranks this year because his sights were set on winning the World Amateur title. His amateur status made him eligible to contest this year's Crystal Palace Classic which was won last year by Brady Golan from B.C. with Calgary's Jeff White placing second.

In Canadian snooker, the name John Bear is not uncommon. He holds virtually every major tournament title in the country except for the Canadian championship itself. Even at that, he came second on three separate occasions to former world champ, Cliff Thorburn. In 1982, he ranked 16th in the world.

Bear has held the Alberta, B.C., western Canadian, central Canadian and eastern Canadian titles at one time or another.

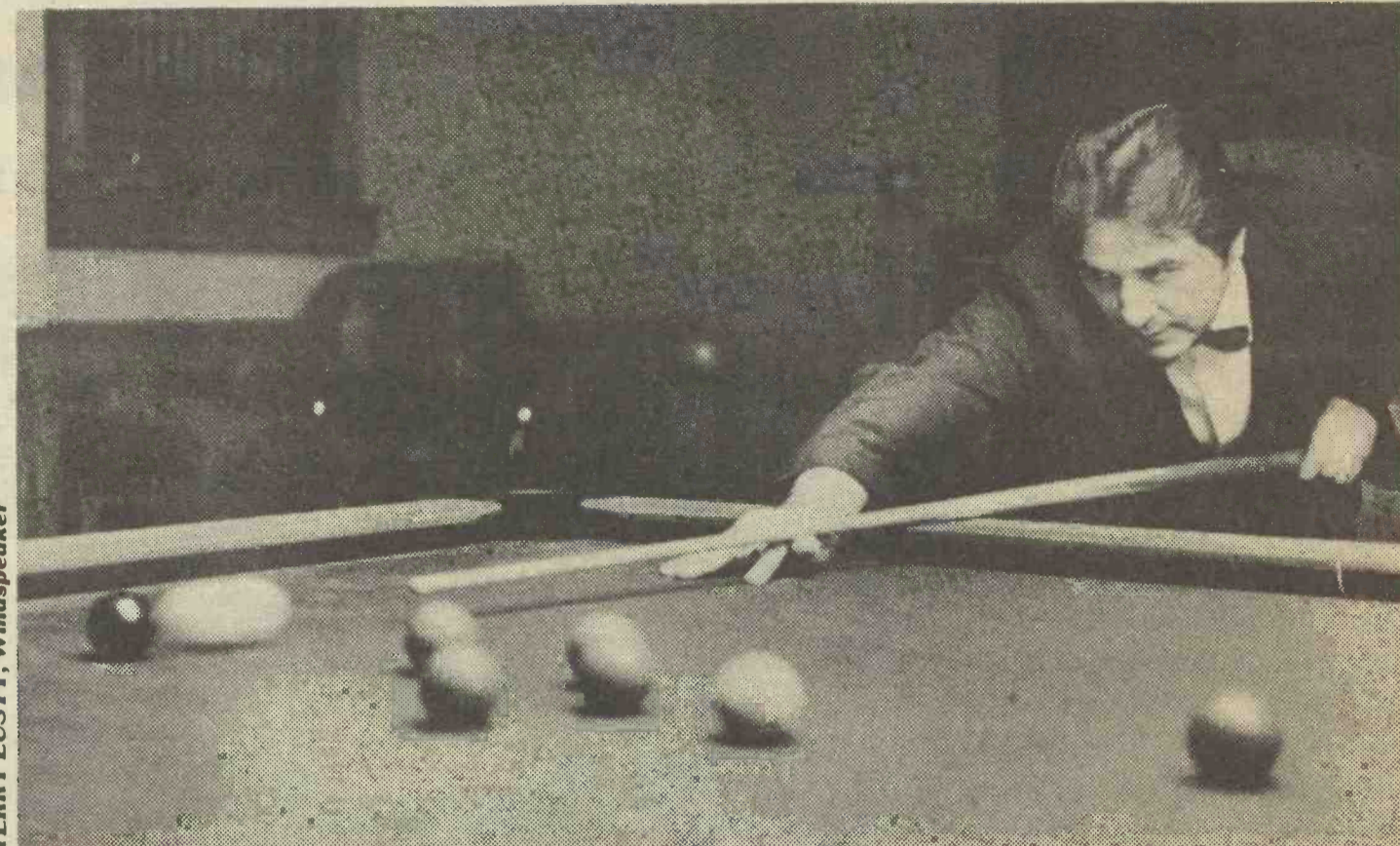
Last week, he placed second in what is purported to be the richest Canadian tournament ever. In taking second, he had to climb his way through some rugged competition. In the quarter finals he beat Calgary's John Jorgensen, a former Alberta champion and

contestant for the Canadian title.

In his semi-final match, he handily overpowered fellow British Columbian, Tom Lee who possesses the B.C. crown. In that match, Lee took the first frame. But, 'the bear' came roaring back winning seven straight frames and a berth in the finals.

The Nov. 15 finals between John Bear and Mike Badgley went through some very trying times. Questions were raised regarding the quality of refereeing and what Bear says he felt were "biased calls" that worked against him.

The finals was the best of 17 frames. After eight frames of play, Bear led his opponent 5-3 with nine possible frames remaining in the game. Frames 9, 10 and 11 were won by Badgley who made runs of



TERRY LUSTY, Windspeaker

JOHN BEAR of VANCOUVER
...second place winner took \$3,500

40 and 61 in frame 10, and runs of 32 and 91 in frame 11. This put Badgley ahead by one frame.

Frame 12 was won by Bear, 74-3. He also took the next frame, 88-19. The following frame was a very exciting one.

At the end of the 14th frame, the players were tied at 66. The black ball was re-spotted and the contestants took turns playing safety shots. But, snooker is often a game decided on

luck. And so it went for Badgley who, on his fourth attempt at the re-spotted black, banked it off two rails and fluked it in a corner pocket to win the frame.

Had Bear won that frame, he would have led 8-6 and only required one more from the three remaining frames. Instead, the frames were tied at seven each.

Badgley then went on to win the two succeeding frames and the champion-

ship.

For Bear it was not a total loss. Second place guaranteed him \$3,500 and he promises to "be back again next year" when he will "maybe...win it."

It certainly would be worth it as \$7,000 went to 29-year-old Badgley, the winner from Toronto. Better yet, John Sharp, the co-owner of Crystal Palace, says they will work at having even bigger prize money next year.

Hard win for Strikers at Louis Bull

By Kim McLain

The Edmonton Strikers had a tough time with Frog Lake's Bounty Hunters in the first game of the tourney and won the best out of three games. Then the two teams met again for the final matchup. The Strikers won the first game 15-11, lost the second game 7-15, then came back and won a close final game 16-14. The Strikers won \$1,000 while the Bounty Hunters bagged \$600.

The Strikers and the Bounty Hunters emerged from eight teams to meet in the final showdown on the men's side said Strikers'

coach Robert George in a telephone interview. The Strikers met the Bounty Hunters in the first game of the tourney and won the best out of three games. Then the two teams met again for the final matchup. The Strikers won the first game 15-11, lost the second game 7-15, then came back and won a close final game 16-14. The Strikers won \$1,000 while the Bounty Hunters bagged \$600.

B & R Locker Room of Hobbema sponsored a

team that won a third place trophy. The Wabasca Flying Tigers placed fourth. The teams that went home empty handed and early were the Louis Bull Six-packs, North Battleford friendship centre, Standoff Trailblazers and the Frog Lake Rustlers.

On the ladies side, the Saskatoon Angels put a damper on the Kainai Trailblazers in the final matchup. Jackie Pranteau, who played for the Angels, said in a telephone interview that they lost the first game to the Trailblazers 5-15 but fought their way back in the second game winning 17-15. Then in the final game the Angels put together some good rallies to win 15-8. The Angels took home \$1,000 while the Trailblazers ended up with \$600.

Just out of the money were the Hobbema Nighthawks with third and the Wabasca Kryptons with fourth. At the end of the line was the team from Blue Quills.

Saskatoon Angel, Pranteau, said teammate Audra Stevenson won the most valuable player award plus the best setter award. Then she shyly added that she had won the best spiker award.

Then near this newspaper's deadline, tournament organizer Winston Twins, returned Windspeaker's calls to confirm the standings and scores. He added that two Frog Lake Bounty Hunters won the individual player awards.

Most valuable player and best spiker was Wilson Faithful. Best setter award went to Fabian Faithful.

Twins listed the women's all-stars: Glenda Omeasoo, Hobbema Nighthawks — Jackie Wells, Kainai Trailblazers — Jean Cardinal, Saskatoon Angels — Carol Day Chief, Trailblazers — Theda Day Chief, Trailblazers and Jackie Pranteau, Angels.

The men's all-stars were: Ernest Delorme, Hobbema's B & R Locker Room — Kevin Cardinal, Edmonton Strikers — Cory Abraham, Frog Lake Bounty Hunters — Randy George, Strikers — Rocky Quinny, Bounty Hunters and Wally Janvier, Strikers.

Twins then noted that this was the second annual Louis Bull tourney and thanked the teams that showed up and invited them back next year.

For now, the Edmonton Strikers have a game scheduled for 8 a.m. this Nov. 21 Saturday at Brandon, Manitoba. Striker coach Robert George expects to do well despite the tough competition anticipated from Saskatchewan teams. But he is concerned about the Manitoba teams who he's never seen before.

The Brandon tournament organizers are expecting 20 men's teams and 18 women's teams. They will hand over \$1,600 for first place and \$1,200 for second.

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

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

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Few teams show at Blackfoot tourney

Saskatchewan teams take home top money

By Kim McLain

Rumors of cancellation and pulling out at the last minute made for a lonesome volleyball tourney last Saturday Nov. 14 at the Deerfoot Sportplex.

Sportplex assistant director Terry Bear Chief said "rumors that we had cancelled" plus teams "that pulled out at the last minute" were reasons for a poor turnout at last weekend's men's and women's volleyball tourney.

In fact, there were so few teams that the organizers held the scheduled two-day event in one day. "But the teams that showed up had a good time," added a somewhat disappointed Bear Chief.

Three men's teams showed up for action — Saskatchewan's Spiritwrestlers went home with first and \$600. The Crusaders I, a Blackfoot team, placed second and grabbed \$200. And the Crusaders II were just out of the money but took home a trophy. The Broadview Sask., team took the final round in three games straight in a best of five situation.

Five women's teams met face to face on the court and another Saskatchewan team took home first place — the Saskatoon Classics made their long trip well worth it winning \$800. The Edmonton Strikers came second and won \$350. And winning third place and

\$200 was the Calgary Indian Friendship Centre's team. The Blackfoot Sonics and the team from the Old Sun Community College were out of the money. The Classics beat the Strikers in three straight games in the final best of five round.

Women's most valuable player was Saskatoon's Ruby Bear while Broadview's Winston Buglar won the men's MVP award.

The ladies all-star team was as follows: Floria Duck Chief, Old Sun — Mandy McMaster, Calgary friendship centre — Maggie Mowry, Calgary friendship centre — Elaine LaFrenier, Saskatoon Classics — Doreen Cardinal, Strikers

and Darla Ferguson, Strikers.

The men's all-stars were: Robby Sparvier, Crusaders I — Eddie McMaster, Crusaders I — Durante McMaster, Crusaders I — Wes Running Rabbit, Crusaders — Mike Cardinal, Spiritwrestlers and Delbert Wapass, Spiritwrestlers.

Terry Bear Chief says the next tournament is confirmed for Feb. 19 and 20 at the Sportplex. He added that he hopes "that this time teams won't beat around the bush."

The next tournament will have much to offer: \$1,000 first place, \$600 second, \$500 third and \$400 fourth, plus Olympic replica medals and jackets, some meals supplied, arranged ac-



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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

Mooniyow teaches powwow at High Level shrugs off criticism, has 'feeling and spirit'

nine to 12 year olds and Fort McKay won the 13 to 16 year old division. Although everyone who played got a ribbon, players on the winning teams took home medals and team plaques.

The next challenge between the four schools will be hosted by Fort McKay Dec. 5.

EDMONTON: Those avid rodeo fans will have kept up with the daily standing for the Canadian Finals Rodeo held here last Nov. 11 to 15 so I'm not going to waste your time or this space repeating those dry statistics.

But something that the mainstream press missed that you might be wondering about was: were there any Indians competing in the Canadian finals rodeo?

The answer is yes. I know of one guy who was in the money.

We can all be proud of Calgary's Darcy Cressman. Cressman rode in the novice bareback event and placed sixth, winning himself \$407.

Cressman, a quiet, shy, 20-year-old came in second in last year's Calgary Stampede. Right now, Cressman rides bareback and sometimes bull, at major rodeos in the Native and non-Native circuits.

Cressman has shown that he can hold his own with the big guys and is at the threshold of his rodeo career. Maybe someday we'll see his name at the top of the list, in the professional rodeo circuit.



TERRY LUSTY, Windspeaker

DARCY CRESSMAN AT '87 STAMPEDE

BONNYVILLE: Sports and leisure is a natural necessity for the recovering alcohol says the Bonnyville Rehab's recreation director Rick Parenteau.

"Along with the mental recovery is the physical part," says Parenteau, 32, originally from Fishing Lake. He's had the job for over a year now and to him the recreation program and lectures on leisure are like "physical therapy."

The clients have access to the centre's gym, weight room and pool table. And the general public does, too, says Parenteau.

He says people from the outside will use their facilities for group activities. Like the Bonnyville Treasury Branch, every Monday evening they challenge the clients to a few games of volleyball. Or the Opportunity Corps from Ardmore, they go to the

centre every second Saturday.

Parenteau says that there is no cost for using the facilities, he just asks that activities be open to the clients to participate in. Bookings can be made to use the facilities by phoning Rick Parenteau at 826-3328.

SADDLE LAKE: Anyone interested in refereeing or coaching hockey, here's your chance to sharpen up your skills. Saddle Lake's counselling services are sponsoring a coaches and referees clinic both to be held Nov. 27 and 28.

The coaches' clinic costs \$20 and is open to anyone. Phone Clara Delver at 726-3990 for more information.

The referees' clinic is \$20, too, but there may be additional costs after the clinic for books, arm bands, whistles, and so on. Saddle Lake's recreation director says the cost is usually no more than \$35. You can contact the rec director, Ken Kakeesim at 726-3829 for more info or registration.

The clinics' instructors are from the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association.

CORRECTION: I've made a mistake by saying the volleyball extraordinaire Winston Buglar played for the Edmonton Strikers. He plays for Broadview, Saskatchewan's Spiritwrestlers.

However, he did play with the Strikers during Calgary's tourney at the end of last Oct.

ENGLISH BAY: Did you know there's a tourist attraction sitting at the bottom of English Bay, near Cold Lake? And some years ago, one of my uncles (the one who's always singing: "Haven't eaten in 'bout a week, I'm sooo hungry when I walk I squeak") put that attraction there.

It happened one evening when my uncle and a carload of his buddies were driving over the ice at English Bay to pull in one of his nets. From what I remember, one of the Jacko boys was driving when a loud cracking sound was suddenly heard.

"We're going through the ice!" someone yelled in fear. So the driver slams on the brake and starts to go into reverse. That was a mistake. He should have kept driving, but since he stopped the weight of the car had time to break through the ice. The car was sinking so fast that no one had time to open the doors since they were blocked by ice. But luckily everyone was able to climb out of the windows before the car went under the ice.

Every once in a while my uncle laughs about that green rusty Chevy still sitting at the bottom of the bay. He says that one of these days he's going to convince the nearby air force base to pull his car out of the water with their helicopters — his selling line will be that he's offering his car as a opportunity for a training manoeuvre.

He also says that the longer the car is submerged, the older his stock is getting. You see, there's a case of beer and a mickey of Five Star in the trunk. Someday, when they raise his "auto titanic" they can celebrate the occasion with aged whiskey.

But for now, the car remains a tourist attraction, for anyone who has a boat.

That's a true story. And that's all for this week...catchya later!

"I'm a mooniyow," says Joe Fromhold, powwow teacher at High Level's friendship centre. And to people who might question what a non-Native is doing teaching powwow, Fromhold says: "I'm not trying to be Native and as long as the feeling, spirit and interest is there, the Elders don't object." In fact, "It's the middle-aged people who usually have something to say," he adds. "But I don't take it personally, that's their viewpoint and that's fine."

And he's not the only one who thinks his teaching powwow is okay — so do nine others, the children who attend his weekly class.

For about a month now, Fromhold has been teaching the children, aged eight to 13, what is acceptable in intertribal dancing, showing off different costumes and demonstrating different dance steps, like fancy dancing.

Fromhold, once a dancer himself, "but no competition," he says, teaches the aspiring powwowers at the old Fairview College trailer, the site of the High Level friendship centre.

Fromhold hopes the centre will one day host a powwow, which would be pretty rare in that area. He says that although southern powwow dancing is a different tradition for the area, it's spreading north, bringing cultural unity and sharing.

Fromhold now works at the High Level Opportunity Corps but has had jobs related to cultural development. In 1977 he founded the cultural program at the Lac La Biche AVC and he worked with the cultural program at the Plains Indian Cultural Survival School at Calgary in 1984.

Fromhold says that as far as powwow dancers go, "there's no more than six in the whole 100 mile radius of here, no outfits, no dancing." And if he has things his way, that will all change.

ANZAC: Two hundred eager children looking for floor hockey action swarmed to the Anzac Community School last Saturday Nov. 14. The school hosted the first of four tournaments between Janvier, Conklin, Fort McKay and Anzac.

Anzac's school principal says the event is not just a school activity, but a community effort. Derm Madden, says the reason for the event's success is the efforts given by the volunteers, teachers and especially the parents.


When the children weren't playing floor hockey at the school gym, they could watch video and eat popcorn at the community hall. Or they could play computer games or join others down the hall for children's workshops in arts and crafts.

As for the floor hockey, the teams were broken up into three divisions. Here are the winners: Fort McKay won the eight years and under division, Anzac won the

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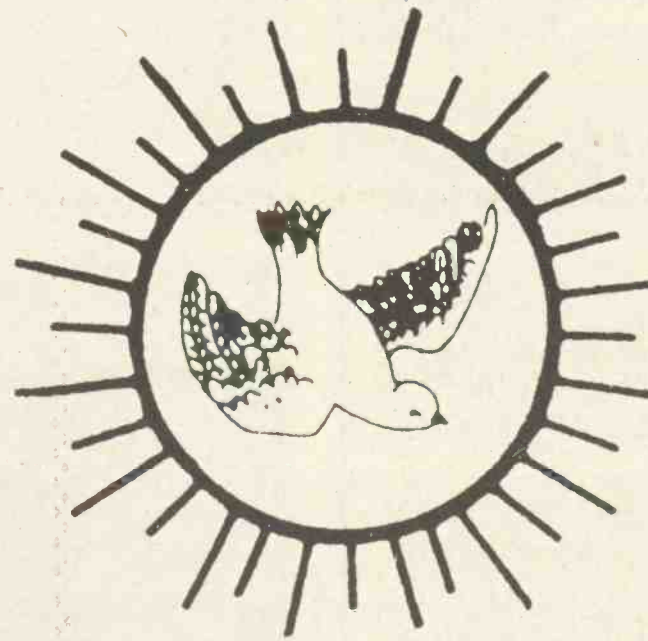
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