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Treaty Indian's meat seized, IAA investigates

By Mark McCallum

The Indian Association along with Alberta Fish and Wildlife officials are investigating an alleged violation of Treaty hunting rights after an Evansburg couple claimed wildmeat was wrongfully seized from them on two separate occasions.

Daniel Desjarlais and his common-law wife Ester Big John were pulled over Oct. 31 at an RCMP check stop near Hobbema, where they were held until Fish and Wildlife officers arrived at the scene and seized moose meat from the Desjarlais trunk.

The couple told association officials, through a Cree interpreter, that they were on their way home from Hobbema with three quarters of a moose that was "dressed and cleaned" when they were stopped. But because they didn't have status cards, the couple say officers allegedly

ignored their protests, claiming their two sons (who are fluent in English) tried to convince officers of their status.

Although they didn't have proper identification, the couple claim their sons asked officers to contact Fish and Wildlife authorities in Edmonton or Evansburg where they felt officials could verify their identities.

The following day Fish and Wildlife officers appeared at their home with a search warrant and seized an assortment of wildmeat and hides from the fridge. The couple claim one of the officers involved in the search was aware of their Treaty status. And, in the process of the search, they allege bags of blueberries were opened and left scattered on the floor.

Fish and Wildlife official Ron Hanson says he knows the couple and was aware

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DIANNE MELL, Windspeaker

IN THE OLD TRADITION...

At Little Buffalo, home of the Lubicon Lake band, residents process animal hides in the old, time-honoured way. Here, Josephine Laboucan scrapes

the hair from a moose hide in her back yard. Her husband Edward does the hunting and claims to see fewer animals each year.

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Buffalo Lake money problems prompt meeting

Settlement Metis form watchdog committee

By Lesley Crossingham

A meeting called to discuss the concerns and alleged financial difficulties at the Buffalo Lake (Caslan) Metis Settlement ended with the formation of a new Alberta organization with a mandate to "protect settlement members."

The meeting was called by disgruntled settlement member Joe Blyan who invited the Alberta government, the Federation of Metis Settlements, the Buffalo Lake council and the Metis Association of Alberta to the meeting held Oct. 31. However, only Larry Desmeules, president of the Metis Association of Alberta attended the meeting.

During the discussions Blyan told about 60 assembled settlement members that he had tried to discuss his concerns with the Federation.

"When we go to the Federation we are told to see the council. And they are the ones who are at fault," said Blyan.

Desmeules agreed with Blyan, saying the Federation "was set up under the Metis Association to be a service organization not a provincial political organization. It's losing its purpose."

Both Blyan and Desmeules say they have grave concerns over the proposed Metis Betterment Act which will be introduced into the Alberta legislature in the spring.

Desmeules said the new legislation could have the same impact on the Metis people that Bill C-31 had on

Treaty Indian people. Bill C-31 amended the Indian Act and allowed people who had lost Indian status through marriage to regain their rights.

"This (the new act) could break up families. But it will not go ahead unless the MAA agrees to it," said Desmeules.

After some discussion in which members expressed their concerns, a vote was taken to form a new organization to be called Metis Settlement Members Coalition. Blyan was elected as the new leader to represent Caslan and brother Emile from Elizabeth settlement was selected to represent that settlement.

Desmeules supported the new organization and even offered to help fund the next meeting.

"We will provide a meeting room and I will be prepared, if possible, to get dollars from Rostad (Solicitor General). We may have it in our self-government budget," said Desmeules.

Several members of the settlement then turned the discussion to a recently circulated petition that calls for the removal of the two of the settlement's councillors, including chairman Horace Patenaude.

"We took this to Archie Grover (Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs) and he said it was enough to remove Patenaude and (Glen) Auger," said Blyan.

Blyan added that the matter had now gone before the solicitor general for consideration. However, both Blyan and council member Felix Desjarlais said they were still concerned over the financial well being of the settlement.

"We want an audit going back five years," said Desjarlais. "If there's wrongdoing we might have to call in the Receiver General," said Blyan. The Receiver General deals with organizations that have gone bankrupt and are no longer financially sound.

However, in a telephone interview, chairman Patenaude says he would be "quite happy" to have an audit but cannot find funding to carry it out.

"Audits are expensive," he said. "And right now the government is looking for money so we can have an audit."

Patenaude added that he is not afraid of the petition and pointed out that a counter-petition was being circulated to remove Felix Desjarlais from council.

"We had a meeting here and everyone understands the issues," he said. "There is just a handful of people who are upset."

Federation of Metis Settlement, Randy Hardy was unavailable for comment this week. However, Federation official Kevin Stringer said the invitation to attend the meeting had been received but the date had been changed by Blyan and his organization at the last moment.

"We set that day aside and when they cancelled we could not fit in our schedule."

Stringer added that Hardy had been meeting with members of the settlement that he felt it was "not necessary for the Metis Association to concern itself" in the settlement business.

Municipal Affairs official Rick McDonald says his department is aware of the members' complaints and is monitoring the situation.

"We have sent the petition on to the solicitor general's and we informed them of that," he said.

However, he added that an audit to investigate the past five years of the settlement's financial records "might be useful but I don't think they are trying to cover anything up."

The next meeting of the coalition is scheduled to take place in Edmonton Nov. 28.

Provincial

Tension between people and nurse treating TB

Ominayak evicts nurses, 'not cooperating,' he says

By Dianne Meili

Provincial health nurses, involved in treating the recent tuberculosis epidemic at Little Buffalo Lake, are being evicted by the band.

"The way things are right now, we can't get any substantial approach going to deal with the problem," said Lubicon Lake Band Chief Bernard Ominayak, explaining he feels the government health nurses are not cooperating with the band.

Ominayak has requested a "full time community health nurse" be provided by federal health authorities to replace Peace River Health Unit nurses who visit the community twice a week to dispense medication and perform tuberculosis skin testing. He called the attitude of health unit personnel "offensive, condescending and unacceptable" in a letter to the unit's executive director Hildegard Camsell, adding "our concerns flow directly from your people not doing their jobs."

At present, 38 residents have active tuberculosis and 80 are receiving preventative therapy. Because some have become sick from the medication, and don't know what to expect from the disease and its treatment, they have become distrustful of medical staff, according to Ominayak.

At an Oct. 19 meeting between the band and medical and provincial medical officials Ominayak said: "We knew there was tension between the givers (of the medicine) and the takers. We felt a liaison worker would fight this problem."

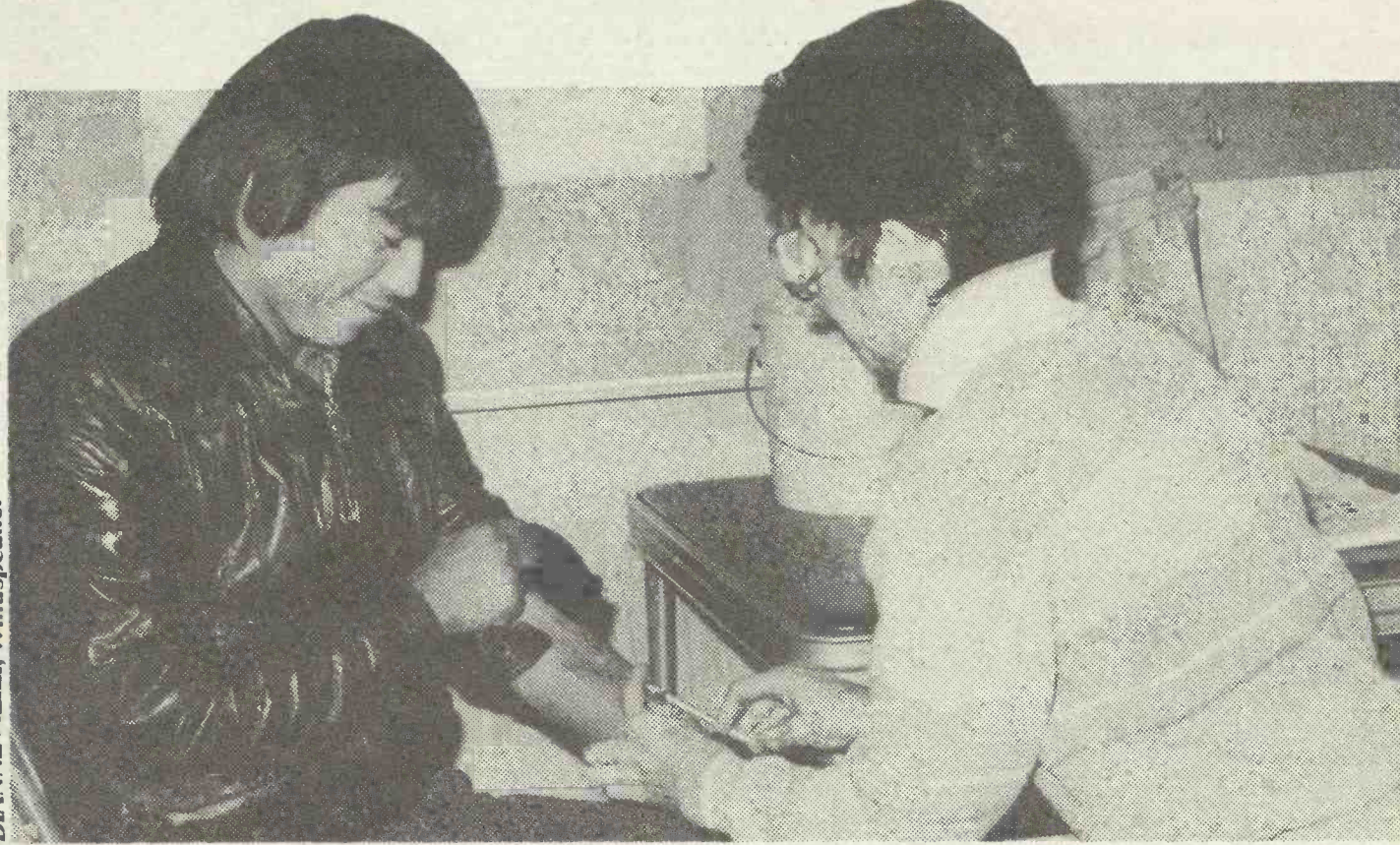
It was agreed that a Cree-speaking Community Health Representative (CHR) and a community-based "lay dispenser" would be hired. Ominayak believed the lay dispenser would receive in-service training by working in the community which would help ensure that people take their medicine and are informed of any complications.

A week later he was informed by Camsell that her unit did not have the staff to provide the planned field experience for the lay dispenser. She recommended that the dispenser get field experience at Lac La Biche before working in Little Buffalo.

Ominayak asks why the lay dispenser would be trained elsewhere instead of in the community where emergency conditions exist. A week ago he asked the visiting community health nurse what kind of training is required to give prescribed pills to sick people and make sure they are taken, but says he received no answer. "They don't feel we're capable of giving pills to someone," he said.

However, Dr. Graham Clarkson, consulting medical officer to the Peace River Health Unit, maintains "we are concerned that everybody takes the drugs so we supervise. You've got to be careful in dispensing medication...it is a major job to dispense it." He said the health unit must operate all treatment programs according to high medical standards and ensure that lay dispensers get adequate training.

Ominayak is also concerned that the provincial



DIANNE MEILI, Windspeaker

VERN OMINAYAK

...receives a needle from nurse Carter at Little Buffalo

health nurses sit in the "health office" trailer all day and wonder why people don't come in for their medication and skin tests. He feels that the medicine should be taken to sick people, but has gotten little cooperation from the nurses to do this.

In his letter, he also questions why the head community health nurse arranged for a cab to take a sick band member to the Peace River hospital, 65 miles away, when he had already arranged for transportation to be provided by the community health representative. Health unit personnel have complied by routing all transportation requests through the band office.

Concern over side effects to the medication rose due to conflicting advice given to the band by health officials. Because the band is visited only twice a week by nurses, those receiving medication receive a higher dosage than they would if they received the drugs each day.

Dr. John Waters, director

of Communicable diseases at the Aberhart hospital in Edmonton told the band the side effects are normal and to be expected. But, at the Oct. 19 meeting, Dr. Anne Fanning, director of the provincial tuberculosis services, indicated if side effects occur the dosage must be adjusted or the medicine changed.

Dr. Clarkson explained that the younger a person is the less likely he or she will experience serious side effects. Since, of the 38 active tuberculosis cases in Little Buffalo, 37 of the sick people are 29 years old or under, he indicates perhaps the side effects concern may be overblown. He added it makes little difference whether the drugs are taken twice a week at higher dosages or every day at lower dosages. "A vast majority can take the medicine without side effects. Some may become irritable and get a rash on their skin, but by and large only one or two per cent will have serious side effects," he explained.

Responding to allegations

of a lack of cooperation on behalf of Peace River Health Unit staff, he explained the tuberculosis epidemic in Little Buffalo had taken priority over the 40,000 people the unit serves around Peace River.

"Since the outbreak we've seconded people to help. We are there to be as helpful as possible and we are trying to fit in with the wishes of the band, national health and welfare and the provincial government," he explained, adding if there are problems it means

IAA investigates seizure

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that they are status Indians. But, Hanson reasons the officers did not act wrongfully because none of Desjarlais' family had "anything to indicate that they were (status) Indians."

Hanson adds the officers acted correctly because they had no choice but to seize the meat until an investigation could be conducted. However, he says he called off the investigation after learning the couple's identity and ordered the officers to return the meat that was

communication lines must be re-opened between the provincial health personnel and the band.

Ominayak maintains his band has never been given adequate health care by the province. The present nurse "used to come out and give needles to the kids once a month. There was an optometrist from High Prairie who wanted to use the trailer to examine eyes, but she wouldn't let him use it." He explains the lack of cooperation in the tuberculosis emergency reinforces his frustration with the lack of consideration his band has been shown by the province and has asked that Lubicon medical files be transferred to a federal representative.

At press time, Windspeaker learned the federal government has responded to Ominayak's letter by sending a team of three nurses to deal with tuberculosis treatment in Little Buffalo. It is not known what kind of long term arrangements will be made regarding the replacement of the provincial nurses.

taken on the highway near Hobbema.

The family, however, refused to take the meat back, claiming it was "mishandled and spoiled."

Hanson indicates that he will investigate the alleged violations and is prepared to take compensating measures. "If we (Hanson and Desjarlais) agree that the meat is spoiled, then I will certainly replace it," explains Hanson.

The Indian Association of Alberta and Fish and Wildlife are both in the process of investigating the incidents.

MUH office move questioned

By Dan Dibbelt

The recent move of Metis Urban Housing (MUH) into the office of the Zone 3 Metis Association office has caused a rift within the Zone's council chambers, as well as the threat of resignation by MUH's Calgary chairman, Edith Thompsen.

The move by MUH became necessary when Peter Pelletier assumed position of Zone 3 vice-president in early September. MUH, which he then managed, was located at that time in his home.

"MUH was moved into this office after council decided to keep it separate,"

said Local 14 president Theresa Arseneau at the Oct. 31 Zone 3 Regional Council meeting. "Peter, you agreed politics and business should not be mixed," she added.

"I agree this is not the best place for MUH but I made the offer to let them move in before we discussed it," said Pelletier. "And they are staying here, only until their new budget comes through and they can afford to move."

"I hate to say this, but you're telling stories again," responded Thompsen to Pelletier. "I have a letter right here. You re-made that offer after you stated MUH should be kept

separate," she said.

Pelletier argued that with MUH's limited budget, his offer of an office for \$250 a month, was the best immediate solution for MUH's move.

"A decision had to be made for the betterment of the association," said Pelletier. "I discussed it with the Metis Association president and with the housing manager in Edmonton and they agreed a couple months wouldn't hurt it."

But Thompsen, who has since decided not to resign, said it would not be for just a "couple months" as the MUH's budget would not come until April 1988.

Thompsen also argued

that she spent two days searching for office space and was able to find several in the area, all within the MUH budget.

"The issue is that Edie offered her assistance in finding an office and then two board members out of seven turn around and stab her in the back," said Arseneau. "I thought we needed a majority vote on issues like this."

Pelletier responded saying he didn't think the issue was important enough to call a council meeting to vote on the issue.

MUH is an \$18 million association which operates through the Alberta Home Mortgage Company.

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ANWA in 'crisis'

Prez missing, funds withheld

By Mark McCallum

The Alberta Native Women's Association is in a "crisis situation" after efforts by both the government and association executives to locate the president, Donna Weaselchild have failed.

Association vice-president, Doris Calliou however stressed that "everything possible will be done to bring the organization back together."

Calliou says she and her organization have made "repeated" attempts to contact Weaselchild in her Calgary home but have been unsuccessful.

"She (Weaselchild) doesn't answer the phone, but she has an answering machine and we've left messages on it asking her to call," said Calliou.

Secretary of State's regional director, Marc Arnal says his department has also attempted to contact Weaselchild but have also been unsuccessful. Arnal adds that his "hands are tied" because he has not received an indication from the president that the association requires any funding.

One funding proposal has been received for a national assembly, but it

was forwarded to Ottawa as it was out of his jurisdiction said Arnal.

Calliou and other members of the executive are seeking funds to conduct a provincial annual assembly, which according to association bylaws should have been held in June. However, Arnal says he cannot supply funds without the input of the president.

Arnal says he is aware of the association's difficulties and suggests they organize a telephone conference call with the board in order to decide the future of the organization which was formed more than 20 years ago.

Calliou says she and other executive members will be meeting within two weeks to decide the future of the association.

Weaselchild, a Blackfoot band member was elected president of the Alberta association in June 1986. Recently she was elected president of the Native Women's Association of Canada. However, she was removed from office last month after failing to gain the support of her Alberta association.

Windspeaker also tried to contact Weaselchild but at press time were unable to obtain comment.

Smith resists 'pressure to spend'

IAA president wants help from Elders to reduce deficit

By Rocky Woodward

In a plea for support and guidance, Indian Association president Gregg Smith has called upon the Elders to help the association overcome its \$194,000 deficit.

Saying the methods recently adopted by the association to counteract the deficit were "extreme" Smith said members were continuing to put pressure "on us to keep spending money that isn't there."

In order to recover the deficit the association has laid off staff and cut back programs. However, Smith says these measures are paying off as during the last six months \$100,000 has been recovered.

"We hope to have the deficit completely cleared up by the end of the fiscal year (March 1988) or at least our annual assembly at the end of June," he said.

The association received substantial funding cutbacks from the federal government this year which saw their funding cut by \$50,000. Last year the association received a \$150,000 cutback. The association budget now stands at \$750,000 per year in core funding. Earlier this year four employees



ROCKY WOODWARD, Windspeaker

GREGG SMITH
...pleas for patience

were laid off from the association's main office in Edmonton.

However, despite the cutbacks and layoffs, Smith says he is still receiving requests from members.

"There are still people in Alberta, our own people,

who think the Indian Association of Alberta has a bottomless pit of money," he said.

Despite the cutbacks, Smith stressed that the association is continuing its endeavours in the areas of policing and child welfare.

After the discussion a resolution to continue funding for the Elders was passed. The association was given the directive to secure funding to enable the Elders to "continue their important advisory functions."

DIA man says self-gov't progress slow

By Jackie Red Crow

LETHBRIDGE — The Department of Indian Affairs (DIAND) assistant deputy minister admitted there's been "no great progress in Native self-government" at a lecture at the University of Lethbridge, Oct. 15.

R.J. Van Loon, assistant deputy minister for Native self-government, said that only two Native bands in Canada "have any real type of self-government." He was referring to the Sechelt band in British Columbia and a Cree band in northern Quebec who are governing themselves.

Van Loon said Indian Affairs is aware that most Indian politicians are sharply critical of the Sechelt model because it's a major concession which will make the Indian reserve more prone to provincial jurisdiction and control.

He said Native politicians have always advocated that "they had an inherent right to self-government which already exists but that must be recognized by the federal government."

Prior to 1984, former Indian Affairs minister, David Crombie, initiated the self-government movement and was almost successful in reaching a

consensus among the government and Native leaders.

"We were that close to an acceptable self-government but we missed in 1984. After that things went downhill at the subsequent first ministers' conferences," said Van Loon.

However, negotiations were at a stalemate because "Native self-government was not clearly defined," said Van Loon. The Indian Affairs then commissioned a lawyer Keith Penner, to travel Canadian Indian reserves to talk to Aboriginal

people about what they wanted in self-government. "That (Penner Report) was the first formal acknowledgement of the Native self-government process," he said.

According to Van Loon Bill C-52 was proposed shortly after the Penner Report was released by the federal government "so that an umbrella legislation would be in place to broadly define the outer limits of Native self-government."

"But it (Bill C-52) wasn't a crushing success and it wasn't very popular with the Indian leadership. The

boundaries were too restricted," said Van Loon.

Still problems existed in implementing a Native self-government model because both non-Native and Native politicians wrangled over how that process can be achieved.

Although Van Loon pointed out that the issue of Native self-government is still "a hot issue today" Indian Affairs is still working towards helping more Native bands assume more control of their tribes.

But he stressed "it would be illogical and stupid if the federal government says,

here's what Native self-government is."

In order to commence negotiations with Indian bands who want self-government, Van Loon said they must meet two requirements. "First, they must have the support of their communities and that their proposed structure is within the Charter of Freedoms and Rights," he said.

Indian Affairs even provides funds to Native bands so that they can disseminate information and feedback on Native self-government.

Van Loon noted that when Indian bands enter into negotiations on self-government, they can't acquire new lands or monies but the process will not reduce treaty rights.

In the past few years, Indian Affairs has implemented such programs as Block Funds and Alternative financial arrangements so that bands can move towards self-government," said Van Loon. The arrangement allows bands to receive "a chunk of monies and plan and allocate these funds in whatever programs they want," said Van Loon.

However, Dr. Menno Boldt, a sociology professor at the U of L, responded to Van Loon's lecture by saying that "Native self-government is a very misleading term. Indians have always maintained that they always had the right to govern themselves."

He added, "The above alternatives by Indian Affairs are not useful and practical. They are still under the control of Indian Affairs and are not governing themselves."

"Van Loon was invited by the U of L School of Management as part of the distinguished speakers series. About 75 people, mostly Native, attended the lecture.

Official avoids questions about education policy

By Jackie Red Crow

LETHBRIDGE — A federal Indian Affairs official turned a deaf ear on a question concerning a DIAND policy called Circular E-12 at a University of Lethbridge lecture on Native self-government, Oct. 15.

R.J. Van Loon, assistant deputy minister for the DIAND on Native self-government said "Circular E-12 has nothing to do with Native self-government."

Narcisse Blood, Indian Association of Alberta vice-president for Treaty 7 in southern Alberta, asked

Van Loon "where is the \$97 million allocated for Native education going?"

"In a recent communique by the DIAND, it said \$97 million was allocated for Native education this fiscal year," said Blood. "No wonder the taxpayer is getting upset because they think that's a lot of money being spent on Native education."

Blood said that DIAND has repeatedly denied that there has been any cutbacks in Native education but rather an increase.

"Then why are so many Native students complaining to us that they have been

cut off education. I would estimate about 10 per cent have been affected," he said.

Circular E-12 are administrative guidelines that the DIAND uses to determine the financial sponsorship of treaty Indians including Indians who recently gained status through Bill C-31. About 46 weeks are allowed for Native students to complete undergraduate degrees.

Blood said many Native students must "doubly adjust in preparing for university or college because many do not have the academic background and

Metis one step closer to self-government

By Dan Dibbelt

Self-determination for the Metis people of Alberta came a step closer to realization Thursday Nov. 5 in Edmonton when Premier Don Getty, Metis Association of Alberta, (MAA) president Larry

Desmeules and the six zone vice-presidents signed the Framework Agreement.

The Agreement, which promotes joint planning and action in six crucial areas of concern to the Metis, is a direct response to the MAA's submission for self-government

presented to the Alberta government in May 1987.

"I think this is a sincere effort on the premier's part," said MAA officer for self-government, Steve Crocker. "Once the premier signs the Agreement he is saying he is willing to negotiate."

The objective of the Agreement is to develop cooperation between the provincial government and the MAA in the areas of: education/advanced education; social services; career development and employment; forestry, lands and wildlife; economic development and trade; and municipal affairs.

These six areas of planning were included in two reports submitted by the MAA to the government in the past year. The first submission was called Principals and Parameters, submitted in the fall of 1986, to which the MAA received no government response.

Among that paper's recommendations was the transfer of federal government transfer payments for services to the provincial government to the Metis to assume command over their own services and the guarantee of three Metis representatives to the Alberta legislature.

"Those are the main reasons we didn't get a response on that paper from the government," said Crocker. "New Zealand's Aboriginal people have four seats on their parliament and it's working there. So, this isn't an unreasonable request."

In April 1987, in an effort to stimulate talks with the government, the MAA

submitted a follow-up to the Principles and Parameters paper called the Nexus Report.

While the Nexus Report was toned down in actual demands, the spirit of the original recommendations was still there. And it was this report that led to the Framework Agreement signed Thursday.

"We will be working on three main areas in this agreement," explained Crocker. "Land transfer, services transfer and an Aboriginal accord."

Crocker explained that by the fifth and last first ministers' conference, last March, no Aboriginal accord defining inherent rights was reached by the ministers.

"1982 was a big year for Metis people," said Crocker. "It was the first time in Canada that Metis were considered as having special rights."

In 1982 the constitutional act included Metis as Canadian Aboriginal people and therefore eligible for inherent rights, though those rights were not defined.

And those rights have yet to be defined despite five first ministers' conferences.

Crocker also says that the Meech Lake accord, which changed the process of amending the constitu-

tion, will make the battle for an Aboriginal accord even more difficult.

Prior to the Meech Lake accord, amendments to the Canadian Constitution required the consent of seven premiers and at least 50 per cent of the population. Meech Lake, however, requires mutual consent of all ten ministers.

"This makes it much tougher for Aboriginal people to get an Aboriginal accord," said Crocker. "But it doesn't make it impossible."

Among changes expected to result from the Framework Agreement are limitations on the number of locals allowed and the introduction of a seventh zone being Edmonton which houses almost a third of Alberta's Metis population.

The one year agreement is flexible allowing amendments through mutual consent of both parties but can be terminated by the minister by giving 30 days notice.

Crocker said the eventual goal of the Metis will be self-government within the Canadian Constitution.

"It is up to us," said Crocker. "The sky is the limit. We have to ask ourselves if Natives have these rights, why don't we?"

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Kainai completing OCO contract

By Jackie Red Crow

BLOOD RESERVE — Kainai Industries, a Blood-owned prefab modular housing industry is on the brink of completing 50 media units for the Calgary Winter Olympics, says the acting general manager.

Howard Beebee, said in an interview that Kainai completed all but five units last week. "We've trans-

ported all the units to Calgary and are ready," he said.

Kainai Industries was awarded the \$1.7 million contract in early July after an intense and controversial negotiations with OCO '88 officials to secure the housing contract last winter.

Beebee says the OCO contract was "an economic boast to the tribe employing

91 Bloods including private sub-contractors."

But once the OCO deal is finished, Kainai Industries will once again experience a downturn in their business, said Beebee. "It's too early to tell but we may have to lay off some people at the plant. It's always slow at this time of the year."

However, Beebee is currently negotiating with the Blood housing department to secure a contract to construct 15 housing units for the tribe. He is hoping that negotiations will be successful so that as few employees will be laid off.

Also he has hired a new marketing manager to help get more business for Kainai Industries. "There are a number of ideas we're looking at to attract more business, including doing an advertising blitz," said Beebee.

Beebee stressed that Kainai Industries is not experiencing a serious cash flow problem but are simply trying to drum up more business in a rather bleak economic atmosphere.

"This is typical of Kainai Industries at this time of the year," said Beebee.

It's still uncertain whether Alberta Indian bands will accept the media houses for about \$46,000 each after the Olympics are over, said Beebee.

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Job placements and client intake higher

New Native Outreach statistics released last month show that during a five-month period extending from April to March, 1987, the Native employment agency secured 931 placements out of a total client intake of 2,511.

"At the current rate we are well on our way to surpassing the 1,161 placements made by Native Outreach during the last fiscal year," says Native Outreach chief executive officer Laurent Roy.

Also during this period, Native Outreach figures show an increase in client intake over last year. More than 2,500 clients have used Native Outreach services during the first five months of this year. This is in keeping with an overall trend that shows a steady increase in client intake

over the last five years, noted Roy.

Apart from the lack of job opportunities, which are tied directly to the health of the economy, lack of skills or training, lack of education and lack of work experience are viewed as the major barriers to gainful Native employment.

On the downside, Native Outreach figures also show that Native people continue to be employed in low paying, low and semi-skilled occupations in the clerical, service and construction industries.

Native Outreach offices are located in Edmonton, Calgary, High Level, Grand Centre, Hinton and Lethbridge. The Native Outreach Association of Alberta is funded by the Department of Alberta Career Development & Employment.

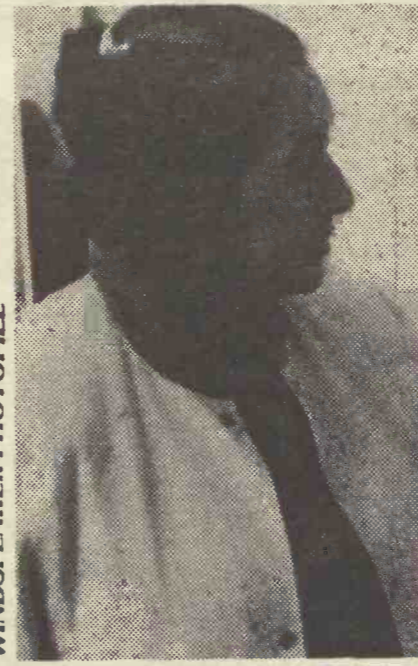
Changes planned for non-status Indian's group NCC(A) assembly set for Dec. 12

The Native Council of Canada (Alberta) assembly is set for Dec. 12 in Fort McMurray, announced president, Doris Ronnenberg this week.

Several director positions will be up for election, however, Ronnenberg points out that during the assembly she will attempt to amend their constitution to allow for fewer directors.

"Right now we have ten directors, although because some have quit we have had to appoint interim directors," said Ronnenberg. "But because of lack of funding, we would like to reduce this to seven."

Ronnenberg pointed out that the organization does not receive the proportional funding the Metis Association and the Indian Association receives.



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DORIS RONNENBERG
...sets the date

"We only receive 66 per cent of the funding, based on non-status Indian population," she said. "And that makes a lot of our work very difficult."

The organization has managed to keep an office

open in Edmonton, thanks to volunteer help, and has formulated papers and proposals on the problems of non-status Indian people. However, Ronnenberg says they have been unable to carry out the community work, she feels is vital to the organization.

"When we formed in 1984 we were given 50 per cent of our funding and we were promised 100 per cent for the following year. But when the Liberal government was swept from power and the Tories stepped in they froze all funding."

The council's funding now stands at \$84,000 per year, which Ronnenberg says "comes nowhere near what we need to do the job" particularly as the council is currently embroiled in a

lawsuit over Bill C-31. Bill C-31 amended the Indian Act and returned Indian status to many Indians who had lost status when they married outside the band, joined the armed forces or the clergy or attended university.

Several Alberta bands are fighting the amendment in court. The NCC is opposing their lawsuit.

"We have hired lawyers to work on the lawsuit but it's taking a lot of time. Right now we are trying to gain co-defendants which means our lawyers can cross-examine witnesses," said Ronnenberg.

The assembly is set to take place at the Fort McMurray Friendship Centre, however this has not been confirmed said Ronnenberg.



DROPPIN IN

By Rocky Woodward

Hi! Dropping In will be doing just that, dropping in on some of our communities to the north of us like Calling Lake, Lac La Biche, Kehewin and any others I can find, so naturally, my column will be a little short this week.

I'd just like to say that the CNFC talent show that I attended Oct. 31, was great!

The Canadian Native Society, the CNFC staff and board members must all be congratulated for the excellent and well-run show they hosted this year.

I didn't know people (staff) at the Montgomery Legion knew how to make Indian soup? I didn't believe it when I asked what was in the pot. This kind lady opened it and low and behold! If I didn't see macaroni floating around in it.

Come on, was that batch of great soup made by the centre's staff or Montgomery staff? I have to know because it brought back memories of when I was a child...good old macaroni...everywhere you look.

This message is for Louis Cardinal, my friend and one of the dancers who make up the CNFC Square Dance group. Next time negotiations break down...try more money!

Here is a picture of my favorite lady...someone I believe who should be in the FIRST LADY FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION HALL OF FAME. DELIA GREY.



ROCKY WOODWARD, Windspeaker

DELIA GREY

Edmonton's friendship centre congratulated for good job done at 25th all-Native festival

KEHEWIN: Delphine Erasmus just called to tell me she know the best way to fix a Thanksgiving dinner. "Partridge breasts stuffed, moose steaks, bannock and blueberry pie. You want the recipe, come and visit," she said.

I'll be there with plate in hand Delphine.

CALGARY: This lady who appeared on Native Nashville North just called first to say hello and wish us all here at Windspeaker the best and secondly to let us know that her new record release will soon be hitting the airways. Remember the name GLORIA GLENN because she is one of our Native ladies on her way to the top.



ROCKY WOODWARD, Windspeaker

GLORIA GLENN

BUSHIE RIVER: Last week I mentioned that Chief Chonkolay would be celebrating 50 years as Chief of the Dene Tha in northern Alberta. Well that is true. In June of 1988 it will be Chief Chonkolay's anniversary.

What happened is I spelled his name wrong. Sorry Chief Harry Chonkolay of the Dene Tha Nation.



Courtesy of the Dene Tha Nation

CHIEF CHONKOLAY

SADDLE LAKE: School teacher Clifford Cardinal says that on Nov. 13, the reserve will be honoring veterans of the first, second and the Korean war.

"We welcome any veterans and their families to attend our honor dinner and evening of entertainment. It is for them," said Cardinal.

Guest speaker will be Viet Nam veteran and Green Beret, Native Ron Chrisman from San Deigo.

Dinner will be served at 8 p.m. and a dance will be held later that evening. Just drive to main street Saddle Lake, you can't miss the hall.

"We are doing this in conjunction with Remembrance Day, to appreciate our Native veterans," commented Cardinal.

For more info please call Saddle Lake Administration at 726-3829.

DROPPING IN: That's all the time I have. It's late and I'm tired...how about you?

Have a nice weekend everyone.

Editorial

A special day of recollection and pride

Remembrance Day. It's a day of recollecting thoughts of long ago when, thousands of miles across the sea, a war raged in Europe.

As we sit down to watch the Remembrance Day services on television, there is one face often missing from the crowd — that of the Native soldier.

Many people are just not aware that in the First World War about 3,500 Indians enlisted and in the Second World War about 3,090. But these records are not complete as non-status and Metis people were not included.

Most Natives served in the infantry, and in the First World War in particular, Indian servicemen were famous on the front lines for their scouting and sniping ability, but particularly for their raiding parties.

One Indian, Frances Pegahmagabow, was the most decorated Indian in the Second World War and was considered the best sniper in the allied armies. Some accounts say he killed more than 350 enemy soldiers. According to records, Pegahmagabow kept a medicine bag by his side which he believed protected him.

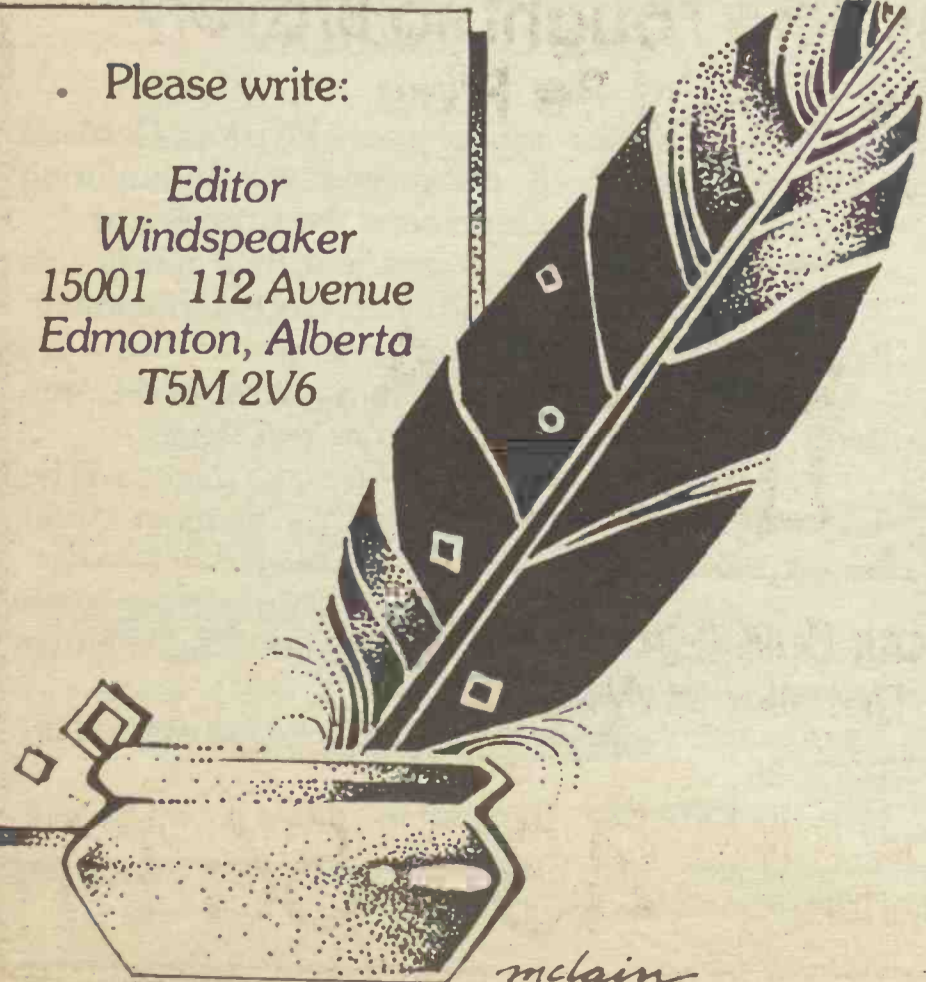
Another Indian serviceman who received the Distinguished Conduct citation was Okanagan Indian George McLean, who according to records, captured 19 prisoners single-handedly, then fought off five men who were trying to capture his machine gun even though he was badly injured.

The stories of the bravery and courage of Native servicemen rival and often better many of their non-Native contemporaries. Yet, every year when Remembrance Day is celebrated, and the television cameras scan the crowds, the proud Indian who should be in line with his colleague's is missing. When the media repeat stories of valor, they never include the brave Native fighters' tales of victory and endurance.

But that shouldn't stop us from remembering this week. When we observe the eleventh minute of the eleventh hour of the eleventh day this year, remember the Native serviceman — his endurance and his courage. Most of all, stand tall and remember your people with pride.

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**EDITOR'S
NOTEBOOK**

By Dianne
Meili

Let's stick to the issues

Each week Windspeaker publishes one or two letters. And indeed we are pleased to receive comments from our readers on the news and events that shape their lives.

We make every effort possible to produce these letters, with only minor changes due to libel or space. All we ask is that they are legible, clear as to what is being said, and suitable for a general audience.

And there is one more thing they must be — free of personal attacks.

In our news coverage Windspeaker makes every effort to deal with issues, not the personalities involved. And this also applies to our letters page.

We often receive letters from people who are mad over an issue, but so often they lose sight of the issue and vent their rage and frustration on the person who they feel is "to blame."

These letters often contain long-winded attacks on the people in the news and we just can't print that.

In most cases we edit out the personal attacks and character assassination, but often the letter only contains these attacks without commenting on the actual problem so we are unable to print these letters at all.

This is a shame because real issues are involved.

The Windspeaker team vows to look only at issues in controversial stories and present them so people can perhaps find solutions to improve their lives rather than attack one another.

And we will continue to report on people doing something for a reason, not just political name calling because the opposing parties "don't like each other."

Instead of wasting effort on defaming our opposition — let's all begin to look for answers.

Opinion

Band member adds missing part to Little Red River air service story

Dear Editor:

An article which appeared on Oct. 23 issue on Little Red River Band air service, seemed to lack of information given to the paper as there was no mention of the

Little Red River Band, but rather the great and better service provided to members of the band, which in reality is not true.

We've had a daily schedule service provide by Peace Air Ltd. for a number

of years, which nobody had ever complained about, matter of fact it was the best thing that ever happened in commuting from and to Fox Lake and Garden River.

Upon the imposing of landing fees by the Little Red River Band administration, to all commercial air services including Peace Air Ltd., we seem to have lost a service that was greatly needed and utilized by all band members of Little Red River Band.

I am not saying that the band shouldn't exercise business ventures, they can as long as they provide the same qualitative and quantitative service, which we've had with Peace Air Ltd. in the last four or five years.

Now that schedule service ceased to operate we've

had to pay dearly to commute to Fox Lake. A scheduled service with Peace Air would cost \$20 per person, that same trip with Little Red Air is costing the band members \$120, an exorbitant difference when it comes to color of money.

It certainly had a good potential in making success, but it means that band members are paying through their noses to make this air service a viable business.

I think that in my opinion, no service is better than a \$10 minute mile based on 12 miles cross-country by air to Fox Lake from John Dor. People have to be realistic when it comes to making viable businesses viable.

Thank you,
Johnny S. Laboucan
Little Red River Band

Peace River inmate gives 'pat on the back,' enjoys Elders columns

Dear Editor:

Hello my name is Ferlin Badger. I'm 25 years old and a Cree Native.

I just thought I'd write to say that you deserve a pat on the back!

I'm now doing time at Peace River Correctional Centre. But that doesn't stop me from reading the

paper. The paper comes in once a week so I get a chance to read what the Native people are up to.

I like the Elders column. Elders are important in my life — I really respect what they have to say. So keep up the good work!

Yours truly,
Ferlin Badger

Windspeaker 'oversteps boundaries'

MAA member criticizes coverage

Dear Editor:

Please allow me the opportunity to voice my concern with regards to your recent coverage of the Metis Association of Alberta.

I am no authority on journalism, but I feel Windspeaker has overstepped its boundaries, when the editor insinuates that Windspeaker is the only watchdog for our

organization.

Please be advised that non-elected membership have appropriate criteria in place to voice and deal with concerns governing the Metis Association of Alberta.

It is evident that mistakes were made on both sides, in that Mr. Desmeules did not reply to telephone messages and that Windspeaker didn't print this lack of response.

Also, please note your priorities in terms of front page coverage for losers in the election and seventh page coverage for an elected representative.

Let me remind Windspeaker/Editor of the dailies and their continuous negative policy in the coverage of Native people! Let's not exploit this situation like the dailies in order to gain circulation! I understand Windspeaker is

fulfilling a need. Please do not use it as just another avenue for negativism.

Sincerely,
Ron Vivier
MAA Member

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Desmeules office was contacted before the story in question appeared. This fact was noted in the Oct. 2 story which this reader questions.

Origin of Wolverine

From myth - time it is said he came
a striped one without a name.
From blackest midnight did he rise
animal form was his disguise.

One of the ancients that he was
with supelative power in his paws.

He married the forests, his kingly domain
and in the wilds did he reign.

By choice, a transformation did he effect
wearing bear fetishes about his neck.

He took the form of that predator true
man, great consumer, devastator too.

He then surfaced to earth where man did dwell
saw for himself all was not well.

Feeling the world should be remade
he sought a vision, into sleep did fade.

Awakening he journeyed into forest deep
an appointment with Creator to keep

Who told him that man must live right
for Manitou's directives had been lost from sight.

Then Manitou said, "Go forth wolverine,
let justice prevail and the light be seen.

Return not to your bottomless pit
put things in order so my wishes they fit.

Wolverine then returned to all mankind
impressing Manitou's ways upon their minds.

As for those who listened but did not obey,
wolverine went among them - to make them pay.

By Terry Lusty

Autumns Love

Sweet memories.

Autumns falling leaves.

Are entwined in my mind.

Like a dream.

A season of sweet memories.

Swirling colorful leaves.

Carrying a message of our love.

Far and wide.

As we once walked hand in hand.

Side by side.

Amidst autumns falling leaves.

Filled now with sad memories.

As I walk alone.

Remembering sweet memories.

By Loretta Miskenack

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Raising money for Native vets top list

New leader champions vet's rights

By Mark McCallum

Since being named the president of the Indian Veteran's Association of Canada in September, Vic L'Hirondelle has been trying to raise money for Natives who fought for Canada.

L'Hirondelle explains the Veteran Land Act was misinterpreted by a large number of Native veterans, who were unaware they had a right to land benefits.

Although the act was discontinued about ten years ago, he sent a proposal to the National Veteran Society Headquarters in Ottawa, asking for charters that would

reward these veterans with money, to compensate for the missed opportunity. He is still waiting for a reply.

L'Hirondelle also hopes to see Native women known as "Silver Mothers" become involved in Remembrance Day services. "Silver Mothers" are women who lost a family member in war. They are honored each year at the Cenotaph (a monument of remembrance for Canadians who died in war) in front of Edmonton's city hall. At present, there are no Native women taking part in this memorial.

L'Hirondelle, who founded and later became president of the Aboriginal

Veteran's Society of Alberta in 1975, was the first Kinuso, Alberta resident to enlist when the Second World War broke out in 1939. He was only 16 years old at the time and is quick to point out his brother was the first to try enlist; but the Canadian Armed Forces turned him away for medical reasons. (His brother was eventually accepted by the army.)

In the 34 years that L'Hirondelle served his

country through two conflicts, he was wounded three times from flying shrapnel. He was wounded the first time on "D-Day," the battle that was the turning point of the war.

"Little bits of steel hit my back," he recalls, adding his division trained for two years in England, to learn water combat techniques before landing on the beaches of Normandy, France. "It wasn't that

serious, and I never got layed up at all."

L'Hirondelle, who now lives in Edmonton, was decorated seven times and finished his career with the army as a Sergeant.

On Remembrance Day, Nov. 11, he will be at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre where a memorial service will be held (noon) for Native veterans and their families. A lunch will be served free of charge.



VIC L'HIRONDELLE - trying to raise funds.

Nurse recalls pains of her war story

By Mark McCallum

When Lillian Grandboif joined the Canadian Armed Forces one year after the Second World War began in 1939 she found that women were being accepted by the regular army to defend their country for the first time in Canadian history.

Grandboif served overseas in the south of England for nearly four years as a wartime nurse. She became a second lieutenant and was honored with ribbons and medals before the war ended on May 9, 1945.

At 19, the Edmonton-born veteran left her home

town to live in Vancouver, B.C. where she enlisted.

"I saw the poster (asking for soldiers) and signed up right after that," she recalls, adding she felt it was her duty and "the right thing to do."

Grandboif, now 66, says women went through basic training, learning how to fire rifles as well as hand-to-hand combat, which was almost the same as the men. But, she notes they were spared such strenuous tasks as scaling walls or crawling through barb wire. After her basic she took training and qualified to be a medical nurse.

Although it was the first time women were allowed to enlist, Grandboif explains there were female nurses who volunteered for Red Cross in the First World War and went to the front. But, the Red Cross was not an official core of Canada's army at that time.

Following the army's

decision to accept women, they were trained to serve in a multitude of positions such as cooks, machinists, drivers, secretaries, and radio communication operators.

After spending about six months in "boot camps," Grandboif was shipped to England.

"We worked 18 hour shifts," she explains, adding a routine sleep was almost never to be had because "air raid sirens were always going off."

She painfully recalls "thousands of boys with broken limbs and hands that were blown off...A lot of times we had to amputate arms and legs with gangrene that set in because soldiers had to wait in muddy ditches for help.

"I tried to be cheerful and help the boys by writing letters or playing cards with them," she says, adding "it helped ease them — mentally anyway."

But, due to the stress Grandboif's life began to fall apart after living nearly four years under these conditions; she had a "nervous breakdown" and received an honorable discharge from the service. It took two years for her to recover while she rested in her parent's home at New Westminster, B.C.

Grandboif used her military training and worked as a nurse before later becoming a security guard and eventually a mother of three.

Now, she is retired and lives in Boyle, Alberta with husband Paul, who was a private in the war for the Canadian Armed Forces.

Grandboif lost two brothers, who were among the 103,191 Canadian soldiers that died in both world wars, but honors them each year. On Remembrance Day, Nov. 11, she visits a Cenotaph in front of Edmonton's city hall.



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Olympic flame to brighten Ft. Vermilion

By Rocky Woodward

FORT VERMILION — Residents of this town, 880 km north of Edmonton, are really excited after learning the Olympic torch will be a definite part of their upcoming bicentennial celebrations. Fort Vermilion will celebrate its 200th birthday next year. The town was established in 1788 when Charles Boyer, working for the Northwest Trading Post Company, built a post "Old Establishment" eight km downstream from where the town is located today.

On Feb. 9 the Olympic torch will arrive at Fort Vermilion, its most northern relay point on its cross-Canada journey, enroute to its final destination for the opening ceremonies at the Calgary Winter Olympic Games.

Fort Vermilion will hold their own "Mini Winter Olympic Games" with more than 3,000 students from across northern Alberta, expected to participate.

"We have an array of winter events that will take place and some of them include a curling bonspiel, minor hockey tournament and dog sled races," said volunteer coordinator Cathy Bunton.

Bunton says when the Olympic torch arrives at the airport it will be met by a relay runner.

"Twelve runners will be selected to carry the torch a distance of six km to the main complex and back again. The torch will be here for two hours."

During the two hours the torch will be used to light open pit fires that will not only warm spectators but heat stew and bannock. Upon entering the complex 50 students will pass the torch back and forth up a circle ice sculptured staircase to light a permanent fixture "our everlasting campfire," commented Bunton.

Handicapped Olympic runner, William Wiebe from La Crete, Alberta and member of parliament, Al Adair, are expected to lead the ceremonies once the everlasting campfire is lit.

Over the year (1988) many activities are planned. Now more than 200 volunteers are working on various planning committees that oversee operations for the Fort Vermilion and District Bicentennial Association.

All the usual community activities that take place throughout the year will have a special theme to make the bicentennial celebration.

"We have many special events planned for the summer. A country music festival will be held, and a river daze canoe and raft race, a huge parade, local

art exhibitions, fireworks, Native sports events and an air show by the renowned Snow Birds will be held," explained Bunton.

Bunton adds that certain major dates will be set aside just for the bicentennial celebrations.

"Homecoming week is set for July 30 to Aug. 9. We are expecting many people who do not live in Fort Vermilion but are from here to attend."

One of the association's main objectives is to promote local artists from Fort Vermilion and its surrounding area. "We have a tremendous amount of talented Native people as well as non-Native people, who do a lot of craft and art

work. Exhibitions of their works will be showcased and we will also bring in art exhibits from outside the area for local residents to view," said Bunton.

The Fort Vermilion celebrations also coincide with the Fort Chipewyan bicentennial situated near Lake Athabasca, 900 km north of Edmonton. History has it that in 1778, explorer Peter Pond established a trading post at the head of the Athabasca Delta. In the same year the North West Company moved to the shore of Lake Athabasca where Roderick Mackenzie established the Fort Chipewyan trading post.

Friendly rivalry between the two communities over

which is the oldest establishment in Alberta has existed for some time.

Project manager and coordinator for the Bicentennial Association in Fort Vermilion, Claire Goldsmith, says they do not contest that Fort Chipewyan is 200 years old.

"They have been in that spot for 200 years but as a settlement. We are saying our bicentennial celebrates 200 years of fur trading, agriculture and commerce. Evidence shows that fur trading started with the North West Company when Charles Boyer established a post near here in 1778. He also planted a garden so that is a modest beginning of agriculture," quipped Goldsmith.

Goldsmith adds "while we're both fur trading posts their claim is a little different than ours. We're working together but it's nice to have friendly competition, it gives us more publicity."

Goldsmith says there are many more projects the association would like to see incorporated into the bicentennial, one of them is their book project.

"We have volunteers who are in the process of compiling material for two books. One is on the history of Fort Vermilion and the other is about the people. We are digging as far back into the past as possible for old photo's and stories of people and events that took place," said Goldsmith.

But she adds "we need to talk with families and individuals who have photo's and stories to tell about themselves and how it was here long ago. We need more people to participate, especially long time residents of Fort Vermilion and area." The association has a questionnaire they are asking families to fill out on their family history.

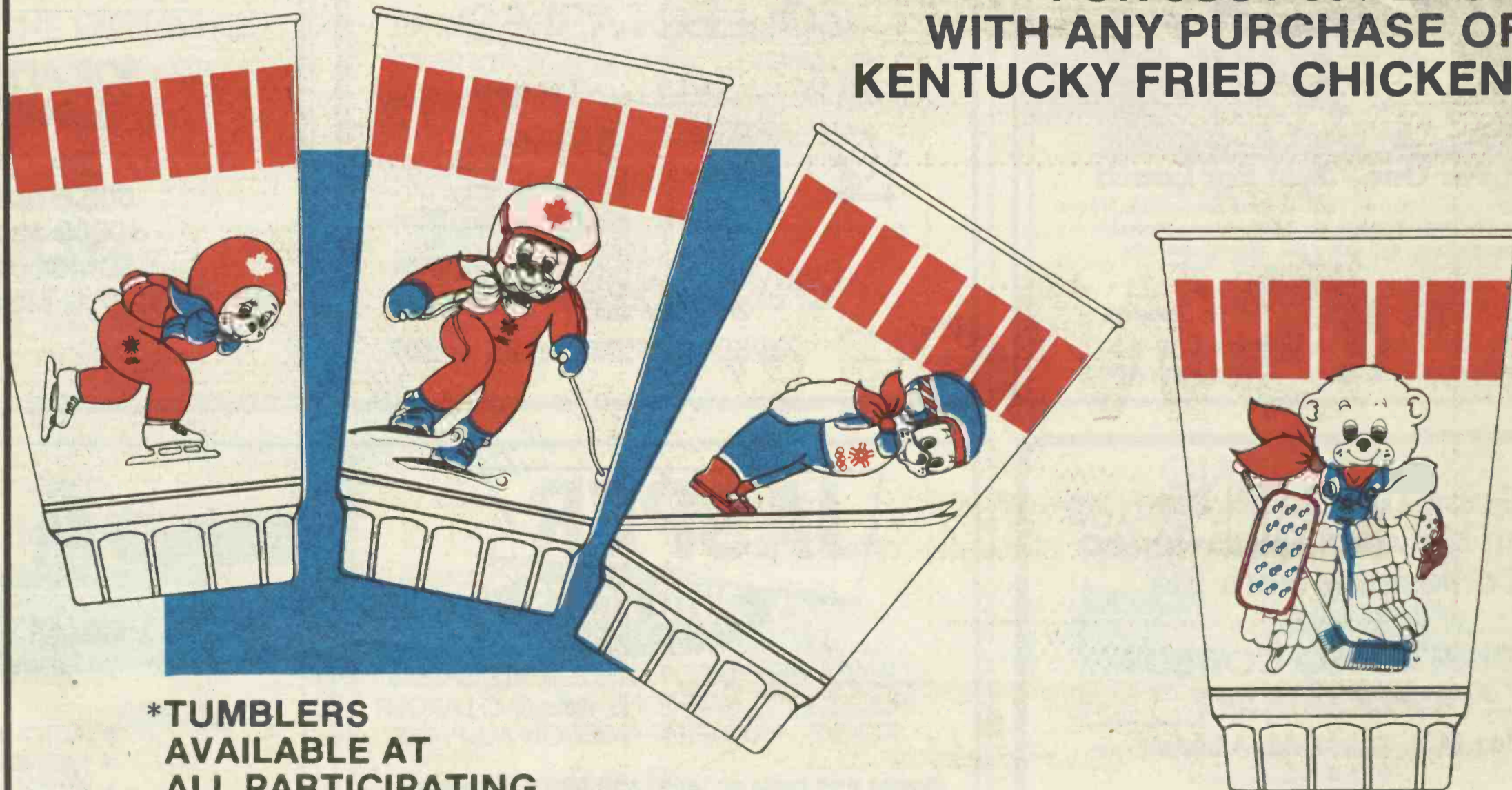
"We hope to have the books finished for the bicentennial," said Goldsmith.

To kick off the bicentennial celebrations a "Bicentennial Ball" will be held Dec. 31 to welcome in the new year and 200 years of history at Fort Vermilion.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Cardinal and Bellerose East Prairie residents become log house builders

By Marlene Cardinal

On May 3 - 29, 1987, two members from the East Prairie Metis settlement, Romeo Cardinal and Edgar Bellerose, took part in an extensive four week course on Log Building about 20 km from Prince George, B.C.

Both men had a desire to succeed and building log houses was a life-long dream for them. They realized they needed professional teaching and first hand experience on building homes that would be economic and at the same time attractive.

Edgar's wife Darlene loved to look through log house magazines and it was from looking through it that

the men decided they wanted to take the course. Since it was a school with an excellent reputation for turning out qualified builders, they felt it was what they needed to accomplish their goal.

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After rewriting proposals and attending many meetings the East Prairie Council finally agreed to invest in this venture. They both felt the course would

contribute a great deal in their success at finding employment.

After taking the course Edgar and Romeo came home eager to try out their new skill. They eventually came across a company in Spruce Grove that hired them but they were discouraged because it was a low rate of pay for such hard labour.

Romeo tried elsewhere and were hired on the spot.

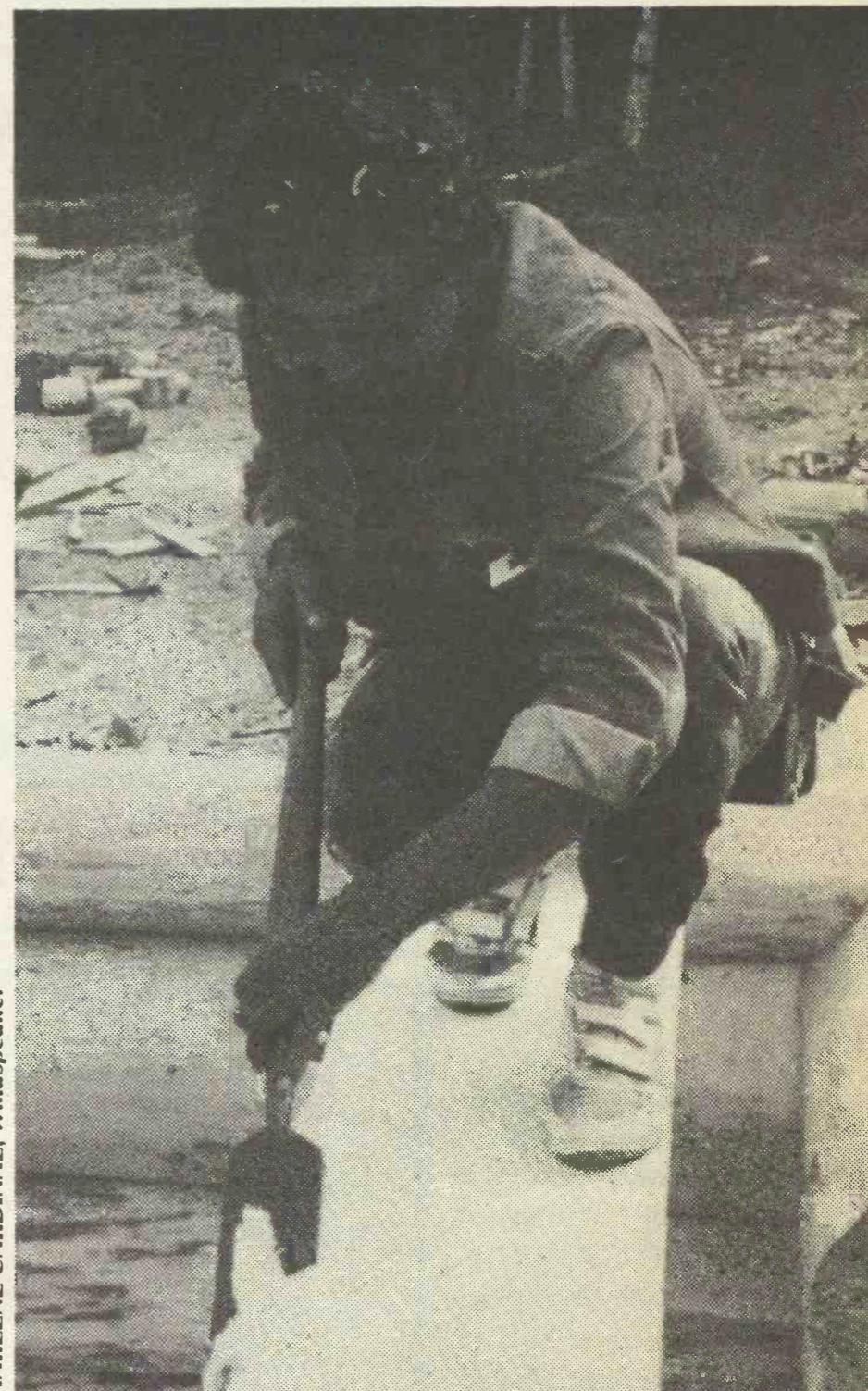
At present they are working for Log Houses Unlimited in Spruce Grove. For now they are working to gain the needed experience. In the future they would like to start their own business.

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CVC chairperson retires

After ten years of active service with the Smith Community Education Committee and the Council of Community Education Committees (CCEC), Arlene Olafson is handing the gavel on to others.

Following the monthly CCEC meeting Sept. 16 Olafson received a framed photograph of the first CCEC Workshop held in

Edmonton in 1985. Karl Gongos, CVC president, read letters on behalf of the Hon. Dave Russell, Minister of Advanced Education, and on behalf of the institution. Well wishers included education committee representatives from ten communities as well as CVC members.

Olafson has provided ten years of untiring service to

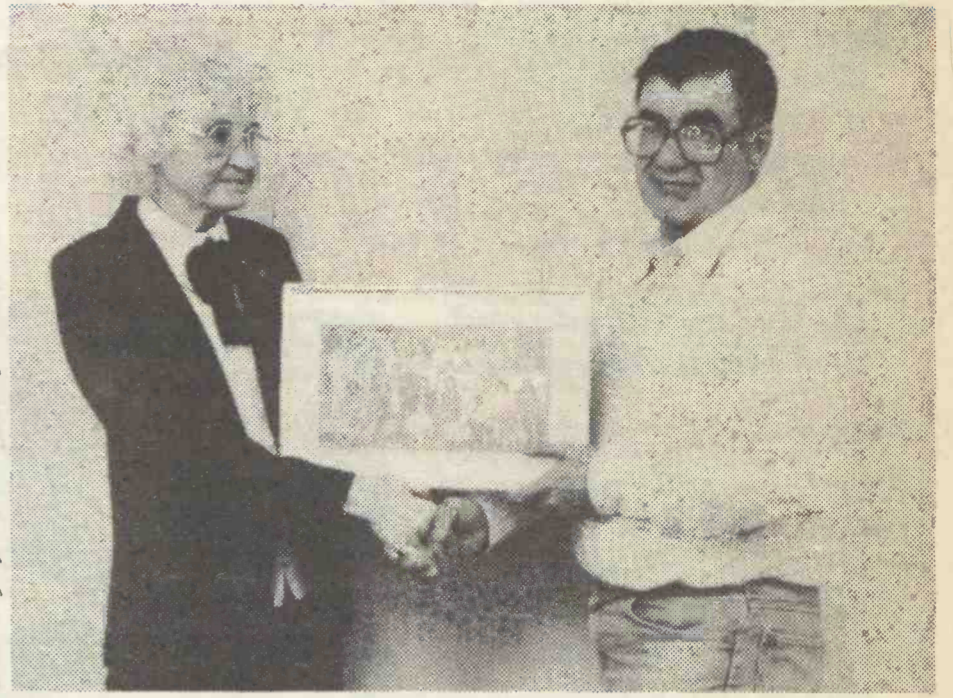
adult education endeavors in north central Alberta. She participated in the formation and continued operation of the Community Education Committee at Smith and in the formation, operation and chairmanship of the CCEC.

The Early School Leavers study which was commissioned by the Northern Alberta Development

Council in the early 1980s and its recommendations in 1984 were fully supported by Olafson and the Council.

The tribute to this active citizen of Alberta by the CVC president was enthusiastically supported by Council and CVC staff members as best wishes were given for a happy retirement.

Courtesy of the Community Vocational Centres (CVC)



ARLENE OLAFSON RECEIVES GIFT
...from new chairman Richard L'Hirondelle

Fishing Lake slips into 'twilight zone' for a night

By Diane Parenteau

FISHING LAKE — It's hard being a little kid and having to wait for things. Imagine a three-year-old counting the "sleeps" till Halloween and impatiently hounding mother about the costume hanging in the closet.

It was hard to wait for Halloween on Saturday afternoon in Fishing Lake, but then, before you knew

it it was finally time.

The community Halloween party filled an hour and a half with candy, cake and ice cream, lunch and refreshments.

Apple bobbing was quite a sight as kids gathered around the tub and dunked themselves ear-deep hoping to come up with an apple.

In another corner of the hall, bigger kids competed for pumpkins to carve. They were surprised about

what was in those things but working alone and in pairs, managed to do some pretty impressive work.

Walking space was scarce when pre-schoolers stretched out to color their witch pictures.

Perhaps the most popular table was the face painting. Some community teenagers used their makeup artistry experience to do cat faces, clown smiles and monster masks.

Prizes were awarded for best costumes in two categories. Under six years old, Max Desjarlais Jr., dressed as a clown and the "little devil." Lindsay Klein received a farm set and doll. Mandy Laboucane, a clown and Terry Parenteau, a grey mouse. Each won a watch in the 7 - 12 age group.

When night fell it was the teenagers time to howl. They crept out to the

masquerade teen dance many in full Halloween costumes.

Piles of junk food, soda pop, and dishes of candy were supplied for them. When the music blasted away, they slowly shed all inhibitions and "monster mashed" onto the dance floor.

Where else can you find little red riding hood dancing with a punker, cats

dancing with dracula, comedy and tragedy, spiders and witches, clowns and hick farmers all in one place.

Neil Berlinguette, who as an old man, looked a little old to be at a teen dance, and Kara Laboucane, as a slinky kitten both received clock radios for their outfits.

Word has it that the kids had an enjoyable day.



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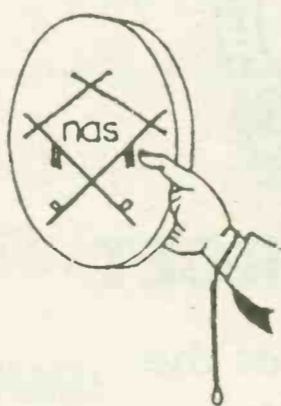
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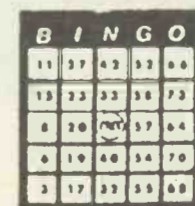


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Entertainment

Edmonton friendship centre hosts all-Native festival

Festival celebrates 25 years

By Rocky Woodward and Mark McCallum

The Montgomery Legion Hall was filled to capacity for the Canadian Native Friendship Centre's annual talent show Oct. 30 to 31.

However, before the singing and dancing began, a minute of silence was kept for Clarence Philips, an announcer who died earlier this year from cancer.

"Clarence was our master of ceremonies for 22 years. He started three years after we began holding talent shows," said another long time member and support of Native amateur performers, Delia Gray. Next year the centre is planning to hold a square dance caller competition as a tribute to Philips.

The celebration, marked the friendship centre's 25th anniversary, and Gray observes that performers seem to be improving every year. She hopes the trend will continue, "so the old time music and dances won't die."

Good entertainment was easy to find at the two-day event that has become known as the "number 1" talent show in Alberta. Jiggers, square dancers, fiddle players and singers arrived from all over the province to vie for trophies, all sponsored by the friendship centre.

Last year's winner of the fiddle competition Rodney Sutherland went up against many other great fiddle



SCOTT LAWRENCE ...fiddles up a storm

players such as seven-year-old Scott Lawrence of Slave Lake.

"And, now here is our next old time fiddler, Scott Lawrence!" quipped Lyle Donald who took over Clarence Philip's duties as announcer for the talent show.

Unfortunately, Sutherland did not win this year, losing out when a tie for overall winners in the competition had to be decided from three other fiddlers, including Lawrence who started playing his "quarter size fiddle" at age 3. The crowd favorite narrowly lost to Rodney Sutherland.

But, Lawrence's father, Leonard, notes that his son was competing against men 20 years his senior, adding that his son only started learning how to read music two weeks before the show.

"We should take our hats off to the parents like Scott Lawrence's dad,

Leonard, who keeps our culture and traditions alive by teaching our young people their dances and fiddle music," said Donald, as the proud father (who suffers from arthritis) walked off the stage after fiddling up his own storm.

Adding to his great showing in the fiddling contest, Lawrence won the junior boy's vocals (12 and under) category while the best junior girl's singer was Amber Waniandy. Winners in teen vocals (13 - 16 years) were Don and Dionna L'Hirondelle. Teri House and Lawrence Vivien sang to first place in the senior's category.

The Kehewin Teen Reelers junior dance group dominated other groups, winning all five of the contests they entered. Their senior counterparts also had a good day as they took home two first place trophies. And, the friendship centre senior dance group won the other three contests.

In the individual Red River Jig contests, Donovan John and Giselle Youngchief impressed judges enough to be named the junior (12 and under) champs. Curtis John and Amelia Youngchief had the best high stepping moves in the teens category (13 - 16) while John Waniandy and Gloria Badger finished first in the senior event.

But, before it all ended recording singing artist Ernie Gambler of Calling



KEHEWIN TEEN REELERS (above) and ERNIE GAMBLER (below)

Lake, Alberta put in a special appearance and others like North American Fiddle champ Calvin Vollrath, and Don Sauve kept the place hopping during breaks.

Even though the square dancers, and singers were there to win, many people in the audience agreed that the best part of the show was "just to come and watch them."

The talent show, again and again...is a success. And, you can look forward to a "Harvest Dance," Nov. 14, at the friendship centre where prizes will be awarded for the best costumes.



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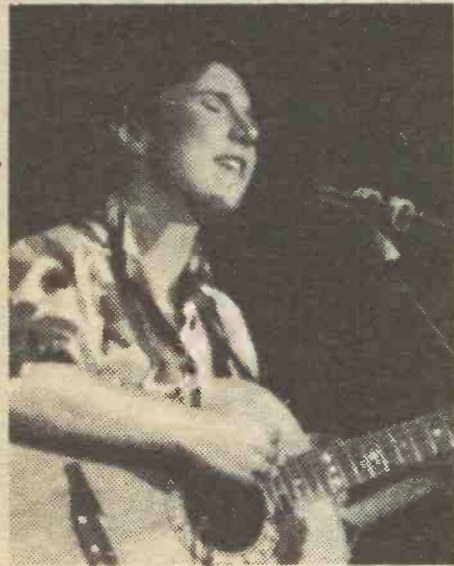
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PEGGY WARD
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Singer dedicates song to Lubicon Indians

Being very active in supporting and working with underprivileged groups, Peggy Ward wasn't totally surprised that she became involved with the Lubicon's battle. She was however, surprised she was offered the part of opening for Buffy Sainte-Marie at the Oct. 23 Last Stand at the Lubicon concert.

"Joan Ryan (one of the concert organizers) phoned me up and asked me if I'd be interested," explained Ward. "She knew about work I had done with other organizations."

So the Calgary singer agreed to the performance and began writing the song, The People Belong to the Land, a song dedicated to

the Lubicon fight and the song which opened the concert.

Ward's inspiration for the song was an old Indian woman she had met on the West Coast. "She told me that whitemen strip and rape the land, then they put a fence around it and say this land belongs to me. They don't understand that

the people belong to the land," explained Ward.

Ward's musical talent includes song writing as well as the guitar, piano and wind instruments.

Ward's greatest satisfaction comes from her work with local minority groups and people like the Lubicons.

"This is not about a

boycott," says Ward when questioned about the planning Lubicon protests. "This is about some 400 lives."

While Ward continues to work at her music, her greatest immediate hope is to release an album. But until then she plans to continue developing her music.



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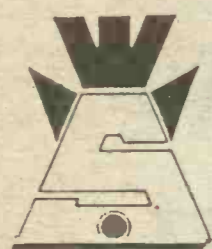
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Sports



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ALLAN BEAVER
...has many awards

Lloyd Yellowknee Memorial Award

Beaver wins award dedicated to best friend

By Margaret Desjarlais

Allan Beaver has a lot to be proud of.

Not the least of which is the 50 trophies and medals he's won since junior high but particularly when he won the Lloyd Yellowknee Memorial Award in 1984.

Although he's won all those medals and trophies, Allan is most proud of this award because of the personal connection of the late Lloyd Yellowknee. The award is given to the top male athlete of the year at Mistassini school at Wabasca. Yellowknee died

in a drowning accident in 1983.

"It was such an honor to win the award," says Beaver sadly, explaining Yellowknee was his best friend.

Excellence in sports has always been a family effort. "My older brothers' used to play in weekend tournaments in volleyball and basketball — I used to go with them," says the soft-spoken athlete, adding this is how he got interested in sports.

Shortly after he received the Lloyd Yellowknee Memorial award he entered in a half-marathon in Saskatoon in 1984. "I didn't do so good because it was my first long distance run," says Beaver with disappointment. "I usually ran at 10 km road races at the time."

As captain of the Wabasca volleyball team at the Arctic Winter Games held in Whitehorse March 16-21, 1987, the team came in second winning a silver Ulu (a medal given at the Games). He was also honored to be chosen as flag bearer at the Games.

The 23-year-old is at present studying radio announcing and commercial copywriting at the Columbia Academy of Radio, Television and Recording Arts in Edmonton. After graduating in February, 1988, he plans on going back to Wabasca to work for the ARTS radio program as Cree/English announcer.

The field of radio and TV will not be a barrier in Allan's love for sports. "When I go back home I

plan on starting a cross-country running club and setting up road races at Wabasca," says Beaver, adding that there are a lot of potential runners in the area and plans on taking in coaching clinics and "use these skills at Wabasca."

Allan is also a team member for the Edmonton Strikers volleyball team. He indicates "the team is a well-organized club. We play good caliber ball against other teams."

The Wabasca-born athlete is devoting all his time in preparing for long distance marathons next year.

He recently joined an all-Native running team who will be joining the Chasquis Banff-Jasper relay next year.

Allan trains at the U of A river valley cross-country trails twice a week with coach Peter Moore, a well-known Edmonton runner with 20 years of international racing experience.

Allan says enthusiastically that his long term goal is "to run as long as I can." But his number 1 aim at present is to run the Boston Marathon. The marathon is well known and is held in Boston annually. "Maybe two years down the road I'll be running at this marathon," he says confidently.

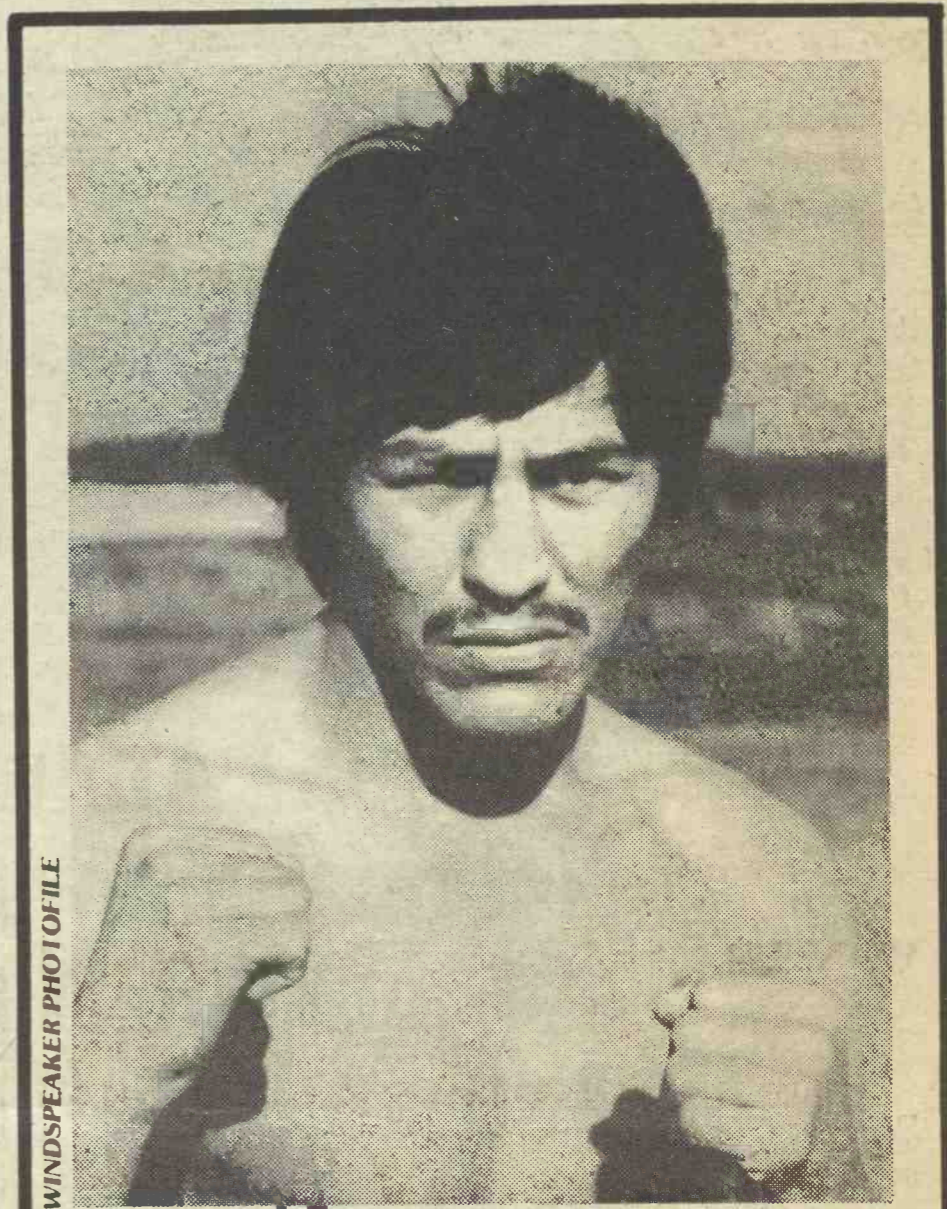
On Nov. 14, he'll be competing in a 10 km provincial cross-country run held in Lacombe this year with more than 300 runners. From here the winners will compete at the nationals to be held in Halifax at the end of November. Allan says,

"Hopefully I'll do well and place in the standings."

Allan has also been nominated for the Rita Houle Memorial Award in '83 and '84 and the Willie Littlechild Award in '82 but was unsuccessful. With no sign of discouragement, he quietly points out, "This

year my brother Simon won the Willie Littlechild Award. He's also nominated for the Rita Houle Memorial Award this year."

However, Allan is not the only sports notable in the family — his younger brother Simon, 17, is also a potential athlete.



WINDSPEAKER PHOTOFILE

IT'S ALL IN THE NAME

Boxer Danny Lindstrom wants a fighting name and the people of Hobbema are going to give him one. Hobbema residents are brainstorming for a name that will become Lindstrom's official fighting name in a Name the Champion Contest, sponsored by the four bands of Hobbema.

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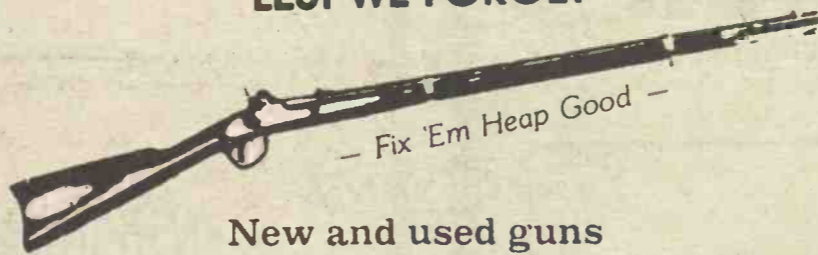
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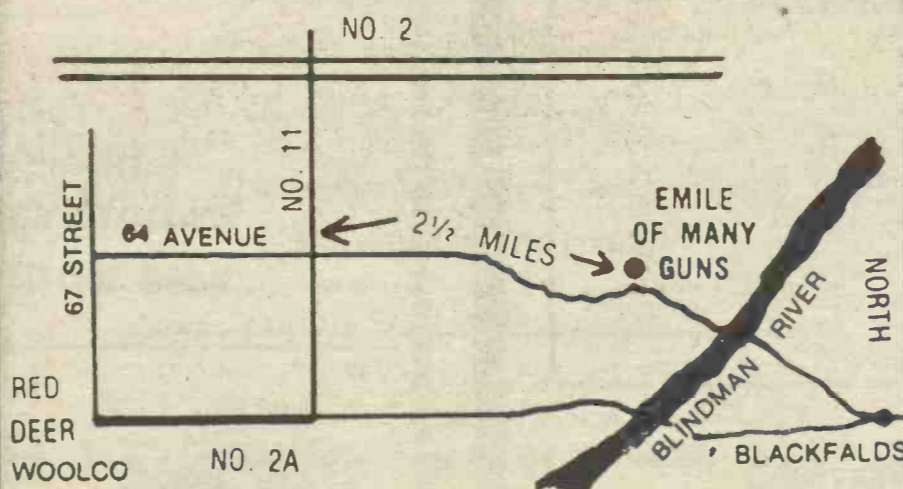
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

If you can't get to the game, bring the game to you, appears to be the motto of the Edmonton Institution inmates.

The sports department at the jail arranged for an evening of volleyball with Ben Calf Robe's adult upgrading class last Wednesday night.

"I had a great time," said Ben Calf Robe's Mavis Averill, adding that "the inmates were wonderful and the guards were nice and helpful." After the game it became obvious to Averill that her team would get beaten every time so they mixed the teams up.

"They were so considerate," said Averill, explaining that the inmates eased up on their spiking and "didn't jump in and steal balls — but kept to their positions."

"But some of our players seemed unnerved," said Averill, adding that she thought it was probably all the locked doors.

"That's normal for everybody," assured inmate sports coordinator Reg. Reg, the inmate who put together the evening, said that uneasy feeling is the transition from the streets to jail that everyone feels the first time. "But we try to make everyone comfortable through our hospitality," he said, adding the visits from outside teams make him optimistic and breaks his often dull prison routine.

Ben Calf Robe school is optimistic, too. Averill is hoping to play the institution again. "When we were playing we had a good time," and "found that the inmates were pretty easy to talk to," she adds enthusiastically.

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The games are non-contact says coach Arnold Jerry but adds that they're allow slapshots, "if they can do it," he chuckles. But Jerry is quick to point out that the women have "lots of fans, everybody comes to watch them play." Jerry says the games are usually high scoring and it's typical to see three and four goals in a row from one team. Games seesaw back and forth but "anybody can win; it's a chase," said Jerry.

Most games take place in the Caroline area, about 70 miles out of Sunchild.

CNFC: Monday noon, Nov. 2, was the deadline for nominations for the Rita Houle Memorial awards and as usual, Edmonton's friendship centre was swamped with entries. The friendship centre holds the sports awards banquet every year, recognizing the achievements of our Native youth.

Just in case you were wondering who the candidates are, here's the female candidates first:

Karen Margetts, 16 years old, Redwater — Teddi Littlechild, 15, Hobbema — Chrissy Daniels, 14, Wabamun — Tracy Pambrun, 16, Edmonton — Shelley Littlelight, 18, Sarcee reserve — Deanna Monson, 16, Enoch and Donna (Sandy) Boucher, 17, of Fort McMurray.

This year's male candidates are: Marcel Twigg, 19, Blood reserve — Rob Gabara, 15, Wabamun — Kevin Brass, 15, Redwater — Daryl McKay, 18, Edmonton — Ivan Eagletail, 15, Sarcee reserve — Shane Peacock, 14, Enoch — Clifford Kootenay, 16, originally from Alexander but now in Fort Mac — Leo Kootenay, 19, living in Edmonton.

The two award winning athletes will be announced at the banquet this Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre.

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And then if you really want to get into it, sign up for the Karate clinic happening Nov. 28. The clinic is open to everyone five years and older. Again, phone 624-1000 to register.

And if you're curious about that 624-1000 phone number, it's the Peace River Community Services. They're available for calendar of events info in that area.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE: Every Thursday is cultural night at the Rocky Native Friendship Centre — but every second Thursday are handgames, too.

The cultural night is a new concept for the centre starting Nov. 5, a weekly gathering for traditional Indian singing, drumming and dancing.

It's free, and all Native and non-Native people are invited from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Off into the wilderness ran the two warriors to get the goods. The people were anxious and many speculated about who might return first.

Six days later Blue Sky staggered into the camp, exhausted from his search but relieved and jubilant once he found that he was the first to return.

The camp waited for Falling Rock for the rest of the week, then a month and still he did not return. Soon it was two months, then three, four, and so on. And that tribe never did see Falling Rock again but they never gave up hope.

That's right, never gave up hope, 'til this day you can see sign signs in B.C. that read: Watch for Falling Rock.

That's all for this week, watch for Windspeaker's special alcohol and drug issue next week. Bye.

The Windspeaker Calendar of Events

✓ Check it out!

- Sunday Mass**, every Sunday, 11 a.m., Native Pastoral Centre, 108 St. & 105 Ave. Come and meet the new staff, Father Brian and Lucian Meek.
- Veterans Service**, Nov. 11, Noon, CNFC, Edmonton. For further information call 482-6051.
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- Workshop: Drug & Alcohol** (for kids), Nov. 20 & 21, Enoch band. Red Hot Indian Group from the States will be in attendance. For more information contact Bob Cardinal at 962-0303.
- 3rd Annual Native Arts & Crafts Show & Sale**, Nov. 21, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sagitawa Friendship Centre, Peace River. For more information call 624-2443.
- Boxing Tournament**, Nov. 21 & 22, Deerfoot Sportplex, Blackfoot Reserve.
- North American Indian Rodeo Finals**, Nov. 19 - 22, Albuquerque.
- National Show & Sale of Indian Arts & Crafts**, Nov. 20, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. & Nov. 21 & 22, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Edmonton Convention Centre.
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All women and men of reproductive age need information on birth control, just in case!

In Edmonton, the Birth Control Clinic is located downtown at 10010 - 105

St. - phone 425-5850. They have a free, confidential service by appointment. The clinic is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A teen clinic operates Tuesday evening, until 8:30 p.m., when you can get a free prescription plus confidential advice and information.

No Alberta Health Care number is needed to attend the Birth Control Clinic.

Planned Parenthood in Edmonton, phone 423-3737, also has information on birth control.

It is important people choose a method that suits them, that they feel

comfortable with and that they would use. Planned Parenthood doesn't have doctors available to prescribe the pill, or do an examination, but we do

have understanding people to talk to you about pregnancy, birth control and information available to people who may be facing an unplanned pregnancy.

In rural Alberta, it is more difficult to get information on family planning. Ask your local health unit how you may get the information you need. Remember, call

either the Birth Control Clinic or Planned Parenthood for more information. Family planning is also how you plan not to have a family.

Common problems answered on help line

Edmonton and area residents have a new way of finding information on health problems. It's called the Health Line and members of the public can call a toll-free number to gather interesting information on a variety of health concerns.

The new services is sponsored by AADAC, Alberta Mental Health

Services, Edmonton Board of Health and Edmonton Social Services. It is operated by AID of Edmonton.

The line is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. during the week and from noon to 8 p.m. weekends.

The community has access to more than 400 tapes on common health

problems. All you need to do is dial 428-4288 and ask for a tape by title or number. The tape is then played and the caller remains anonymous.

A variety of health brochures are also available. The brochures can be found at health and social services, pharmacies, libraries, doctors offices

and clinics as well as the AID service of Edmonton offices at 203, 10711 - 107 Ave. Edmonton.

Topics include: epilepsy, older and feeling lonely, diabetic diets, diabetes, bursitis or painful shoulder, control of injuries to young children, abuse of the elderly, frostbite.

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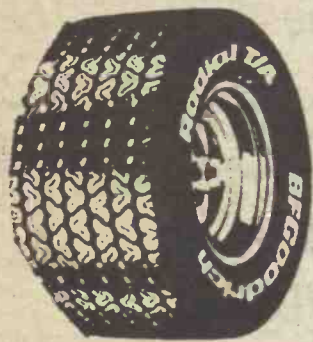
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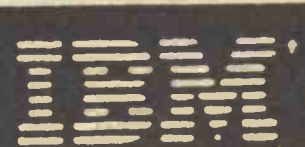
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Elder says culture could break crime cycle

By Rocky Woodward

The RCMP and other Native service organizations must make the effort to educate themselves on Native life and culture if the vicious cycle of poverty and imprisonment is to be broken says Elder Eddie Bellerose.

"When I was a little boy the RCMP was a noble man, a man of protection, a man who looked after Indian people on reserves," said Bellerose, 64, speaking



to Native Elders, and other delegates at the All-Chiefs Conference held at the Alexander reserve, Oct. 28 - 29. Bellerose directed his

comments at Native Counselling Services and the RCMP after guest speakers for the two organizations, Chester Cunningham and Corporal Tony Mahon had finished their presentations on youth and prison and crime prevention.

Bellerose stressed that Native Elders are only being used for documentary purposes and are not used enough by Native organizations and other agencies to implement Native culture.

"Some people try to pretend that they understand Native culture and they speak for us in the whiteman's world, but they really don't understand what our culture is. We need to make them understand, especially in prison," said Bellerose who was disturbed that after three years of teaching Indian culture at the Drumheller Institution, funding has now been cut off.

Bellerose used a young man in prison as an example of the need for agencies and Native organizations that exist to help people in prison and once released from prison, "to take a hard look at how to help them," with an emphasis on youth.

"I remember one young person who said he didn't want to go back to his reserve. 'When I go back to the reserve nobody wants to look at me, nobody wants to accept me. The only place that I belong is in here.' So we got a tough thing to do. It is not just a one man solution and maybe my accusation will not help. But I would hope it helps to open your eyes," he said.

He stressed that there is a lot to be done and just sitting down for a couple of hours talking about youth



ROCKY WOODWARD, Windspeaker

EDDIE BELLEROSE

...speaking to the Native Counselling Services and RCMP

in jails is not enough. "It will take a week to understand what incarceration is and probably another week to plan what solutions are and should be. It's touchy. I have been in institutions and I know."

Bellerose commented that it was frustrating to go into the prisons to teach about culture, then see a person released, back inside the prison again. Calling the prisoners "our children" when referring to them he stressed the need to teach them Indian culture properly. "Because right now we wonder why

our children are this way. So we have to try and guide them, and teach them somehow," he said adding true Elders should teach and not the pretenders.

Speaking of the RCMP's role in the community and their push for unity and cooperation between Native people and the RCMP, Bellerose stated that he had offered to teach the RCMP about Native culture "and you choose professionals."

Indian Affairs and the churches have failed Indian people and now the RCMP are failing because "there

were too many mistakes made in the past," he said.

"You must sit with us and learn the Indian culture. We must hold these meetings and bring out our feelings if we are to have trust. These feelings must be brought out because now it is not just the RCMP that have a problem it is also us. We realize this."

Mahon answered that it is the RCMP K-Division's intention to have all their rural detachments talking and meeting with Native people for better understanding and unity.

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Two Bloods chosen to represent Alberta at national meeting about crime prevention

Two Blood band youngsters have been selected as delegates to represent Alberta at the national crime prevention youth conference to be held in Prince Edward Island, Nov. 4 to 8.

Candy Manychiefs, 17, who attends the Lethbridge Collegiate Institute and Joey Weaselfat, 14, from the Cardston High school were selected as two of four delegates to represent Alberta.

The two youths were chosen for their interest in crime prevention, their leadership abilities and for their involvement in Teenagers Against Crime (TAC). TAC is a crime prevention program based on the Blood reserve.

The conference will examine the needs and concerns of youth and look at strengthening the partnership between police and youth in crime prevention.

The youths will also have a chance to get to know other Canadians as they will be paired up with a youth from Prince Edward Island and when they return to the reserve they will share their experiences with their peers in the TAC group.



LONNY POTTS and SHANNON McCONNEL
...want to be able to speak to Elders and relatives

Cree youth paid to learn Chip

By Lesley Crossingham

Two lucky students will be paid to attend Cree and Chipewyan language classes at the Dr. Anne Anderson Native Heritage Culture

school thanks to a generous bursary donated by local war veterans.

Lonny Potts, 14, of Paul band and Shannon McConnell, 14, from Edmonton both Grade 9

honor students from Ben Calf Robe will be taking their first lesson Oct. 29 at the centre after their regular school classes.

Both students have studied Cree at Ben Calf Robe and are excited about continuing their studies.

"I want to learn Cree so I could speak to the Elders at the powwows," said Potts.

"I want to go to university and take law but I have a hard time understanding my relatives when they come over and speak Cree," said McConnell.

The Winston Churchill, Unit 3, Army and Native Veterans organization is the first donor of a new program.

"We always try to help young people in our own neighborhood, to help the children and keep them off the streets," said president,

Peter Thurston.

The two students were chosen from a long list of potential candidates, says administrator director, Buff Parry.

"This is a unique concept," he pointed out. "This is the first time a student already familiar with Cree will learn Chipewyan."

Parry adds that because the two languages come from two different language stems, the students will be carefully monitored to ensure they are not overloaded.

"But we are excited...we are breaking new ground," he said.

Parry explained that the students will receive extra language tutoring at the centre three times a week. Each session will involve one-to-one contact between the student and the tutor. And as a reward for hard work, money will be set aside for future scholarships for the successful students.

"A certain amount of money will be put aside after each session which will last about a semester," said Parry.

Currently Parry and other members of the centre are negotiating with Edmonton's Ben Calf Robe school which currently offers Cree language classes to its students up to Grade 9. However, Parry feels that because there are few opportunities for students to study the language after Grade 9, the special tutoring offered by the centre will be of particular benefit.

"We are hoping to expand this program," he says. "Right now we are contacting other organizations with a view to obtaining more bursary monies so more students can take advantage of the facilities here," he said.

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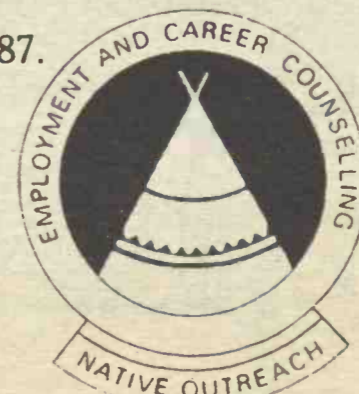
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Business

Prompted by demand for Native models

Wuttunee lures Natives into modelling

By Dan Dibbelt

Despite a growing demand for Natives in the modelling careers, there appears to be little response from Indians to enter that field.

"We've advertised in a Native newspaper for the past six or seven weeks and haven't even received one response," said Debra Hicks, director and owner of New Dawn Academy of Modelling.

"There is a demand for Native models but we don't even have one Native model," said Hicks.

New Dawn has been in existence in Calgary for almost 11 years. With over 100 models, their selection, be it black, white or oriental, male or female is large. Yet they have been unable to attract even one Native model.

"Indians have such beautiful skin coloring," said Hicks. "And they so often have beautiful hair." For these reasons a demand for Native models is growing. Yet a survey of Calgary modelling agencies shows a limited supply with the majority of Native models working out of a few agencies.

Agencies such as Starlight Modelling Agency and Wuttunee Productions are two predominately Native modelling agencies.

"I think Natives feel more comfortable working with their own people," said Yvonne Wuttunee, president and owner of Wuttunee Productions.

Wuttunee Productions is

a fledgling modelling agency started this spring with a \$10,000 grant from Indian Affairs.

"Natives are naturally shy," said Wuttunee. "I thought it was time someone in our community offered a way to overcome this."

So Wuttunee, a trained model opened her business not only to train models but to develop self-esteem.

"Our classes include things such as posture, how to walk, nail and hair care as well as the usual classes directed towards models," said Wuttunee.

Now, armed with about 20 models from Calgary and Hobbema, Wuttunee is out to change the way people think of Natives.

Both Hicks and Wuttunee would like to see more Natives become involved in modelling classes even if only to improve self-esteem.

"We have a lot of non-Natives taking our courses to improve the way they think about themselves," said Hicks. "The first course also gives the students an understanding of what is involved in modelling. It helps them decide if modelling is what they really want to do."

If modelling is indeed the career choice, Hicks advises of some important modelling standards.

Women must be at least 5'5" and up. For men the minimum is 5'10". "There really is such a thing as too tall or too short," advises Hicks. And in a city the size of Calgary, modelling is usually just a part-time job.

"Most of our models

have regular jobs, another part-time job or go to school as well," says Hicks.

As for age groups, modelling is a versatile career. While the average age group is between 25 and 40, models are required of every age.

Modelling however, is an expensive career choice. The classes are not covered by Native affairs and with a price tag of anywhere from \$600 and up, it is a career beyond the reach of many.

Also to be considered is a photo portfolio, "a must" for any model advises Hicks but an additional expense of a few hundred dollars.

While Hicks contends that a talented model can

soon earn back monies invested into their career, the initial expense is high.

Wuttunee, in an effort to lure more Natives into modelling, has on occasion temporarily waived the school cost. But as a new company on a limited budget it is something she can rarely afford to do.

Both Hicks and Wuttunee advise interested people to shop around, to find an agency that offers what they want and at a price they can afford.

Once the selection of agencies has been narrowed down to two or three, it is advisable to go in for an interview, allowing the student to find out first



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TEINA MacKENZIE
...models for Wuttunee Productions

hand if the agency is the right one.

The biggest step, however, is the first one down the modelling ramp. "I don't know if you ever get used to

walking down that ramp," says Wuttunee. "But it is a step I'd like to see more Natives make, a sentiment both Hicks and Wuttunee share."

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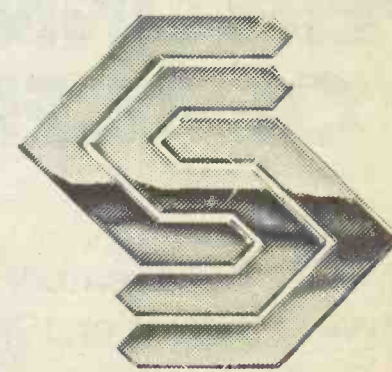
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Of course that was not the fault of the brave Canadians who died between 1914 and 1918, or in later conflicts. Soldiers do not start wars, governments do — usually on behalf of their societies.

Today, under the shadow of the hydrogen warheads of the ICBM, even that has changed. A third world war wouldn't limit its killing to soldiers. Nuclear conflict would also mean massive deaths of civilians. If not the death of civilization itself.

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