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TANTOO CARDINAL is unquestionably one of the stars of the much-praised new film, "Loyalties," which is set in Lac La Biche and involves the relationship between a Metis woman and an English doctor's wife. **See Page 12.**

BILL McKNIGHT, the new minister of Indian Affairs, reveals some of his plans in an exclusive interview with Windspeaker's Ottawa correspondent, Jamie McDonnell. **See Page 10.**

# Metis National Council criticized

By Lesley Crossingham

CALGARY — A review of the Metis National Council (MNC) structure and the five presidents is desperately overdue if Metis people aren't to stay in limbo for another hundred years, said a delegate at the annual MNC assembly held in Calgary last week.

Frank Tomkins, a delegate from Saskatchewan, blasted the unfair structure and the five presidents saying the only president who is concerned over the welfare of the Metis people is Manitoba's Yvon Dumont.

"If we are to get anywhere in Ottawa, we have to review the structure and

get some order back. Right now the MNC is being dominated by one president who cares nothing for the Metis people."

Tomkins went on to accuse the Saskatchewan chapter of nepotism and "control by people who are not Metis, but Indians."

Tomkins was joined by his protest by two other Saskatchewan delegates and Alberta's Jo-Ann Daniels, who added that she felt she had been "sold out" by the MNC.

"I appreciate Mr. Tomkin's comments because they are my concerns, too," she told delegates.

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## MAA plans annual general meeting for November

By Lesley Crossingham

CALGARY — The Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) will be holding its annual general assembly in November, but President Sam Sinclair isn't saying if he'll call for a new mandate after recent financial difficulties.

The financial difficulties arose after the MAA spent an estimated \$73,000 of its core funds on its MAA Housing Department which administers Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) repair, rural and Native housing programs.

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"I realize there will be a lot of discussions over the financial problem and some people will be calling for a new mandate, but I'll cross that bridge when I come to it," he said.

Sinclair added that no firm date or venue had been decided on for the annual assembly but pointed out that no matter what, it will be somewhere warm and easily accessible for those members travelling from the northern regions.

"We'll be announcing it later this week for sure," said Sinclair, adding that it will probably be during the early part of November.

Shortly after the financial problems of the MAA Housing Department were disclosed earlier this year, members of the MAA executive undertook a vote of non-confidence which Sinclair narrowly won. However, MAA sources say that there is a definite move to vote for an immediate general election to thoroughly dispense with the financial question once and for all.

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### government Access Information Act

By Lesley Crossingham

CALGARY — Negotiations are underway between the federal government and the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) to amend the Access to Information Act, thereby preventing any media probes into band financial records.

In an interview after

speaking to the Calgary Chamber of Commerce last week, IAA president Gregg Smith told reporters that the association is unhappy with the Access to Information Act and the way the media has been covering issues on the reserves.

The Calgary Herald recently obtained financial

records from 10 Alberta bands through the Access to Information Act which compels the government to hand over public information. However the Herald has been unable to publish any information due to an appeal by the 10 bands to the federal government.

"We're dissatisfied as an organization and the bands

are dissatisfied (with the Access to Information Act). The government has a trust responsibility to the bands and we want it upheld," said Smith.

Smith blasted the media over recent reports about financial difficulties on some Alberta reserves

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# National

## PEP will provide \$12 million

The 1986-87 Priority Employment Program (PEP) will provide \$12 million in job creation funds.

"During the winter months, the seasonal increase in unemployment requires priority considerations. Therefore, the Government of Alberta will again meet this demand through the operation of PEP. This year, I fully expect some 4000 unemployed Albertans to find jobs," Alberta Manpower Minister Rick Orman said

in announcing the program.

The program, which is in its 15th year of operation, begins November 3, 1986 and runs until April 30, 1987. Eligible employers receive wage subsidies to create full-time positions for unemployed Albertans.

"Since 1981, PEP has provided some 27,000 Albertans with jobs during the winter months. This winter, our goal is to be flexible so that we may respond appropriately to the needs of unemployed Albertans," said Orman.

"Our experience this

summer with the enhancement of Manpower's job creation efforts showed the demand for short term employment was significant. We demonstrated our flexibility by generating additional funds in response to a high demand for summer employment. I intend to take the same approach this winter."

PEP has two elements: Community Employment and provincial government departments. Employers can participate in the Community Employment element if they are a publicly funded agency such as a health unit or post-secondary institution; an Indian band or Metis settlement; an incorporated non-profit organization such as a handicapped society or cultural group; or a municipality.

The provincial government contributes \$3.80 per hour for each project employee, plus 10 per cent

to help defray employer costs. Priority is normally given to those employers who are prepared to "top up" the hourly rate. In 1985, for example, the average wage received by employees under PEP was \$5.31 per hour. Positions must last at least eight weeks and provide full-time employment. Employers may not hire until their application is approved and PEP positions must not eliminate, amend or affect the hours or security of existing employees.

Applications for projects with a November 3, 1986 start date must be received no later than September 30, 1986. Applications received after this date will be assessed based on availability of funding and compliance with program guidelines.

Provincial government departments are eligible to create positions under the second element of PEP.

The duration of projects is a minimum of four months to a maximum of six months and wages are subsidized at \$5.50 per hour.

Positions under PEP have included dietary aides, office managers, biological technicians, computer programmers, teacher resource aides, sawmill operators, handicap bus drivers, child care workers, geological assistants, theatre carpenters, and native student teachers.

"Our programs do more than create jobs," said Orman. "Many assist those who are new to the world of work gain valuable experience." As an example, he cited "15,000 Albertans who benefitted from our summer job creation efforts. These young people had a positive learning experience while gaining new skills that will enhance their ability to obtain employment. In addition, many of the jobs created under Manpower

job creation initiatives lead to full-time positions after the wage subsidies have ended. Under the Alberta Wage Subsidy Program, for example, a recent study showed that six months after the subsidies had ended, almost 40 per cent of the employees surveyed had been retained in that position. Another 10 per cent went to another job, while 5 per cent returned to school.

"In my view, this underscores the positive results that can be attained when government, employers and employees are all working together towards a common goal of achieving maximum employment for Albertans," Orman added.

For more information and application forms, contact the Employment Initiatives Branch at 427-4740 in Edmonton. Outside Edmonton, call "0" and ask the Operator for Zenith 22078.

## Lane invited to Italy

LETHBRIDGE — Professor Phil Lane, co-ordinator of the Four Worlds Development Project, at the University of Lethbridge has been invited as a special guest to Assisi, Italy by the World Wildlife Fund International to participate in a special conference to launch a world-wide conservation campaign.

For the first time, the global conservation network met with representatives from the world's major religions as well as representatives from other faith communities.

The Wildlife Fund has chosen Assisi for the September 23 event because of its religious connection to the life of St. Francis of Assisi and the associated emphasis of the intimate kinship of nature and human beings.

Special invited guests taking part in the event included the minister general of the Conventual Order of Franciscans representing Christianity, The Abbot of the Gyuto

Tantric Monastery in India and personal representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama representing Buddhism, the president of the World Hindu Congress, the vice-president of the World Jewish Congress, and from Mecca, the secretary general of the Muslim World League.

Professor Lane was invited as a representative of the Native people of North America. Professor Lane participated in all conference activities, as well as making two major cultural presentations.

The World Wildlife Fund hopes to draw on the consistency of the world religious traditions of guarding against the abuses of creation and nature in launching an international campaign to raise public awareness about the critical importance of conservation.

H.R.H. Prince Phillip, president of the World Wildlife Fund International, chaired the event and the president of Italy opened the conference.

## OTTAWA REPORT

By Owenadeka

Time is running out to hold the next First Ministers Conference on Aboriginal Rights -- the deadline is now less than seven months away -- but you wouldn't know it from watching the federal government. Federal dithering is responsible for the latest snag in the preparations for what could be the last chance to enshrine the Native right to self-government in the Constitution of Canada.

The recent meeting in Frobisher Bay of government officials and Native leaders was boycotted by the Assembly of First Nations. The AFN refused to go because the federal government refuses to discuss crucial issues such as Native rights to land and resources.

The problem now, like the problems with all the previous conferences, is the fight over the agenda. Every conference has been preceded by months of bitter haggling over just what the prime minister, the premiers and Native leaders should discuss. By the time everyone agrees on an agenda, though, there is usually little time left to reach agreement on the issues themselves. The result has often been chaos on the conference floor and desperate bargaining behind the scenes. (One example of the problems created by last-minute panic is the controversy over the sexual equality issue at the 1983 conference.)

This year's fight over the agenda is critical because Native leaders will not get the self-government deal they want unless the conference agrees to discuss Native concerns.

There have been literally dozens of meetings involving government officials and Native leaders since the 1985 conference. The latest argument started this past June when the AFN said it wanted to discuss some of the issues it wants included in any talks about self-government -- land, resources and the legal and financial relationships between government and Native people.

But a month later, when Indian leaders arrived for their next meeting with government officials, their concerns were not on the table. Federal officials said they were not prepared to talk about them so the AFN walked out in protest.

Now, two months later, government officials have once again met with Native leaders and once again they are refusing to discuss Indian concerns.

Inuit and Metis groups have sided with the AFN in the dispute. The Native Council of Canada says that a constitutional amendment on Native self-government would be meaningless if it doesn't deal with issues such as land and resources.

The Indian decision to boycott the Frobisher Bay meeting was a calculated gamble. The AFN felt it had little to lose by not going since it says Ottawa has gone back on its promise to let Native people set the agenda. The Indians hope the publicity from the boycott will pressure Ottawa to begin discussing their concerns.

The federal government has had the difficult job of setting an agenda that meets the wildly different viewpoints of the 17 parties involved. But the AFN says the fight over the agenda is just the latest example of the government's continuing refusal to recognize the inherent Indian right to self-government. The AFN says government stonewalling could be a deliberate plot to lower Indian expectations for the conference.

Another explanation for some of the problems, however, may be the high turnover of government people involved in the constitutional process. The change in federal personnel since the last conference has been substantial. The head of the Office of Aboriginal Constitutional Affairs resigned more than a year ago but there is still no permanent replacement. In June the two cabinet ministers responsible for Native constitutional affairs were shuffled. In August the secretary to the cabinet for federal-provincial relations were replaced.

On the provincial side, the turnover has been just about as great. At least five of the ten premiers attending next year's conference -- Joe Ghiz, Robert Bourassa, David Peterson, Don Getty and Bill Vander Zalm -- will be newcomers to the Native constitutional talks.

Brian Mulroney doesn't have the same excuse, however. If he is sincere about wanting to make a deal on self-government he knows that a last-minute scramble has to be avoided. His officials have known about the AFN complaints since the middle of June. Three months later, though, there is still a big difference between what the Native groups and the federal government want to discuss.

I suppose that Brian Mulroney can continue to use the increasingly lame excuse that the changes in federal personnel have prevented his government from giving proper consideration to the constitutional topic. Yes, there have been changes-a-plenty, but when it comes to Native people and the Constitution, they all seem to prove the old saying that the more things change the more they stay the same.

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**GREGG SMITH**  
...spoke to Chamber of Commerce

## Calgary Chamber of Commerce Native Awareness Days successful

By Leslie Crossingham

CALGARY — The Calgary Chamber of Commerce Native Awareness Days was one of the most successful, says George Calliou, a Cree member of the chamber and member of its Native Advisory Board.

The Calgary Chamber of Commerce holds the week-long event every year to promote and support Native people in the business world.

This year the guest speaker was Bob Blair, president of Nova, an

Alberta Corporation. Nova has one of the best track records for employing and training Native people.

During the week, several events were organized including a native foods luncheon which spotlighted traditional Native foods such as bannock, fresh rabbit and salmon. A crafts fair showcasing traditional beadwork and other crafts took place at the Calgary Native Friendship Centre, and Indian Association of Alberta President Gregg Smith attended a breakfast session at the Chamber of Commerce club.

In his speech, Smith attempted to explain what Indian self government means. He also added that non-Native people need a lot of education on the difficulties faced by Native people both on and off reserves.

However, the highlight of the week was probably the banquet where Gerry Manyfingers, a Blood band member who designs and makes unique Native fashions gave a fashion show.

All the models were Native and the clothes were designed and produced on

the Blood reserve.

Manyfingers specializes in unique Hudson Bay blanket coats and jackets which range in price from \$350 to \$500, depending on the trim. At the moment, Manyfingers just employs one person to sew seams, but she is hoping to invest in sewing machines so she can start her own cottage industry on the reserve.

"Right now I have a retail outlet in Aspen, Colorado but I'd really like to tap into the Olympic market coming up in Calgary in 1988," said Manyfingers.

## Treaty 7 chiefs request Olympics Committee's help

By Leslie Crossingham

CALGARY — The Calgary Olympics Committee (OCO '88) has been dragged onto center stage by Treaty 7 chiefs who this week demanded that OCO officials pressure Ottawa to reopen the Lubicon Lake band land claim.

In an interview after a day-long meeting in Calgary Monday, Indian Association of Alberta Treaty 7 Vice-President Narcisse Blood

announced that the chiefs want to see some positive steps taken on the Lubicon Lake land claim which has been in negotiation for 42 years.

"There has been no decision (by Treaty 7 bands) to boycott the Olympics or the Glenbow Museum," said Blood. "But we ask that OCO assist Lubicon Lake with their land claim."

Blood added that a final decision on whether to

boycott the Olympics will be made next month after chiefs have had time to consult their band members.

The chiefs met with Lubicon Lake Chief Bernard Ominiyak who explained the Lubicon Lake stand on boycotting the Olympics and their campaign to persuade museums around the world to refuse the loan of Native artifacts to Calgary's Glenbow museum for exhibition in their 1988 display.

So far, the campaign against the Glenbow has drawn support from the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA), the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA), the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and the Grand Councils of Crees of Quebec.

Other support is gathering, as this week the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) announced that it had passed a motion supporting the Lubicon Lake band. The NCAI represents 122 Indian nations in the United States.

In an interview after the meeting, Blood announced the decision of the Treaty 7 chiefs and added that now "the ball is in OCO's court."

## NSC elections postponed

Due to a lack of sufficient response, the Native Student Club at the University of Alberta has postponed their club elections until further notice.

At this time, a new date for the elections has not



**BERNARD OMINIYAK**  
...forced to boycott'

"The Lubicon Lake people were forced into this boycott situation by the government," said Blood.

been established.

Anyone interested in the voting or in running for a board member's position are asked to maintain contact with the club which is located at Athabasca Hall on campus (phone 432-5677).

## IAA and gov't meet to discuss Information Act

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saying the media makes the whole situation "look so horrible."

"With regard to band finances being published in the media, it's not in the general public's interest," he said. "We must first develop Indian governments and this is not helping."

Smith said his comments also applied to the Native media, adding that the Native press is often forced to compete with daily newspapers and therefore uses the same tactics to gain information.

"The Native press was set up by the government as economic enterprises and it becomes more and more apparent that if it is to continue economically it must try to compete with daily newspapers because the federal government is steadily downsizing the funding."

Smith confirmed his

earlier comments to Windspeaker, published last month, that the chiefs and councillors are the primary protectors of their band members' interest and added he rejected the media's role as watchdog.

"I don't go into a Native community and start discussing their financial situation with them or talk about their problems concerning their chiefs and councils, because it's none of my business," he said. "And (negative newspaper reports), that's not helping things...even if it's true."

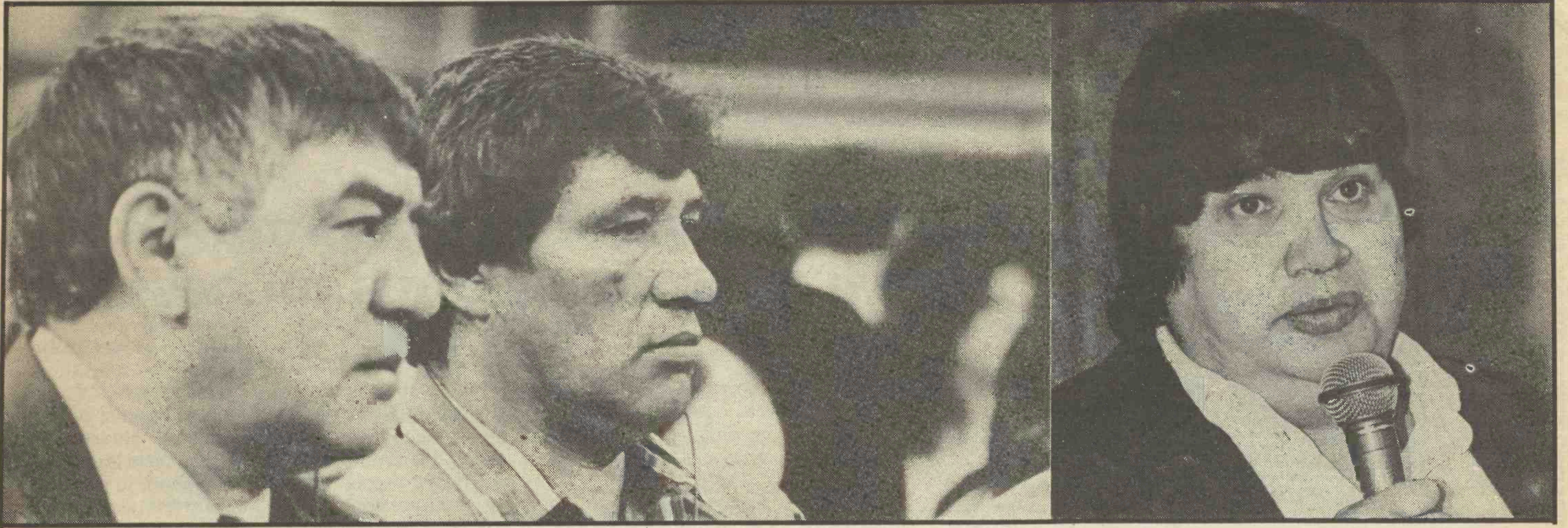
Smith pointed out that it is up to the band chief and council to put in place forms of accountability and systems for informing band members. He also advocated bands pull away from the Indian Act and go under band custom.

"Band custom gives them a lot of power and allows them to do anything," he added.

contact OCO himself.

"If there is an invitation from OCO, we're willing to sit down and talk. We always keep an open door policy," he added.

At press time both OCO chairman Frank King and Native liaison coordinator Sykes Powderface were in conference. OCO spokesman Rene Smith said OCO officials are discussing the Lubicon situation and plan to make an announcement on OCO's role within the next few days.



(Left to Right) SAM SINCLAIR, JIM SINCLAIR AND PAUL SINCLAIR

# Metis National Council Criticized

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Daniels, a former vice-president of the Metis Association of Alberta, said she had been involved in the MNC but was very disappointed with the lack of progress and the domination of certain members.

"I was an elected person

but I counted for nothing," she said angrily.

However, Alberta's Paul Sinclair said he didn't think the MNC needed any structuring as the give vote system for the three prairie provinces and the one vote each for British Columbia and Ontario was fair.

"We in Alberta support our leader as long as he is

doing the right thing, but we hang him if he's not."

After a lot of discussion, no recommendation was put forward. Tomkins said in an interview that he had many concerns over the structure of the MNC which he claims is dominated by Saskatchewan President Jim Sinclair, who "is going to sell us down the line," at

the First Ministers Conference."

Jim Sinclair had left the meeting shortly after his unsuccessful bid to persuade members to vote to come under federal jurisdiction had failed, and was not available for comment at press time.

However, MAA president Sam Sinclair said in an

interview that he thought Tomkins was "way out in left field."

"I don't think there is any foundation for those kind of personal attacks," said Sinclair. "We at the MNC chose one of the five presidents to be the spokesman and it is often Jim (Sinclair) because he is a

**Provincial**

very good speaker, that's all."

The MNC met for their annual convention in Calgary September 25 and 26. Another MNC general meeting is scheduled for early next year.

## CHIEFS OF ALBERTA

The Indian Association of Alberta invites you to an All-Chiefs Conference on October 28, 29, & 30, 1986, at the Enoch Reserve Recreation Centre.

The three treaty areas will be holding All-Chiefs meetings prior to the All-Chiefs conference. Please contact your Vice-President to see when and where the meetings will take place.

The kits for the All-Chiefs conference will be mailed out prior to the conference for your consideration and discussion amongst your Council.

We look forward to seeing you all there.



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## NEDP questioned

By Leslie Crossingham

CALGARY — The Native Economic Development Program (NEDP) has a "mental block" when it comes to Metis people, charged the president of the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) during the final day of the Metis National Council (MNC) convention held in Calgary last week.

Several other delegates joined the discussions, adding their gripes about the federally funded program which was set up in 1983 to help fund economic ventures for all Native people.

"People like Muriel Stanley-Venne were asked to resign just because she spoke her mind, and it is a struggle for those (NEDP) board members to accept Metis people onto the board," said Sam Sinclair.

Sinclair added that Ron Rivard, member of the MNC Constitutional Committee, had recently been appointed to the NEDP and that he had a lot of faith in his ability. He added, however, that in many respects Metis people found themselves running against a brick wall at the NEDP.

Working Committee Chairman Wayne McKenzie agreed with Sinclair,



MURIEL STANLEY-VENNE  
...spoke her mind

declaring that the Liberal Party had set up the program but now the board members had all been replaced by Progressive Conservatives.

"The only way to make any changes is for us to make a lot of noise. Every proposal that has gone to the board is witch hunted to death. There should be an investigation of the NEDP," he added.

Mark Leclare, another committee member, agreed with McKenzie and asked delegates to give the committee a mandate to investigate the workings of the NEDP.

In an interview after the meeting, Sinclair said that the MAA will be keeping a close eye on the NEDP and that the possibility of a MNC investigation was certainly not out of the question.

# Gov't jurisdiction a hot topic

By Lesley Crossingham

CALGARY — A two-day haggles over the question of federal or provincial jurisdiction, which at times became bitter and heated, culminated in a decision not to make a decision.

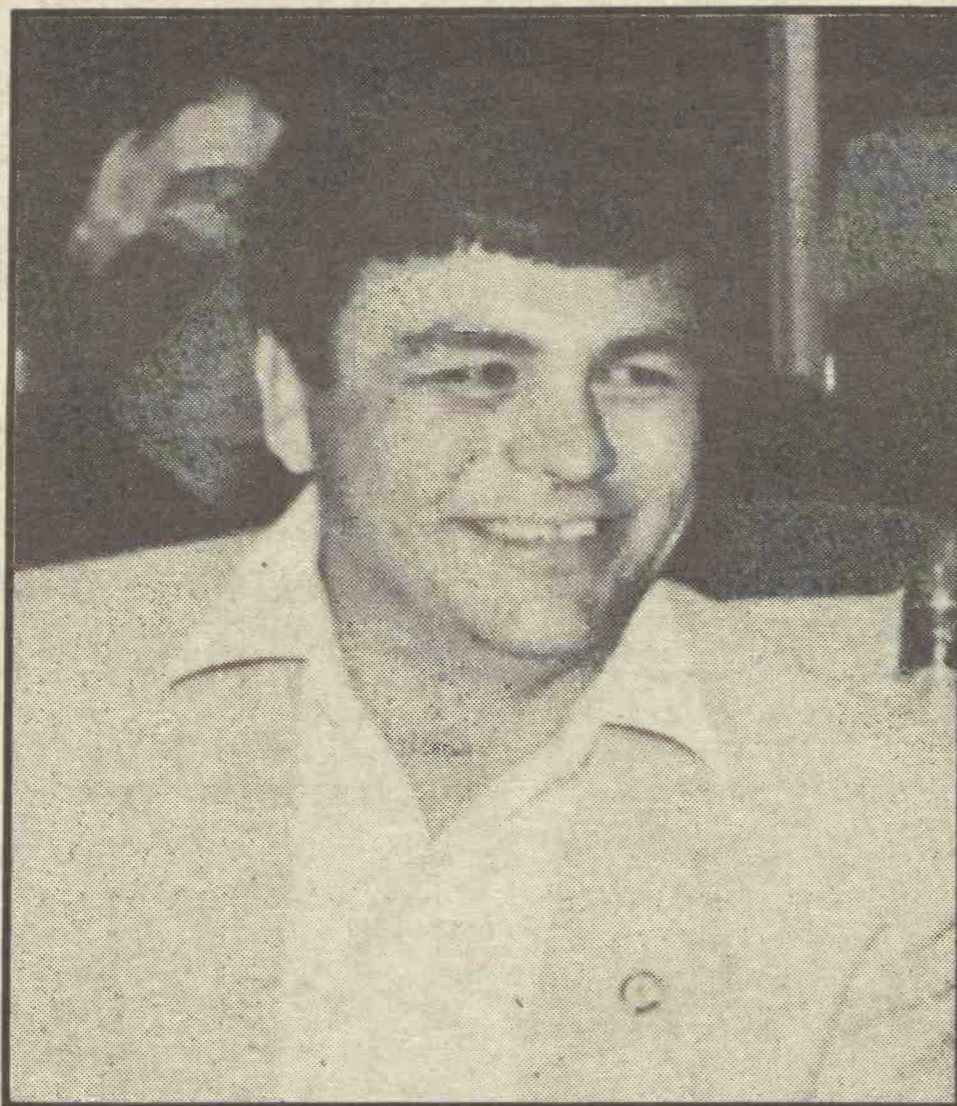
The Metis National Council (MNC) held its annual two-day convention in Calgary last week and the question of jurisdiction dominated the discussions, with Alberta finally proving to be the odd one out who won the day.

Saskatchewan President Jim Sinclair led the discussion on the jurisdiction question, saying the MNC needed to confirm that Metis people fall under federal jurisdiction.

"We have to make a decision here today to stay under section 91.24. I have seen the problems we experience with this confusion. When we try to negotiate with the federal government they say we come under the province and then the province says we come under the federal government. We must make a decision before the First Ministers Conference (FMC) coming up in April."

Yvon Dumont, Manitoba president, agreed with Sinclair, saying he had seen this problem coming for a long time and yet no one had made a decision.

"This jurisdiction problem has always been a roadblock



**YVON DUMONT**  
...decided not to decide

and will continue to be a problem as long as it's not resolved. John Crosbie (federal minister of justice) said in 1985 that we are not under 91.24. We asked him to take it directly to the Supreme Court and let them decide but we didn't act. If we had, we would have the decision by now. But now I think it's too late."

Both Western Ontario and British Columbia agreed with Dumont and Sinclair but Alberta took the view that a decision to go under federal jurisdiction

might hurt the delicate negotiations currently underway with the Alberta government.

The Alberta government has one of the better track records for providing services and settlements for Metis people. And negotiations are currently in progress for other concessions including child welfare and other resources.

Several members then suggested that a joint federal/provincial jurisdiction should be considered while others said they were still not ready to make any

decision.

On the second day, Alberta delegate and Calgary Zone vice-president Aurele Dumont put forward a recommendation to give the working committee a mandate to study the jurisdictional issue and then reconvene the MNC one month prior to the final First Ministers Conference scheduled to be held before April 17, next year.

The recommendation was taken to a vote with Alberta, British Columbia, Western Ontario, and Manitoba supporting and Saskatchewan against.

But despite the successful passing of the recommendation, Saskatchewan's Sinclair wouldn't let go and insisted that the previous day all provinces except Alberta were in favor of coming under federal jurisdiction.

"This decision today leaves the MNC with the old position. It looks like this whole conference has been a waste of time," he said.

Several delegates also expressed concern over who will represent Metis people at the upcoming FMC. The final FMC will take place this April where it is hoped self-government and the right for Native people to hold a land base will be placed in the Constitution.

"We are going to have to appoint a spokesman on

behalf of everybody," said Yvon Dumont.

However, Jim Sinclair disagreed, saying such a decision would be "buck passing," and that it is important that all Metis be presented.

However, after much discussion, no firm decision on who will represent Metis interests was made.

The MNC working committee on the Constitution, headed by chairman Wayne McKenzie, also pleaded with delegates to make a decision whether to continue supporting the MNC after the FMC or to allow it to disband.

"We have to make some

decisions here today," said chairman Wayne McKenzie.

But yet again, no decision was made.

The MNC met in Calgary September 25 and 26 and another meeting is scheduled one month before the FMC, but no firm date or venue has been decided.

After the end of the discussions, all presidents of the various provinces unanimously agreed that the two-day conference had been productive.

B.C. President Fred House told delegates that the meeting had been one of the best ever because "we didn't end up fighting this time."

## MNC working committee schedules January meeting

By Leslie Crossingham

CALGARY — A huge convention aimed at stimulating economic development for Metis people is being scheduled for next January, and already some big names have promised to attend, announced Metis National Council (MNC) working committee chairman Wayne McKenzie.

Speaking on the final day of a two-day national convention of the MNC, McKenzie announced that black human rights activists and former presidential candidate Jesse Jackson had promised to attend along with Native rights champion Tom Berger.

"We've already located funding from the NEDP and others and Jesse Jackson has confirmed he is coming. All we've got to do now is select a time," said McKenzie.

The Metis economic summit will take place in Saskatchewan and McKenzie hopes that with big names like Jackson and Berger, the national press will give the summit plenty of coverage.

"We want to become economically independent and become employers not employees," he told delegates.

McKenzie got unanimous support from the delegates and added that he felt sure the summit will be a great success.

# Horsman willing to talk

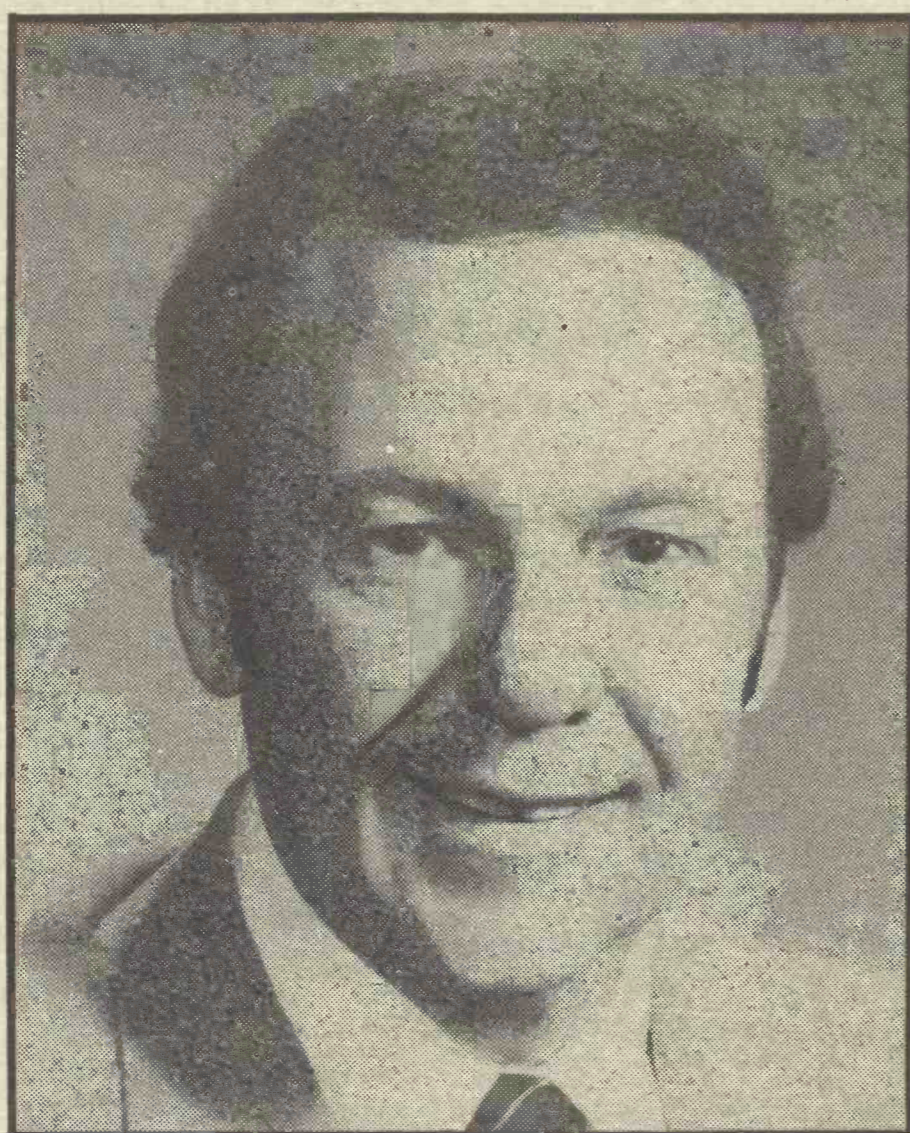
By Leslie Crossingham

CALGARY — Although Minister Jim Horsman stopped just short of announcing the Alberta government would amend the Alberta Act to include the entrenchment of native rights, he did promise to move ahead on tripartite discussions.

Speaking at the annual Metis National Council (MNC) convention in Calgary last week, Horsman, the provincial minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, said that any amendment to the Alberta Act, part of the Constitution of Canada, had to be discussed between the three levels of government: the Metis Association of Alberta, the Alberta government and the federal government.

Horsman was replying to a question posed by Manitoba President Yvon Dumont, who pointed out that it would be far easier to amend the Alberta Act than the 1982 Constitution to accommodate Metis rights.

Pointing out that Alberta had one of the best track records on Metis rights,



**JIM HORSMAN**  
...pursuing tripartite talks

Horsman told the assembly that the Alberta government will continue to hold discussions with Metis people and will actively pursue tripartite discussions over the issue of Native rights.

"We've had bilateral discussions and some with Minister (of Indian Affairs)

Bill McKnight to see if we can get tripartite discussions underway," said Horsman.

"Alberta takes the position that it will continue to take responsibility for your people in the absence of federal jurisdiction," he added.

Horsman spoke shortly after a heated discussion

over whether Metis people should come under federal or provincial jurisdiction. Several provinces said they didn't want to make a decision and Manitoba, who supported Saskatchewan's position that Metis should be federal jurisdiction, said they didn't want to jeopardize Alberta's position with the Alberta government.

Horsman added that the jurisdiction question was very important but regardless of any decision, the Alberta government would continue to work on practical issues that affect the lives of Metis people.

The MNC is currently working on its position for the First Ministers Conference set for April next year. During the final session of the FMC, Native people representing Indian, Metis and Inuit people will attempt to get self-government, inherent rights and land base entrenched into the Canadian Constitution.

The Canadian Constitution was signed in 1982 by the Queen with a series of amending sessions, First Ministers Conferences, scheduled to entrench Native rights.

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# Are there Indian superstars?

Guest Editorial by Kim McLain

Cyndy Lauper, Madonna, Harrison Ford, Tom Cruise, Alabama, Ricky Skaggs and hundreds more, all of them superstars. There are television shows, magazines and radio shows devoted to watching and reporting everything these larger than life people do. The public go out of their way to buy their favorite superstar's paraphernalia, imitation Michael Jackson gloves, Blues Brothers sunglasses, posters, pins, flags, T-shirts, watches and even Wayne Gretzky Fruit Loops.

We've all heard of Bruce Lee, Sugar Ray Leonard, Julio Iglesias, Charo, Jackie Chan. What do these stars have in common? They all have some unique ethnic background, of course.

But what I want to know is if there is such a thing as a real Indian superstar. I mean "real," not Cher Bono who says she has a drop of Cherokee blood in her or Wayne Newton, who claims the same, but a real bonafide, card-carrying (or Treaty status pending) Indian.

Lately, you might have noticed a lot of media attention given to certain members of our Native community. You know, the movie co-starring Tantoo Cardinal called "Loyalties" and some of the guests appearing on Rocky Woodward's Native Nashville North, like the forever versatile Winston Wuttunee.

Recently, I had the opportunity to drop by the taping sessions of Native Nashville North. I saw Winston Wuttunee there. I never once had the urge to hound an autograph from him, nor did anyone else in attendance. But I must admit, I had this urge to approach him and say "Hey, how ya doing, let's shake hands," and maybe sometime down the road, when Winston (notice how I now know him on a first name basis, real casual like) turns more famous than Joe Clark, I can brag to others that Winston and I are old friends from way back.

From what I heard, crowds of newly-won fans at the Craven Country Music Jamboree swooped down on Mr. Wuttunee wanting to shake his hand or get his autograph. The Native community are probably Mr. Wuttunee's biggest appreciators, but we're probably the hardest on his ego when it comes to that superstar stuff. We just don't seem to acknowledge our "role models" with the same maniac fervor of the mainstreamers (non-Natives, eh).

Which brings me to my next question? Is there a place in "Indian country" for superstars?

I know that I don't see school kids doing the "RCMP Jig" in the parking lots of the local mall hang-outs, or Tantoo Martin lunch buckets on sale. But I did see the seats full at Rocky's (I

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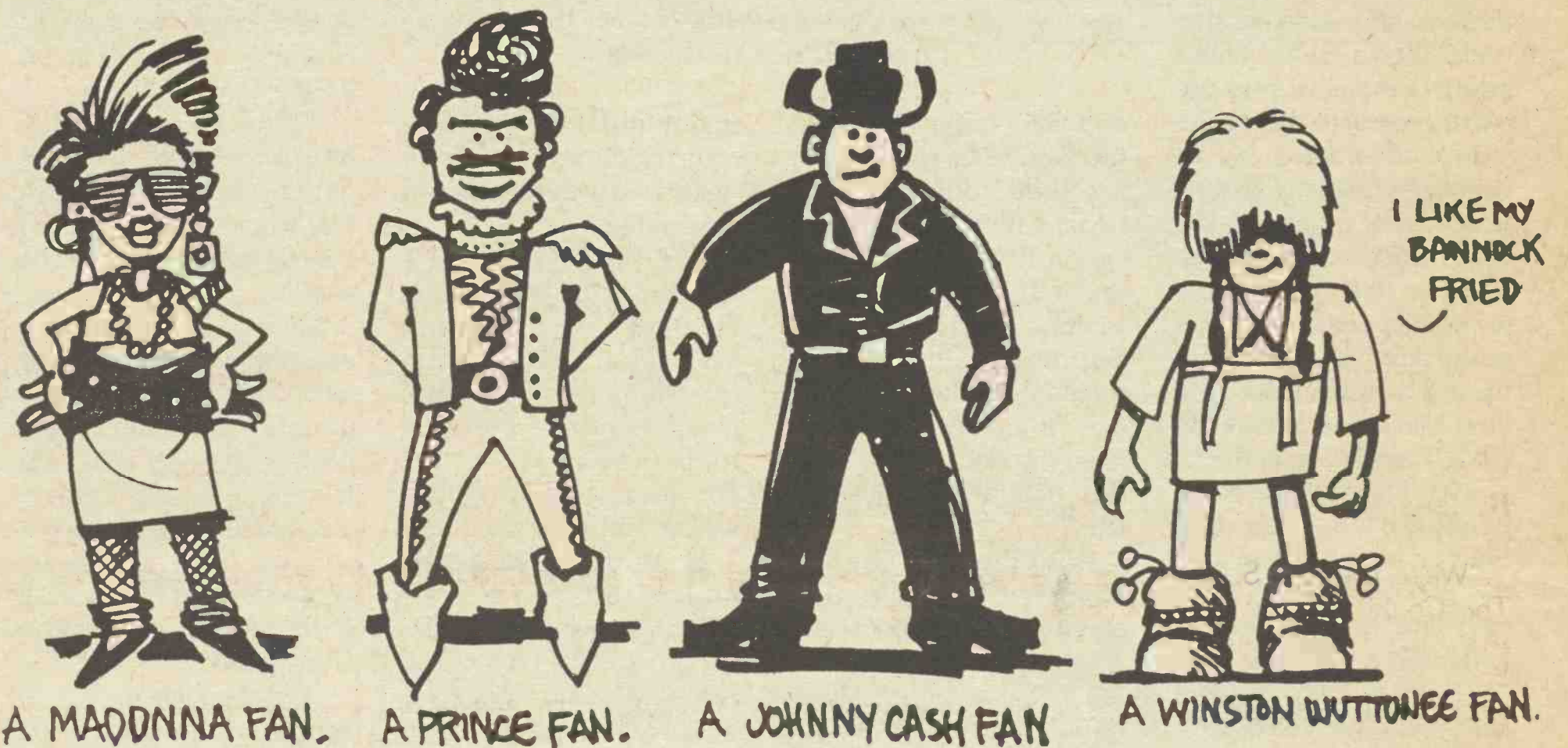
really do know this guy on a first name basis) Native Nashville North show. Our people really do support and acknowledge our own "superstars." There really is an unofficial Elvis Grey Fan Club. And I know how much pride we felt when we saw the praise that Tantoo got for her performance in "Loyalties."

Which brings me to my last question. What if we are warmed up to this superstar concept. Does the Native press do enough to satisfy our star-struck needs? Do we see enough pictures,

do we hear enough about what's happening with their lives, do we wanna hear about their lives?

Maybe there is an "Indian Hollywood North," but the Native press doesn't realize it. Maybe we wanna know how our superstars like their bannock — fried, baked, flat, round, with raisins or without? Do they shop at the Bay, Eatons, Saans or Goodwill? Do they drive pick-ups, Datsuns, Corvettes or do they drive at all?

I sure am confused about this whole ordeal. I would really appreciate it if you guys would send letters to my editor and let him know what you think. I gotta run. I picked up a strand of hair that had fallen from Tantoo Martin's head at a press conference and I'm going to go get it made into a key chain.



## A word called Cree

By Everett Lambert

Basically what I'm about to say is that we, the "Cree" people, like all other peoples, have to be proud of what we are. We have to ask for and get respect from other peoples. The route I will use to develop this will be language.

Have you ever noticed that when a Native mispronounces a word of the English, I mean "English," language he is immediately ridiculed or corrected. Most often this happens when we are speaking with other Natives. Also, have you ever wondered where this word "Cree" comes from.

You'll of course know that we Natives have trouble pronouncing "s" sounds, as well as our "sh" sounds. We at times pronounce "s" as "sh" or vice-versa. We have

trouble with words like "education" (sometimes we say "educasin"), "social" (shocial), or nation (nasin), etc., etc.

Once a speech therapist friend of mine and myself theorized that this is due to something called human evolution, i.e. our speech mechanisms have not evolved to the point that we easily and comfortably handle the English language. Our throat muscles, vocal cords, jaw bones, etc., still possess those qualities and adaptations that are meant and required for the "Cree" language. It's kind of like the Blacks are biologically suited for hot climates (they possess unique perspiration glands), or the Inuit for cold climates, and only cold climates I might add. So that's why we don't accept this English language so well: our speech mechanisms just have not

evolved, or adapted to it. But yet, we are expected to magically, correctly and properly use it.

So what about this word "Cree."

You "Cree" speakers out there, ask yourselves, where does this word come from? I found, when I asked my Cree Instructor, Emily Hunter, that its usage is so old (and widespread) that even the authorities don't know where it comes from. But we can be sure of this: It comes from a word(s) that we used to refer to ourselves (someone out there might know where it comes from exactly). However, the "hi" (pronounced "he" by some) in Nehiyaw could have been misheard as "Cree," and thus the whole word could have been further shortened to this. This could also have happened to the "iyi" (ee) in

"iyiniwuk" (ee no uk). (Both these words refer to our Nation and our people.)

Whatever the case may be, the word "Cree" comes from years of mispronunciation of a very important word to us. Not enough non-Nehiyaws had the courtesy to ask us if they were pronouncing our word correctly.

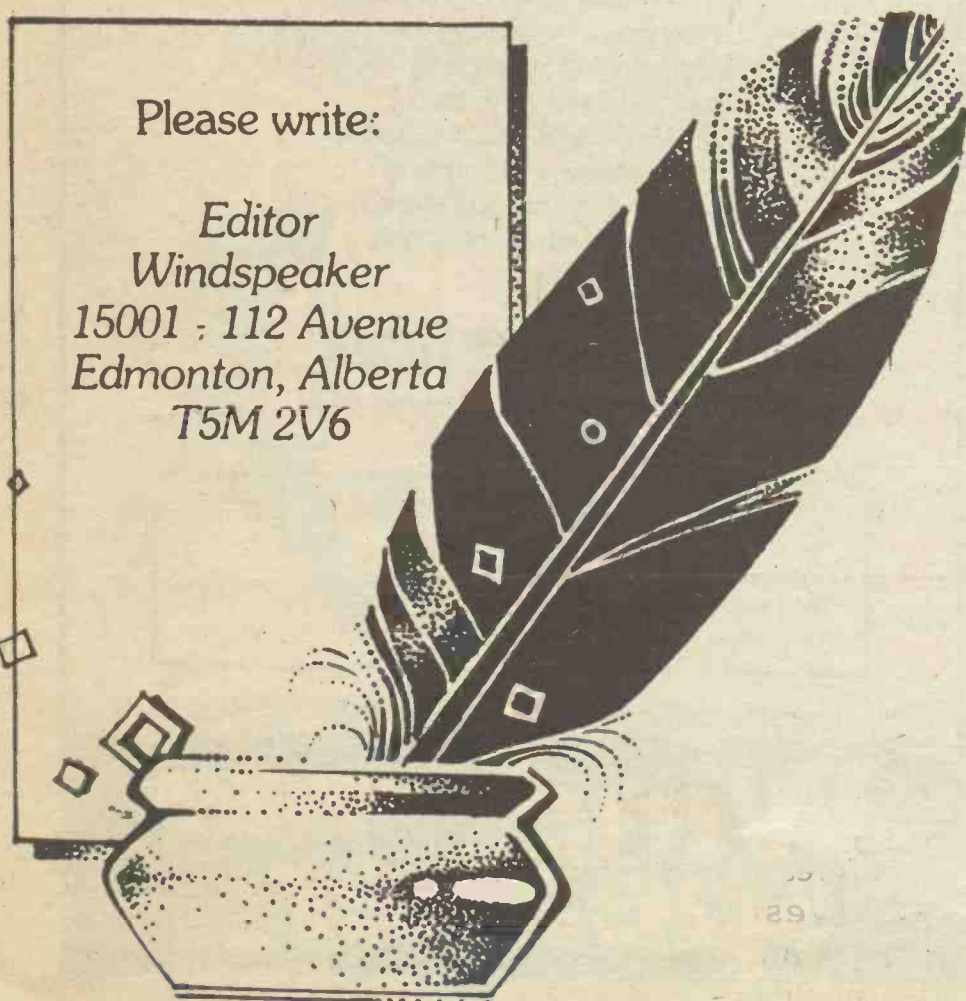
It's probably too late to change this now, plus it's convenient anyway. Everyone knows what we're talking about when we use this word. But, we can stop our language from further being distorted.

So let's respect ourselves. Let's make sure they're saying "Tansi" when they say "Tansi." Our language is beautiful. Keep it that way.

Shee you, I mean "see" you, around.

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# Housing issues concern Wabasca reader

## Dear Editor:

For a long time we could pick up Windspeaker at the Wabasca Post Office. For several weeks we have missed it. Nobody seemed to know what happened.

Last week I was fortunate to be at the opening of the beautiful new school at Fort Chipewyan and picked up the last two issues.

One had front page coverage about the Metis Housing muddle. For several years I have tried to focus that housing programs in Northern Alberta leaves much to be desired. They are degrading to the Metis and others living in Northern communities. Too often those with real need get nothing while someone in comfortable housing gets a brand new house.

It's easy to blame the Metis, but I wish Windspeaker and others would take a second look.

When I tried to focus something was wrong, well paid civil servants and

government people who recently raised their salaries to cover their mistakes went out of their way to clobber me.

They degrade local people with their handout — often it hurts those who need help most. Anyone with courage to speak up is soon destroyed. The procedure continues much as in the days before Batoche, but it's more polished now. They don't hang people any more.

The Metis Housing Program that reached Wabasca was bad enough, but the Housing Program from civil servants in Slave Lake was worse. The real problem has been higher up.

Less money with less degrading procedures would produce more housing and leave people with some pride and comfort. However, too many Albertans see some virtue in suffering, specially for Native people.

Here are but three

## Opinion

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recent examples.

It is recorded in the Local Housing Committee minutes several times that I tried to let officials in Slave Lake know that something was wrong with their procedures for accounting and inventory. Last year a new housing committee was

elected. The new treasurer, Harvey Gladue, asked that the records be brought up to date before the housing program for this year started. Three times and three different officials were sent in. Last week we still did not know what was needed for an amendment

to bring things up to date. Some housing is still three years in waiting. It's either gross incompetence in the Slave Lake office or government policy but they blame the local committee.

One supplier has waited three years to be paid. The accounts have been reviewed and agreed to be paid several times by different local elected committees but the officials look for silly excuses to avoid facing their superiors, or to admit their bungling. Why should the supplier and local families pay for mistakes by the officials from outside?

One house, unfinished for three years, forced the family to live in a small shack until the tension became too much and the family fell apart. No one seems to care what happens to the children as the family crumbles for lack of decent housing while less deserving get free housing to replace trailers with running water where there's no water line.

They have harrassed another person until she has ulcers. After overcoming many obstacles she had a nice place to live, but lost her job before the house was finished. When she enquired about a small loan to finish it, the officials took over. It looks like she will end up in smaller accommodation, her house moved a few feet so she cannot have her furnace and water tank under the house, the space for an extra bedroom will be gone, 1,000 worth of gravel in the entrance will be lost, a power pole will need to be moved and the front culvert will be in the wrong place. All because three officials can't admit they goofed.

We sure need some different procedures for housing in Northern Alberta.

Windspeaker has much to do. Keep up the good work.

**Floyd Griesbach  
Wabasca Community  
& Recreation Services**

# Alexis boasts "Little School That Could"

By George Poitras

"We're The Little School That Could" is the motto of the Alexis Elementary School. "We strive to do better — together," says Gary Westhara, principal and teacher.

Situated approximately 100 km northwest of Edmonton on the Alexis Reserve, the school accommodates 52 students in Grades 1 to 6. Until recently, the school also housed the kindergarten program until the Band decided to take control. The kindergarten program will now be run out of the Nikoodi Daycare, although it will still be supervised by the Alexis Elementary School staff.

Upon arriving at the school, which sits near a beautiful lake and green fields, it was evident that this was a closely-knit atmosphere in terms of teacher-student relationships. In the playground, the students and a teacher were throwing around a ball, and in the swings the children played with a supervisor close at hand. Once inside the school, the walls showed posters and photos of powwows and other cultural activities, indicating their strong interest in their tradition and customs.

Alexis Elementary has five teachers including the principal, who takes on both the administrative duties as well as teaching. "Grandma" Nancy Potts and Sylvia Agnis are band-employed and serve as support staff.

## Youth

In the Cultural Enrichment Program, Grandma assists the kids in making crafts of Native tradition. While at work with Grandma, you can see the kids happy to be with the Elder. Grandma also encourages the kids to speak their Native tongue (Stoney) while in her presence. Another Elder from the reserve, Anthony Potts, comes into the school on occasion and performs drum dances with the students.

"Parents are becoming more and more involved with the school," says Westhara. About 80 to 85% of parents show up for special functions that include the parents' involvement. At this time there is no parent/teacher organization with the school, but they will be looking into organizing one this year. "The parents are always welcome to drop by, the door is always open," said Westhara. "They have been very supportive in the past and we hope this will improve."

The staff is no doubt very concerned about their children's welfare, and moreso their education. In the past there have been many field trips to various locations surrounding the reserve and the Edmonton area.

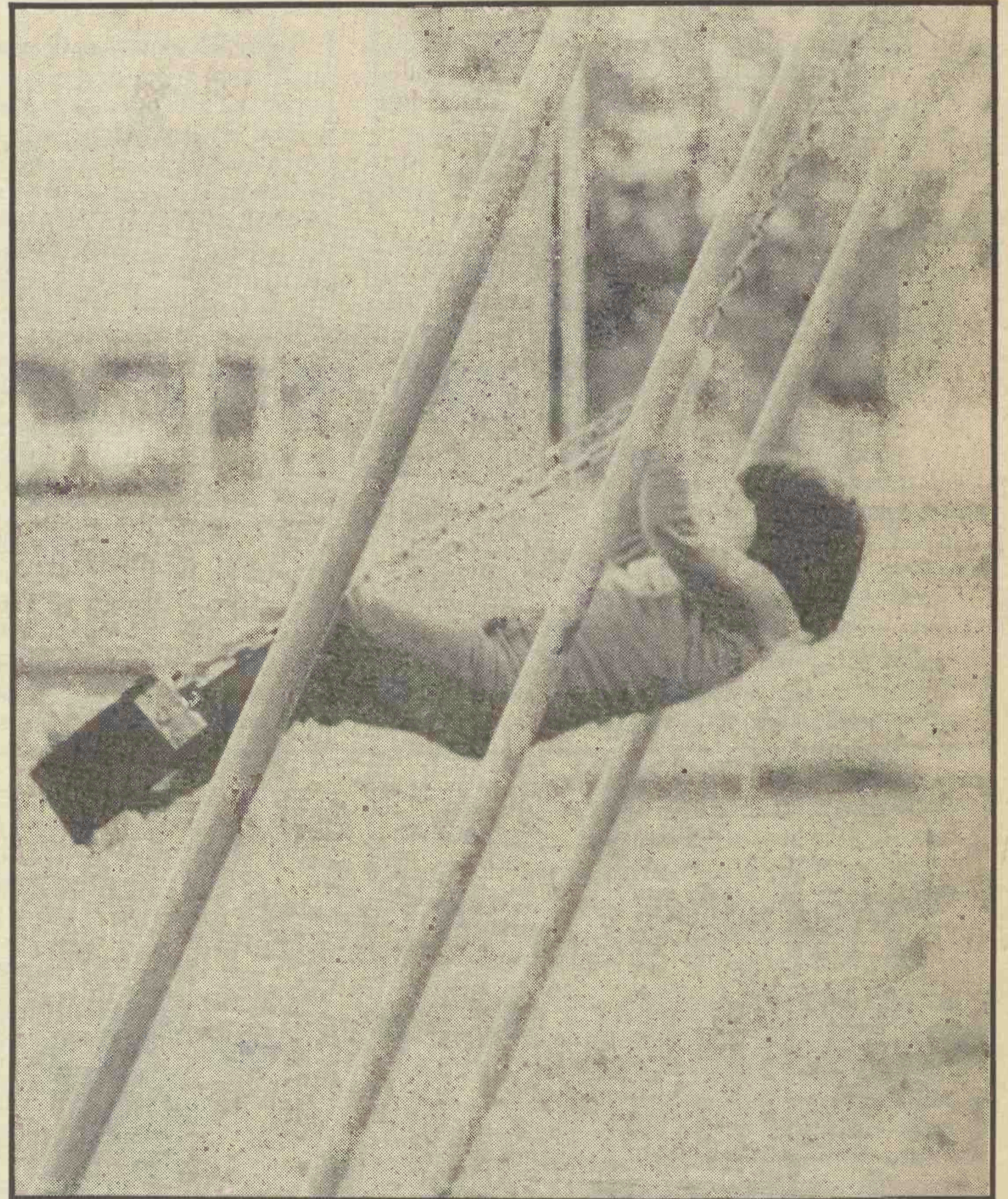
In the past school year, 12 kids, one teacher and one parent were involved in a school field trip to the

World Exposition in Vancouver. The kids and staff raised \$4,000 and the Band donated \$800 towards their transportation and lunches. The kids and supervisors travelled by train to the west coast where they were guests at the Highlands Community School in North Vancouver. Parents of the students in the Highlands school billeted the students and showed them a great time and the kids all had good things to say about their billeting families.

Expo was of course a priority in the sightseeing in this spectacular city. Other areas of interest were Stanley Park and Grouse Mountain.

"The trip was fantastic, the kids had many wonderful new learning experiences," said Westhara, who accompanied the children. The school would like to extend many thanks to the Highlands Community School in North Vancouver for hosting them. The Alexis Elementary School now considers them a sister school.

Throughout the year there are many other planned activities as the Hallowe'en and Christmas parties; a 6-week swim program in the spring; a Funday which is their annual winter carnival; a year-end picnic; and an award celebration recognizing the students' achievements and the parents who



**CHILDREN WILL PLAY  
...at the Alexis Elementary School**

contribute throughout the school year.

In the near future, the kids will be in Edmonton to attend a Children's Concert at the Jubilee Auditorium where they will listen to the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. Also scheduled is an art contest with the Alberta Indian Arts and

Crafts Society (AIACS) where they will be submitting some work from the art class.

"A good attitude prevails and the students show some great artistic skills," said Westhara. The students are working hard for this upcoming contest

and are certainly looking forward to it.

"We like to expose our kids to something unusual, and we will hopefully be doing something different every couple of months," said Westhara. This sounds like a great idea and a great learning experience for everyone.

# Reader's freedom of speech 'restricted'

**Dear Editor:**

My name is Robert Laboucane. I am a Metis and former employee of the Department of Indian Affairs in Calgary. For two years I worked as the District Superintendent for Economic & Employment Development in Southern Alberta. Because of the statement (reprinted on this page), I was fired in February of this year. I have enclosed articles

which will hopefully explain and give some insight into the unjust and unwarranted dismissal.

Upon examination of my statement to the press and follow-up remarks and letters and reports by the department, it all seems to say and mean the same thing, however, I was fired.

The divided loyalties faced by public servants is becoming increasingly more difficult to deal with. It seems that the intent and

substance of the Public Servants Employment Act conflicts greatly with the spirit of the Charter of Rights.

This conflict creates a great deal of uncertainty in the minds of many, many public servants, especially the Native people working within the department. Whenever these employees become aware of wrongdoing and speak out and inform the public, for whom

they work, they lose their jobs.

This restriction on freedom of speech, expression and opinion is wrong. To classify "whistle-blowers" with secret agents only highlights the paranoia within the department.

The continual, purposeful contradictions of policy implementation, priorities, funding, down-sizing, program transfers, training, self-government, etc.,

borders on major conspiracy and fraud. This is directed to the Indian people by Indian Affairs officials on behalf of the Canadian public.

As a citizen of this country, my loyalties and duty is to inform the public who in fact pay my wages and expect no less, and yet I am fired for doing my job.

To date, after all these months, I have not heard one complaint about my actions from any Canadian citizen or organization. As a matter of fact, it has all been supportive and many people, companies, associations and colleagues are indicating that they are proud of me. Finally, someone has taken a stand to right a wrong.

My adjudication hearing is in Calgary on October 7, 8 & 9. I was discharged for "critizing government policy as it relates to the Stoney Indian Band." Review the articles and you will see that what I said does not conflict with what many senior officials within and outside the department have said.

I would very much appreciate your comments on this issue and any support you might feel worthwhile.

*Sincerely,*

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## ROBERT LABOUCANE'S STATEMENT

As a public servant, I am accountable to the minister, Mr. Crombie, as are all other civil servants in the department. Some of us are also accountable to our clients while others feel they are not. This is demonstrated by their actions and attitudes.

When do the "policy" makers become accountable to those affected by these policies?

The minister, I believe, is accountable to Parliament. Parliament is accountable to the Canadian people. The obvious conclusion one draws from all this is that the Canadian people are supporting and condoning what is being done to the Native people of this country. I cannot.

I say Shame, Shame, Shame, Shame, on all of us. Let the records and statistics speak for themselves. The situation is deplorable and unacceptable to any thinking person.

Let me assure (this audience) that apathy, prejudice and discrimination are alive and well in Canada today.

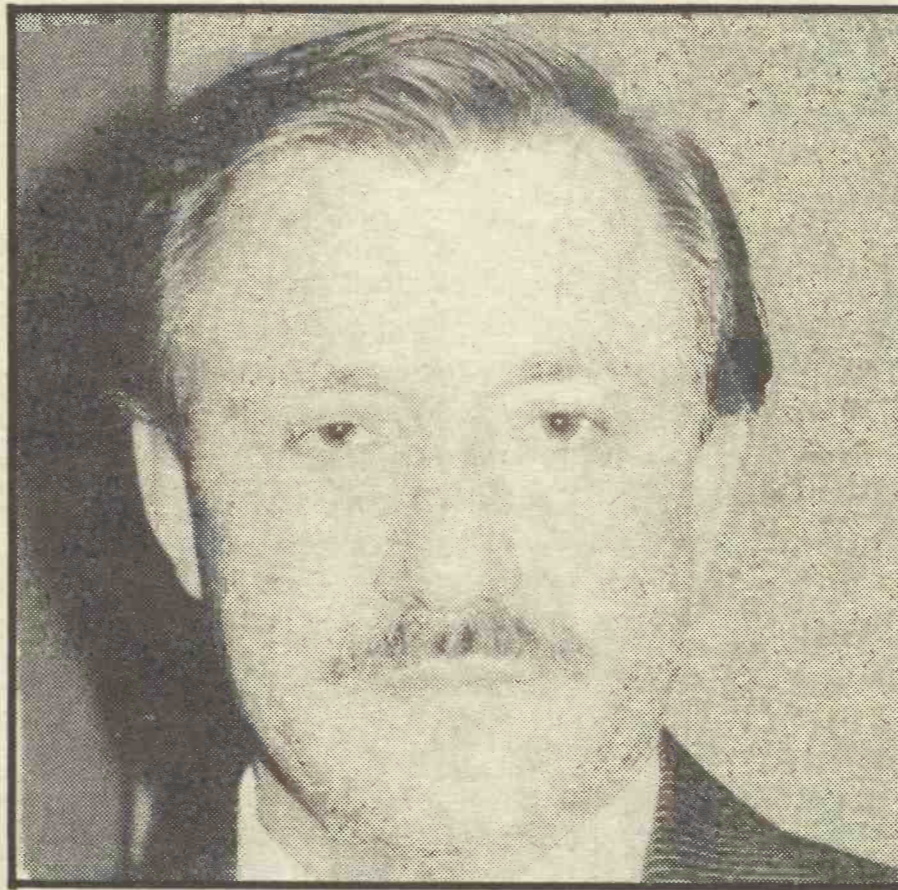
The people's wages you pay with your taxes represent you. Responsibility cannot be bought off, blamed on someone else or explained away. Are the results achieved over the past 50 years considered to be successful and acceptable or have we all failed miserably?

I believe the results are exactly what has been planned. Therefore, I suppose the Canadian people have gotten their money's worth.

The rhetoric continues, the funding decreases, the statistics get worse; many Native people die or continue to exist in poverty, or a state of oblivion and hang on to a more glorious past because there is no future . . . check the statistics. Are you wondering why the problem won't go away? Do you even ask, what can be done?

The absolute contradiction continues. . . What is said and what is done are opposites. Is there anyone asking, just what is it we are trying to accomplish for who's benefit?

As a result of the recent government freeze on spending and in anticipation of the new budget announcement, I wish to express my concerns. By freezing the budget at this point in time, the government has seriously damaged my credibility, professional and personal integrity.



**ROBERT LABOUCANE**  
...was fired because of this statement

These are not for sale or available for compromise by any person or government . . . two years of hard work wiped out with a stroke of the pen.

The economic and employment development program has spent a great deal of time and effort establishing a trust and rapport with Chiefs, elected councils and Indian program managers. Commitments for funding were made, projects and training started, people hired, countless hours spent on proposal development with other agencies only to have the projects cancelled in mid stream. Reimbursement of funds to Bands for wages paid and consultants hired will have to come from new year funds.

The budget is very meager to begin with and cannot possibly address the needs. The new budget will be even tougher and I anticipate a reduction in the economic development budget for 1986/87 even though the minister has identified self-government and economic development for Indian people as the department priority.

Without adequate funding to respond to the various Band priorities, the futility of all we have done becomes apparent. Again, we have here an absolute contradiction between what is said and what is done.

## Reader requests data on alcohol and drugs

**Dear Editor:**

Your paper has always been much appreciated by our family, when we were in Edmonton.

Many of your articles deal with the problems of alcohol and drug abuse.

Uncle Gabe's Friendship Centre located in Fort Smith, NWT, has just gained a new Resource Centre that supplies materials, pamphlets, films, etc. to thirteen (13) native communities.

A copy of your paper would be a welcome addition to our Resource Centre.

We are very close to the Alberta border and often travel to Fitzgerald, AB. Your paper would also be introduced to this community.

You have my continuous support, as you reach Native people everywhere with news pertaining to their lives and timely messages dealing with many problems Native peoples encounter.

*Sincerely,*

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# CUT student gets top achiever award

By Terry Lusty

## Education

A wine and cheese reception was held at the University of Alberta on September 25 to honor Evelyn Cardinal of Saddle Lake. She was presented with a \$100 cash award for being the top achiever in the Coordinated University Transfer (CUT) program

for the 1985-86 school year. The award was made possible through a contribution from the Office of Native Student Services on campus and it is hoped that it will become an annual

event. Marilyn Dumont, the academic counsellor for Native students at the university, said that the selection was not an easy one to make. "It was a difficult choice because all students showed commitment," she explained. In addition, said Dumont, there was "a range of only one stanine in the grades" between all of those considered for the award. Therefore, attendance was looked at as a motivational factor as was the number of courses that the students were enrolled in. Still, it was difficult to render a decision, said Dumont.

Further considerations in attempting to arrive at a decision fell into the realms of academic achievement, motivation, and perseverance.

Dr. Carl Urion, formerly the director for the Native Student Services, also extended compliments about the CUT program students saying, "you have a higher average than first



**EVELYN CARDINAL**  
...award presented by Dr. Carl Urion

year students in the Faculty of Arts, and better attendance."

And Urion did not stop there with his praises. "When I make the award," he said, "I don't want it to

diminish the good work of other (students)."

Urion then presented the award to Cardinal, who expressed her thanks and acknowledged the support

she has received from the Native Student office.

The CUT program is in its second year and Cardinal is a full-time student in the Faculty of Arts at the university.

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# INTERVIEW: Bill McKnight

By Jamie McDonell

## CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

**WINDSPEAKER:** The Constitution being the most important issue facing Native people today, how do you view the Constitution, self-government and transfer of powers?

**McKNIGHT:** Well, within the Constitution Act, 1982, there are two sections - 35, which says there are rights - they exist, and then under 37 it says that we are going to have meetings to define those rights and what does it mean in terms of self government. It's there; it's recognized. I think the meetings are to define what that word is.

It's also something that can't be defined by the federal government because the provinces are partners in signing the Constitution Act of 1982 and therefore have to be part of the process. So whatever can be done from our side, with the Minister of Justice being the lead minister, we're attempting to plan for a productive meeting and it's been a bit difficult, there's been some concerns raised by the AFN of which I'm sure you're aware.

I haven't met Mr. Erasmus - I've met him, but I will be meeting him specifically on the FMC; I have no idea what day, but it's within the next week I would guess. So we're working towards a productive conference but the whole agenda is not able to be controlled by the federal government or the Minister of Justice.

**WINDSPEAKER:** One of the AFN's...ongoing concerns is the extent of self government, the only practical (example) to date is fairly low level - the Sechelt agreement.

**McKNIGHT:** You may say that it's low level, but it's certainly enthusiastically endorsed by the Indian government of the Sechelt band...so that again was a decision by band government, to enter into that agreement. It appears to be what is satisfactory and doesn't jeopardize whatever else may follow from the prescribed FMC meetings or what may follow in the future through whatever form.

**WINDSPEAKER:** So we can continue up and down from there?

**McKNIGHT:** I believe so. There are varying degrees of readiness by bands and tribal councils to enter into discussions, and within the resourcing we have to enter into those discussions which are going ahead.

**WINDSPEAKER:** It would appear that what AFN is looking for is the end of the trusteeship of the Department of Indian Affairs. How would the ministry look at that?

**McKNIGHT:** I think that my predecessor has said that he would like to be the last Minister of Indian Affairs. There are certainly times that would have been acceptable to me, but the statement that I would make on top of that would be that the trust relationship can only be removed at the wishes of the Indian people - Indian governments - and there are certainly varying degrees of acceptance, from certain areas who want total delivery from the department of all programs to varying degrees of the right of self government in several forms being put forward. There's a movement, but any of those decisions have to be made in conjunction with the people who have responsibility by signing the Constitution Act of 1982, and that includes the provinces.

**WINDSPEAKER:** A concern of the Native peoples is sovereignty, in the constitutional sense - not being independent but being on a level with the provinces, who can be overruled by the federal government in certain instances but are otherwise free of the interference of the other level. How would you view this?

**McKNIGHT:** I've said that when we talk about the varying degrees of self government from the example of Sechelt on up to that of being a sovereign nation equal to Canada, that last one I don't see as being something the signatories to the Constitution Act of 1982 would accept.

**WINDSPEAKER:** I believe the point is not sovereignty as in sovereign and independent, but sovereign as the provinces are at present sovereign, in that they cannot simply be dissolved by the federal government.

**McKNIGHT:** When you put in the terms you are, that hasn't been put in the same terms to me. The top end is always as a sovereign nation dealing with another sovereign nation and I have said that I don't believe that is

acceptable to the people of Canada, and from there on we'll discuss everything down the line.

## LUBICON LAND CLAIM

**WINDSPEAKER:** Getting to a specifically Alberta problem, the Lubicon band seems to have been floating in limbo for the last while. For a short time we got an advance on their problem and then it faded off into nowhere.

**McKNIGHT:** The last official offer that was made to the Lubicon people to settle their comprehensive claim, or their entitlement - however you look at the question, I think was reasonably fair - to establish a mass of some 25,000 acres conferred with mineral rights, that would have allowed them to have compensation, a considerable sum, but they have now proceeded to the Court of Queen's Bench in the province of Alberta...and that's about all I can say while it's in the courts. It appeared to be making progress and for reasons I'm not clear on, the band has made a decision to use litigation.

## BILL C-31 BACKLOG

**WINDSPEAKER:** Regarding Bill C-31, even with an extra 30 officials added earlier this year, better than doubling the entitlement section, you were still falling behind. Are you getting ahead on entitlements?

**McKNIGHT:** No, we're not getting ahead. It's something that we're reviewing again, as to the resources, the person/years that have to be assigned to that to try and maintain a flow that doesn't inhibit the establishment of the C-31 people. It has to be done properly and it takes considerable time with most applications to just be sure that they are done properly. The other thing that we're working with, with the bands and with Indian governments, is the establishment of membership codes, which I encourage all bands to participate in, and even if they don't participate and establish their membership code, after the '87 deadline they will be established by the department - the membership lists, not the codes - and even after that period of time, bands will have the right to establish their own membership codes and take control of their membership.

**WINDSPEAKER:** Another thing that was promised at the time of C-31's passing was additional resources, which many Native people took to include lands, to help ease assimilation of these people into the reserves.

**McKNIGHT:** With the passage of C-31, there are additional resources put together for the establishment of membership codes, there are commitments made by my predecessor and by the Government of Canada to housing, but there is nothing included in C-31 for additional lands that may accrue because of C-31. In the housing issue, the additional housing units will be issued to the band. That does not give the C-31 people a priority on that housing. What it does is, as they enter and become recognized as members, give them a place on the priority list for housing. But they don't jump over existing families on the list.

## LOST OIL REVENUES

**WINDSPEAKER:** There are a number of bands that were funding most of their programs on oil revenues. Realizing that the government is doing something to help the West generally, because it has been so hard hit by oil crunch, are there any programs to help bands adjust to the new situation?

**McKNIGHT:** We are, within the department, addressing the concerns of those bands, the oil and gas bands, if you want to define it just as those - that isn't the total definition - to define on a band to band case what we can do. We are assessing and addressing on that band by band case, as they come forward. But, at this time there isn't anything in a policy decision that would reflect a change to all the oil and gas bands.

## HUNTING, FISHING RIGHTS

**WINDSPEAKER:** In the case of hunting and fishing rights, Canada's Native peoples are being given a share of wildlife that they consider less than their due. Is there anything that the ministry will be doing about that?

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Since Bill McKnight took over as minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, the former Labor minister has maintained as low a profile as he showed in that ministry.

McKnight spent the first month or so as minister being briefed on the issues that he would have to face at DIA. With these briefings behind him, he raised his profile only slightly, meeting with chiefs in Manitoba and visiting the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) annual meeting in St. John's, Newfoundland.

While McKnight didn't develop a high profile at Labor, that is not altogether a bad indicator of his ministry, in a government where high profile was often found only in scandal.

According to Labor officials, though the man keeps a low profile, he was a remarkably effective minister.

McKnight, though considered to be on the Tory right wing, has a reputation as a negotiator - that's the reason he received the labor ministry. It would be logical to assume that's also the reason he was given DIA, with all the conferences and negotiations that have to be taken care of before next year's First Ministers' Conference.

Also, though McKnight is seen as being on the Conservatives' right wing, he has developed a reputation as being very approachable and sympathetic to Native concerns. McKnight visits the bands in his constituency (Kindersly-Lloydminster in Saskatchewan) at least once each year and while a member of the Opposition usually attempted to help out whenever the bands requested assistance.

While minister of Labor, McKnight had the Native component of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation transferred from his department to DIA. This contrasts with the Nielsen "Buffalo Jump" report which suggested that CMHC take over DIA's housing program. Indeed, while in Cabinet McKnight is reported to have supported Crombie and DIA against Nielsen's hatchet wielding.

In his few comments since becoming minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, McKnight has stressed conciliation between the feds, the provinces and Native peoples.

# Dumont's celebrate 50th anniversary

By Mark McCallum

George and Anne Dumont celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, September 5 at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre in Edmonton. They were actually married on December 27, 1936, but they felt the winter months were not a time for celebration because of the cold weather.

George and Anne have the proud distinction of being parents to 10, grandparents to 37 and great grandparents to 15 more.

The eldest of 10 children, George was born on September 29, 1901 in St. Paul de Metis or, as it is known now, St. Paul.

His rich past has seen him work as a lumberjack, a trapper and a commercial fisherman since his early teens.

Fishing was his mainstay for over 40 years, and although much of this time was spent pulling nets and reading the lakes of Alberta, he still found time to become involved with the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) when it was still searching for its grassroots. Always proud of his

## Community

Metis status, George has been a member of the MAA for over 50 years.

His friend and colleague, Pat McDermott, openly boasted to the almost 100 people present at the banquet that George was one of the chief catalysts of life-saving programs on Edmonton's skid-road in the late '60s. He was in fact the president of one such program: the Boyle Street Native Brotherhood Society.

President of Zone 4 of the MAA Ben Courtreille recalled the first time he met Dumont 23 years ago. Courtreille and his brother-in-law were fishing when the boat they were using capsized. They suddenly found themselves helpless in the "icy waters" of Lac St. Anne. But to their surprise and good fortune, George happened by shortly after the accident occurred with hot coffee and blankets.

The 86-year-old has played the part of a lifesaver more than once. He saved the lives of three people from certain death when he spotted them six miles from

the nearest shore in Great Slave Lake. The incident occurred in the fall about 21 years ago as George was leading his 36-foot fishing boat home.

He recalled excitedly, "there was a big bang," and "... a ball of fire!"

"I didn't want to get too close to them because of all the fire... so I threw them a rope with a lifesaver on it. I had to lend one of them my clothes, it was freezing out that day. Another one was burnt pretty bad, but they all lived."

His son, George Jr., said of him, "I always called him my idol... and today he's still my idol."

These words echo what many others feel for George Sr., as was apparent on his golden anniversary. Plaques, gifts and awards were given to him and wife from friends, family members, guests and admirers alike. Bruce Gladue, assistant director of Local 1885, presented the Dumonts with a beautifully inscribed silver and gold trimmed tray.

The night belonged to George. He went up to the makeshift stage downstairs in the friendship centre and said "thank you everyone," and brought them to a roar of laughter as he jokingly

addressed them with his down-to-earth sense of humor. He said "I like everything I got tonight, but I still like women more."

He then escorted his wife upstairs and danced with

her as he must have 50 years ago in High Prairie when they were newlyweds.

Good luck Mr. and Mrs. Dumont. See you in 10 years on your diamond anniversary.

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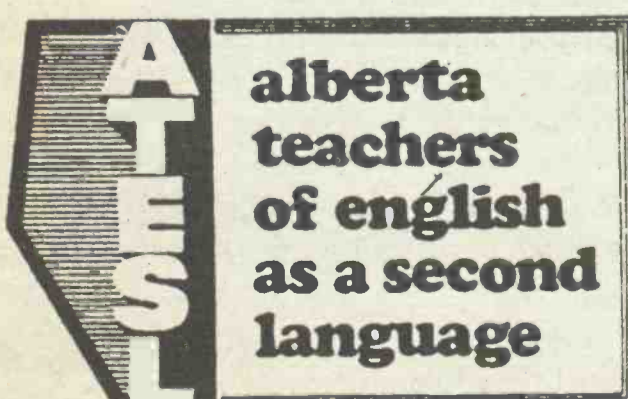
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# LOYALTIES

## BURYING THE PAST IN A BRAVE NEW WORLD



ROSEANNE LADOUCEUR (Tantoo Cardinal)  
...comforts Lily Sutton (Susan Wooldridge)

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**"It is a powerful film...Without the superb acting of Cardinal, the movie would not have achieved the success it enjoys."**

—Terry Lusty, *Windspeaker*

**By Terry Lusty**

The film ends. The applause is instantaneous from a packed house. It is thunderous! It is also a moment of glory for Metis actress Tantoo (Martin) Cardinal.

The date is September 25 and here in Edmonton, the highly regarded film "Loyalties," has just made its debut. A smash hit at the box office? Perhaps. It is too early to tell. But for those who have seen it, they offer nothing but praise.

If moviegoers are looking for a good tear-jerker or a hell-bent-for-leather film, forget it. If they're looking for action-packed drama or violence, forget that, too.

However, if they're looking for a decent drama with good production and good acting, they're advised to go and see "Loyalties" which is now showing at the West Edmonton Mall Cineplex and the Plaza Theatre in Edmonton and in Lac La Biche. Believe me, they'll get their money's worth.

It is a powerful film with moving scenes that are plausible. It is a depiction of cultures in conflict, of Native and non-Native lifestyles, attitudes and behaviors minus the typical Hollywood stereotyping of Natives. As a matter of fact, if there's any stereo-

typing, it is contained in the portrayal of Lily Sutton (Susan Wooldridge), a refined hoity-toity English-woman.

Loyalties just may be one of the best films to ever come out of Alberta. It has all the ingredients necessary to be a major winner when the Canadian film awards roll around.

When it premiered at the Montreal World Film Festival, it was "very, very well received," said Pauline Kayek from the National Film Board, who also informed "Windspeaker" that it has been invited to a number of places in the United States, including Los Angeles.

In Toronto, at the Festival of Festivals, it was voted runner up in the category of most popular film. At the Cannes Film Festival, Toronto Globe and Mail film critic, Jay Scott, praised it as "an amazingly accomplished and intelligent film."

The setting for the movie is Lac La Biche, a northern Alberta community where Dr. David Sutton (Kenneth Welsh) is joined by his wife Lily who flies in from England to join him. Together, with their children, they lavish in the surroundings of their \$200,000 log home complete with all the amenities life can offer.

The Suttons are of

English stock and high on the social status order.

On the outskirts of town lives Rosanne Ladouceur (Tantoo Cardinal), a Metis, and her extended family who occupy an old frame house containing nothing but the bare essentials.

Following a severe beating at the hands of her boyfriend

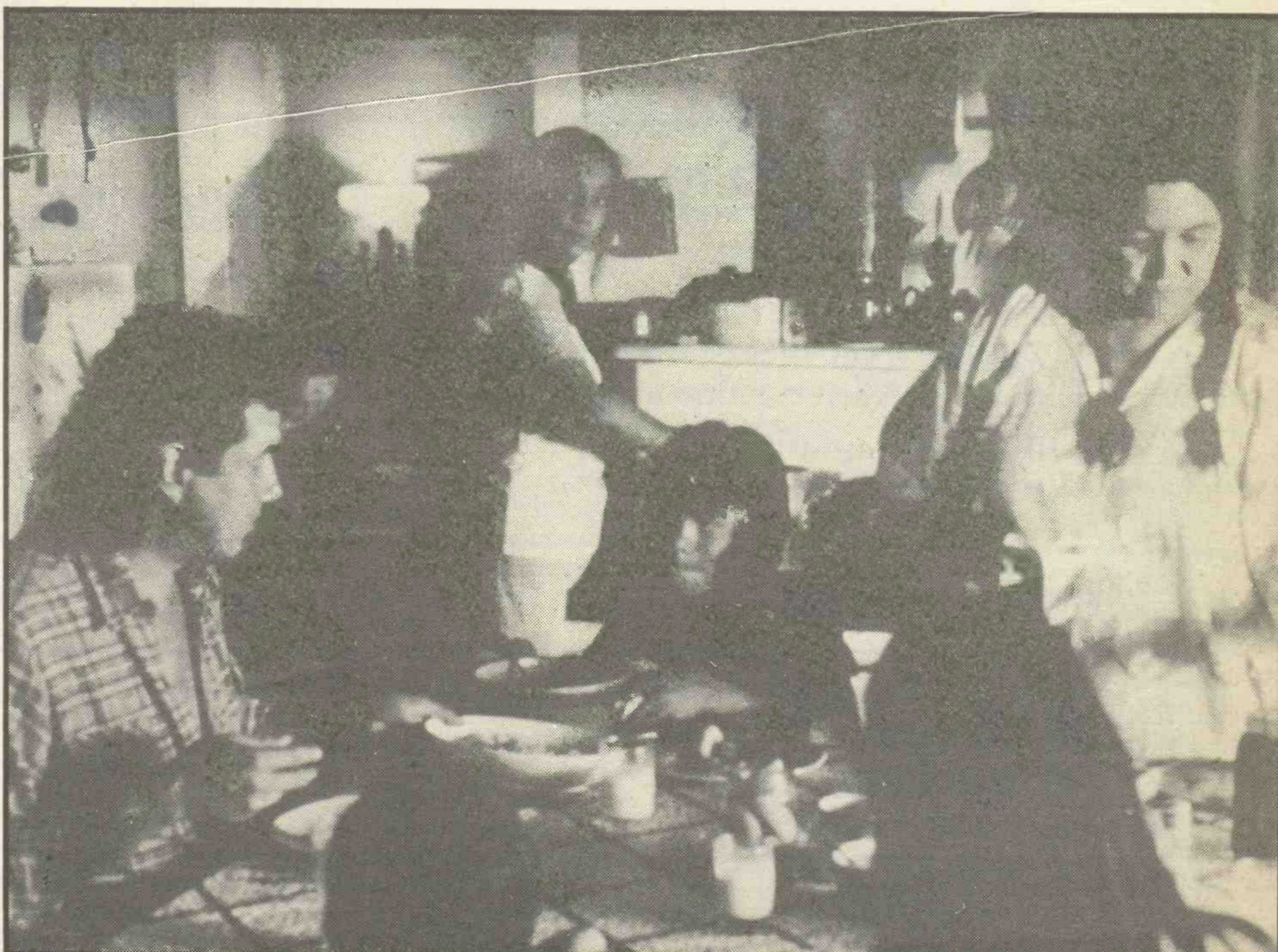
Eddy (Tom Jackson), in a local bar, Rosanne takes on a housekeeping job with the Suttons. Through circumstance, she and Lily are inadvertently drawn together. A close bond fast develops between them, perhaps too fast for the sake of reality but it does not detract from the

essence of the movie and one must bear in mind that the producers only have about two hours to work with.

The film contains a hidden element during much of the film in which the dark side of David is eventually revealed.

Throughout the film the

stark contrast of culture shines through; the "haves" versus the "have nots," the strong family ties of the Ladouceurs versus the detached and straining relationships of the Suttons, the basic day-to-day existence of the Ladouceurs versus the well provided for English family.



ON SCENE AT "LOYALTIES"  
...with plenty of Native talent



But, the real beauty of the film rests in its simplicity, naturalness and realism. The rudimentary bush life so common to Natives is accurately portrayed. Obviously, the producers and writers did their homework and must be commended for their efforts.

Director-writer-producer Anne Wheeler of Edmonton says they tried very hard to inject realism, to make the scenes as natural as possible. That requires sensitivity and, on that note, she and screenwriter Sharon Riis share the laurels. The results of their joint effort provide a true reflection of the character of the Native community.

The warm and congenial atmosphere is there. The sharing and giving nature of Native families protrudes. Additional supports stem from Eddy going fire fighting, Mom to a bingo, everyone to the coin laundry, loitering around town, watching the people who pass by, gossiping, piling into the back of a half-ton, and so on. All are symptomatic of the every day lifestyles.

Without the super acting of Cardinal, the movie would not achieve the success it enjoys. She definitely comes across as the dominant character with her strength, compassion, humor and straight-forward manners.

In effect, Cardinal "makes" the movie. Without her talented performance, it would have been nothing more than another "ho-hum" Canadian production.

The film is definitely good. It's solid and has emotion. Loyalties is not a large Hollywood production filled with multiple actors, scenes and so forth. It struggled through on a \$2.5 million budget but offers magnificent results.

The film industry is a tough one to crack but Loyalties might just be the kind of success that leads to subsequent success, especially for Cardinal, Wheeler and Riis.

Cardinal, originally from the hamlet of Anzac, just south of Fort McMurray, now resides in Saskatoon.

For Cardinal, "Loyalties" could be the big fish. "Everyone that's seen it,

things she's fantastic," boasts the director, Anne Wheeler. She further stated that, when it was shown at the festivals, people wanted to know why they haven't seen her before and made inquiries as to who her agent is and where she can be contacted.

This is Cardinal's first major role in a movie and it may forecast additional offers of movie contracts. She's been involved in theatrics and drama for some years and despite the frustrations and meagre existence experienced by budding actors and actresses, she never threw in the towel. It is a love and a life that she enjoys, that she thrives on.

If ever there was a victory song, Cardinal can sing it now. If she were to never act again, she'd still have every right to crow. As it stands though, Cardinal has already moved onto other things. She's in Toronto until early November to take part in the play, "Jessica."

From Toronto, it's on to Cape Breton for a bit part in another movie. After that, it's anybody's guess. Mine is that she'll be snapped up by other directors with offers to act in their movie(s).

When interviewed by "Windspeaker" about "Loyalties" receiving three and one-half and four star ratings as well as the raving reviews about her acting, Cardinal expressed extreme delight. "Wow! I was really pleasantly surprised," she said. "I didn't know it would be that emotionally received."

Speaking of emotions, Cardinal informed us that her role was a very emotional experience for her, right from the start to the finish.

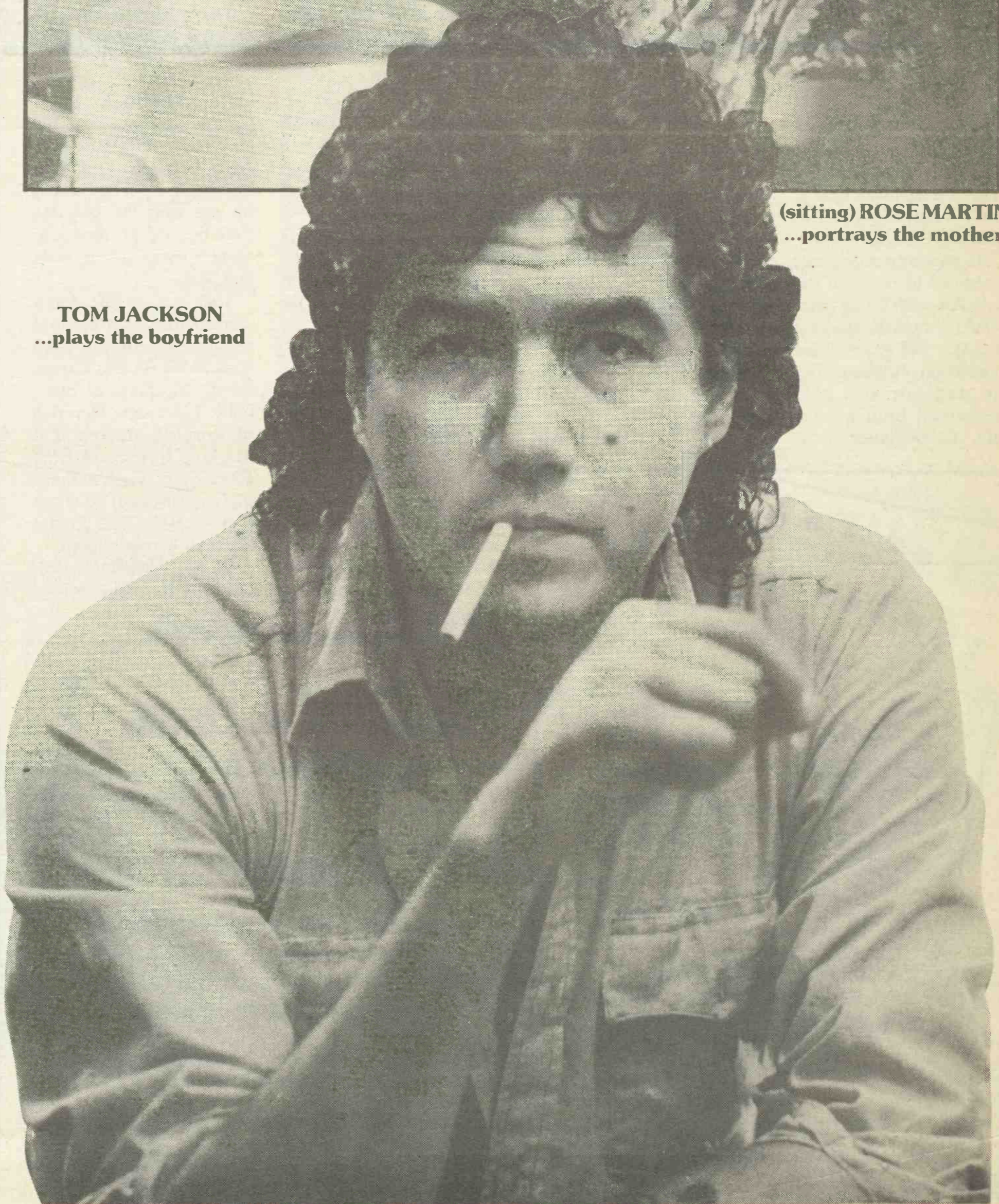
She said she first heard about the script the summer before it was shot and, at that time, she said, "I let it go in one ear and out the other." As for director Wheeler and writer Riis, they claim to have had Cardinal in mind for the role all along. Although several people competed for the part, screen tests proved Cardinal was the best choice for the role and we're happy about that. So are Wheeler and Riis.

A kose kwi yusk! Well done!



(sitting) ROSE MARTIN  
...portrays the mother

TOM JACKSON  
...plays the boyfriend



# Miss Metis Alberta '86



**By George Poitras**

Somewhat surprised and emotional, Rosemarie Mercredi, 18 of Fort McMurray was joyous and in tears as she accepted the crown of the 1986 Miss Metis Alberta pageant.

"I didn't expect this. I feel I had a lot of competition," said Mercredi after the pageant which was held at the Firemen's Hall in Edmonton, September 26.

The pageant was originally scheduled to occur at the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) Annual Assembly in August. But due to the cancellation of the assembly, the pageant was also postponed until a later date. Co-ordinator of the

pageant, Edna Forchuk, was a bit disappointed to see the crowd wasn't as big as she had anticipated. Although there was a small crowd on hand the show went well and Forchuk was pleased with that.

The first annual Miss Metis Alberta was held in conjunction with the Metis Assembly in Lac La Biche in August 1985 with Tracy Ladouceur being the first to win the pageant.

"Tracy will go down in history," said Forchuk in addressing the audience. "She was the first girl to win the crown, and during her reign as Miss Metis Alberta, she did everything that was expected of her."

Tracy attended many

functions and has acted as a role model for other youth. "She has helped create a dream and we are very proud of her," said Forchuk about Ladouceur, who was also in attendance.

The MCs for the evening were Kathy Sewell of Edmonton and Roxanne Miller of Saskatchewan. These two beautiful young ladies kept the audience entertained and amused with jokes as they presented the evening's activities. Sewell was also the MC for the first annual Miss Metis Alberta pageant in Lac La Biche. Miller is the daughter of the well-known author Maria Campbell, but chose not to be introduced in that manner.

Tracy Ladouceur and Rodney Sinclair entertained and began the show with a jig onstage, with music provided by the DJ. The crowd applauded to the tune of the fiddle, and even

more when the dance ended to appreciate the jiggling done by the two dancers.

The judging for the princess was left up to the nine panel members: Linda Jensen, Bert Crowfoot, Helen Medlock, Loro Carmen, Delia Grey, Bill Haineault, Ken Beaupre, Joey Hamelin and Roy Randolph Jr. They would be watching the girls for their beauty, confidence, speech presentation, walk and poise.

This year as last, there were three contestants contending for the 1986 Miss Metis Alberta crown: Sandy Nipshank of Slave Lake, Rosemarie Mercredi of Fort McMurray and Marlene Poitras of Fort Chipewyan. Each of these girls represented their home towns, but do not necessarily reside there.

Sandy Nipshank, 23, graduated from high school

in Slave Lake. She now attends NAIT in Edmonton in the architectural design program. Sandy speaks and understands some of her Cree language. She enjoys playing the guitar, drawing, drama, some sports and modern dancing.


Rosemarie Mercredi is originally from Fort Chipewyan but lived for many years in Fort McMurray where she has graduated from high school. She works and lives in Edmonton. Her job with the Mariposa store in the West Edmonton Mall is a "great job," as she puts it. Mercredi plans to attend college and take either a business administration or a drama course. She enjoys acting and sports.

As a receptionist for the Alberta Native Women's Association, Marlene Poitras gets to meet many interesting and important people. Poitras began a nursing program with the Blue

Quills Native Education Centre in St. Paul and plans to further it in the near future. She has had many years of education including one year of University of Calgary outreach program. Marlene enjoys playing the guitar and singing, dancing and listening to music. She also speaks and understands her Cree language.

Throughout the evening, the girls were judged in a fashion show hosted by Kathy Shirt of Edmonton. The girls modelled clothing designed and made by Shirt, who is originally from Saddle Lake. The mini-fashion show had the girls wearing some very elegant and aesthetic garments, some made up in the traditional Native taste while others were also contemporary. In this event, the contestants would be judged on their walk and poise. Even though it was the first time for some of the girls, they

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**ROSEMARIE MERCREDI**  
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sure did look professional up there and did a fine job of showing off the wonderful designs. Kathy Shirt has been a clothes designer for some 16 years.

The bathing suit competition again was also judged for the poise and walk of the contestants.

The formal speech segment of the contest was the final category of judging event for the girls. Each gave their ideas and thoughts on topics such as "what Metisism means to me," and "beauty and inner beauty." Competition was very strong and indeed the contest was close as the evening's competitions ended. The girls did a marvellous task as each

introduced their beauty, ideas and their wonderful charm. As Tracy Ladouceur said, "they're all winners as far as I'm concerned." And that was obvious as they stood onstage waiting for the final decision to be made.

During the waiting periods, local talent provided entertainment. Lillian Souray and Leonard Gauthier kept the crowd happy and stomping their feet to their music.

Also in the evening's schedule were some presentations to Edna Forchuk (co-ordinator), and Tracy Ladouceur (former Miss Metis Alberta). Forchuk was recognized for her outstanding ability



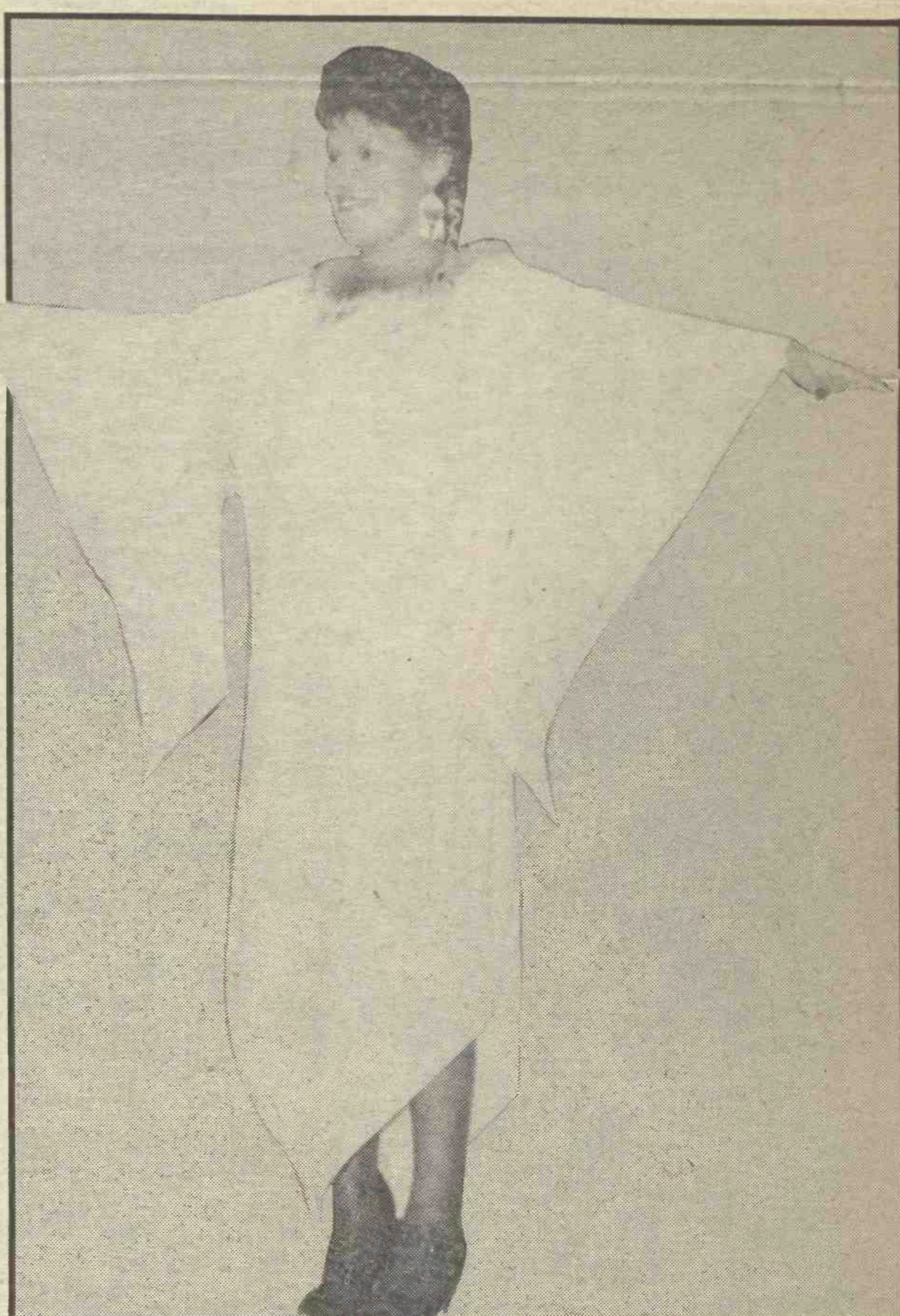
**SANDY NIPSHANK**  
...second runner-up

to co-ordinate the Miss Metis Alberta pageant and for the many long hours she has devoted. Forchuk in turn presented Tracy Ladouceur with a plaque which outlined her works as Miss Metis Alberta since winning her crown in August 1985. "She is truly a winner," said Forchuk of Tracy.

Ladouceur then spoke of her experiences since winning the first annual pageant. She says the pageant has added something new in her life ... a lot of responsibility. "You serve as a role model to enhance the Native youth's image," she says. "It's a great opportunity for young girls." In the past year Tracy has attended many functions in many communities throughout the province. She has represented Miss Metis Alberta at Expo in Vancouver, at the Native Business Summit in Toronto and at the Metis gathering in Batoche, Saskatchewan. She has been invited to attend functions from as far north as Canyon Creek to as far south as Lethbridge. Overall, Tracy said that her year has been exciting, she has met many people, and many positive aspects have resulted from being Miss Metis Alberta.

Finally, the moment everyone has been waiting anxiously for came. The envelope. "Second runner-up for the 1986 Miss Metis Alberta pageant, ladies and gentlemen, is Miss Sandy Nipshank. First runner-up, Miss Marlene Poitras. And the winner for the 1986 Miss Metis Alberta pageant is Rosemarie Mercredi."

Nipshank feels the contest was a great experience and



**MARLENE POITRAS**  
...first runner-up

says it will help her in many ways. She thanked Forchuk for her support and said she did a wonderful job as she pulled it off quite successfully. She wished Miss Metis Alberta 1986 well and hoped she would do well and follow her dreams.

"I feel really good about entering the contest," said Poitras. It has given me a good experience and I don't regret running for the pageant. I feel it helps build confidence as it was my first time speaking in public," she said. "I hope that other

girls will become encouraged to participate in future pageants."

Poitras wished Rosemarie the best of luck and hoped she would have a positive learning experience as she reigns as Miss Metis Alberta 1986.



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A series of 13 half hour programs based on various forms of Native entertainment which ranged from traditional dancing to the country scene were taped for television in co-operation with the CBC and AMMSA.

The co-production between the two organizations will go to air this winter, and both have deemed it a success.

The taping began earlier this year with the production of three episodes, used as a pilot project to see if the idea originating from AMMSA's proposal to the CBC was feasible enough to be considered for a series.

With the likes of Winston Wuttunee, Harry Rusk, Laura Vinson, hoop dancer Jerry Saddleback, country singer Terry Daniels, the Red River Wheelers and Kikino Northern Lites Square Dance clubs, the pilot projects were a success which opened the door for 10 more to be taped for a series.

The taping began on September 15, with a

fashion show of contemporary Native designs by Creations designer, Kathy Shirt. The Whispering River Band made up the rest of the program, supplying music for the modules and entertainment of their own.

On the second show, Lillian Souray, originally from the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement, along with another lady, Darlene Coulstring, were featured.

Other shows over the two week taping had such artists as Christine Daniels and the White Braid Society traditional dancers, Metis historian and singer Terry Lusty, Ojibway country performer Percy Tuesday, Native ballad and folk singer Chuckie Beaver from Wabasca, and Metis lady fiddler Caroline Von Grad.

Other performers were Elvis Grey along with Bill Hersh, Teri House and Mic Mac Doug Coulstring from Nova Scotia, Cree recording artist Don Bouvette and Jody Callihoo. Cheeko Desjarlais and her Native Metal designs along with Native modules graced the stage of Native Nashville North.

Winston Wuttunee did a second performance along with the Elizabeth Junior Travellers from the Elizabeth Metis Settlement.

All of the shows offered a variety of entertainment,

with none of them outdoing the other. Some were more geared to the traditional side of Native life while others beamed with country and rock Native performers, sometimes moving at a fast pace with much up tempo country numbers.

Although a Monday evening is usually not the time of day that people in general want to take in a show, the enthusiasm shown by supporters and people looking to sit back and enjoy the show, was overwhelming.

All through the week, except on two occasions, the 60-chair seating arrangement was full.

Native Nashville North was a success for Native people everywhere. It gave the performers a chance to show their talent and with the move toward a more country scene in Canada, it gave performers a chance to be recognized, on television for the talents they possess.

Native Nashville North more then likely will continue in the not too distant future. If you are interested in appearing on the program, please contact Rocky Woodward at 455-2700.

The show is based on Native awareness, although its concept is not to alienate itself from the country music scene.

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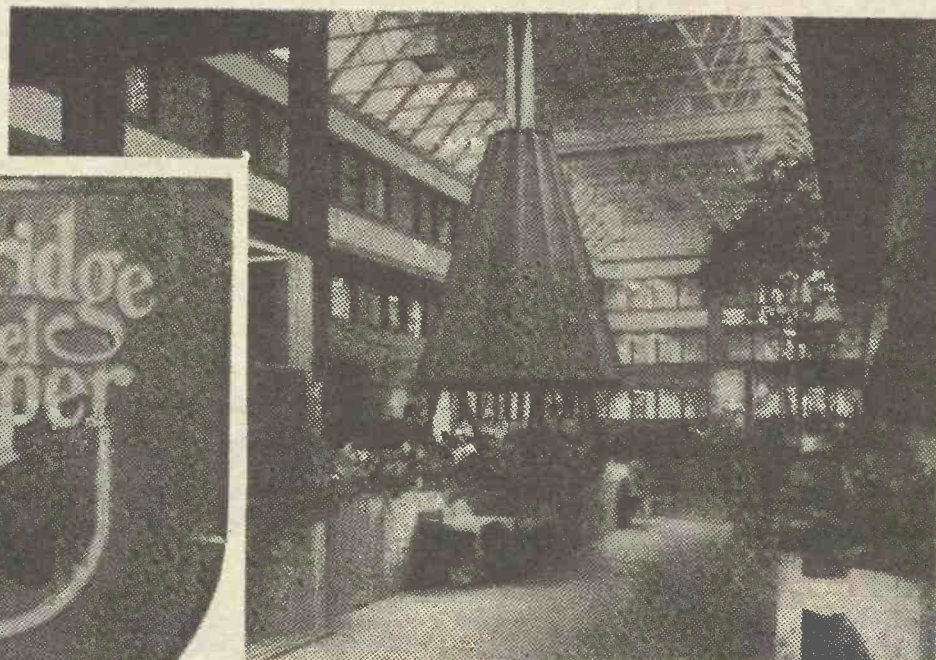
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## Fort Vermillion plans bicentennial

By George Poitras

**FORT VERMILION** — Two hundred years of rich history. This is what Fort Vermilion and district will be celebrating in 1988, also marking Alberta's first bicentennial celebration.

And organizers want Native people to play an important part in those celebrations.

In addition to the many events scheduled throughout the 1988 calendar year, the Bicentennial Committee plans to publish a written and pictorial history of the Fort Vermilion and district region in book form. "If there's some way information could be gathered and documented for future reference, this would be super," said Marilee Toews of the Bicentennial Committee.

Recorded exploration, trade and settlement in the area began in 1788. That year the Northwest Company established one of its first Alberta trading posts on the banks of the Peace River, near what is now Fort Vermilion. This post, known then as "Old Establishment," marked the extension of the fur trade into north-central Alberta and subsequent settlement of the region.

"Old Establishment" was built by Charles Boyer of the Northwest Company during the 1787-88 period, at the mouth of Boyer River. The current Fort Vermilion site, as indicated by records, was established in 1828-1830. A number of posts were built between 1788 and 1830 and later abandoned, names of the forts varied and Fort Vermilion was only one among them.

Preceding the recorded history of the white "outsiders," the Cree and the Dene Tha inhabited this region for many generations. The Native people of this area are an important component of its history and today the area has the Tall Cree, Little Red River, Dene Tha and the Boyer Bands. They constitute a significant part of the area's population.

The Bicentennial Committee is seeking help from former residents and other interested people. Information such as names and places, special dates, why people came, when they arrived, where from, how they came, etc. would be helpful in documenting the material to be used in the history book and also for special activities planned in 1988. These selections, using many personal memories and stories, will of course make this book very interesting and more unique. Other helpful information may be family histories, private manuscripts, oral histories (taped or written), old letters, pioneer diaries,

scrapbooks, photographs, sketches, community surveys, local records, church records, government records, maps and plans, information files, minutes from clubs and societies, old newspapers or magazines, data from archives or libraries or any other useful source materials.

Being in the beginning stages of their planning, the committee has no definite dates set for any special functions to be held in 1988. Working as a volunteer group of 12, the committee was formed in October 1985 as a sub-committee of the Fort Vermilion and District Recreation Board. Headquarters for the committee is the Culture Room of the Community and Cultural Complex.

Some proposed activities and events being considered are: bicentennial balls in Christmas 1987 and Christmas 1988; a canoe trip from Fort Vermilion to Fort Chipewyan; a commemorative coin; cultural displays; dignitaries (VIP Program); fall fair; fireworks; official opening ceremonies; an Olympic Torch visit; rodeo; special mail run; traditional Native tea dances; and a winter carnival, to name a few.

A Homecoming '88 is planned for July 19 to August 9, 1988. Anyone wishing invitations to mail to former residents please contact the committee.

Playing a significant role in the history of the region, the Native people's participation is strongly being sought by the committee.

Although some Indian bands have indicated interest in contributing to mark the Centennial, the committee is also seeking information from former residents who would have information pertinent to the early years of settlement and trade in the area. From the Native aspect, information such as the following would be appreciated: the various tribes in the area; their ways of life; patriarchs and matriarchs; chiefs and medicine men; spirituality and ceremony; customs; artistry; industry and commerce; services - changes in Native education, medical or social life; recreation, etc. Again, any photographs, names and places, dates, diaries, and histories would be very welcome.

Any inquiries, information, or submissions may be directed to the Bicentennial Committee, Box 1788, Fort Vermilion, Alberta, T0H 1N0, or phone Al Toews, chairman, at 927-3491.

Participation in Alberta's first Bicentennial celebration promises to be a very important event for the benefit of the entire region. Enthusiasm is being shown as many organizations and agencies pledge their support.

# Rita Houle Memorial Award nominations being taken now

By Ivan Morin

She had the potential to be a great athlete. She was a fine person who cared deeply for others and showed it in her everyday life. But most of all, she was the dream that didn't die. She was Rita Houle.

The Seventh Annual Rita Houle Memorial Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 8, the athlete who was stricken by cancer at the tender age of 20. The banquet is held annually, to honor the Alberta Native male and female athlete of the year, and to pay tribute to Rita, who was once

described as "a credit to her race."

Nominations are now being accepted for this year's male and female athletes of the year. To qualify for the award, nominees must be between the ages of 14 and 20 on the date of the nomination. Candidates for the award must be nominated by a Native Friendship Centre, Tribal Council, Metis Local or Settlement, or any other "registered" Native organization. The nominees must also have been a resident of Alberta for a minimum of three (3) years.

Rita Houle was the

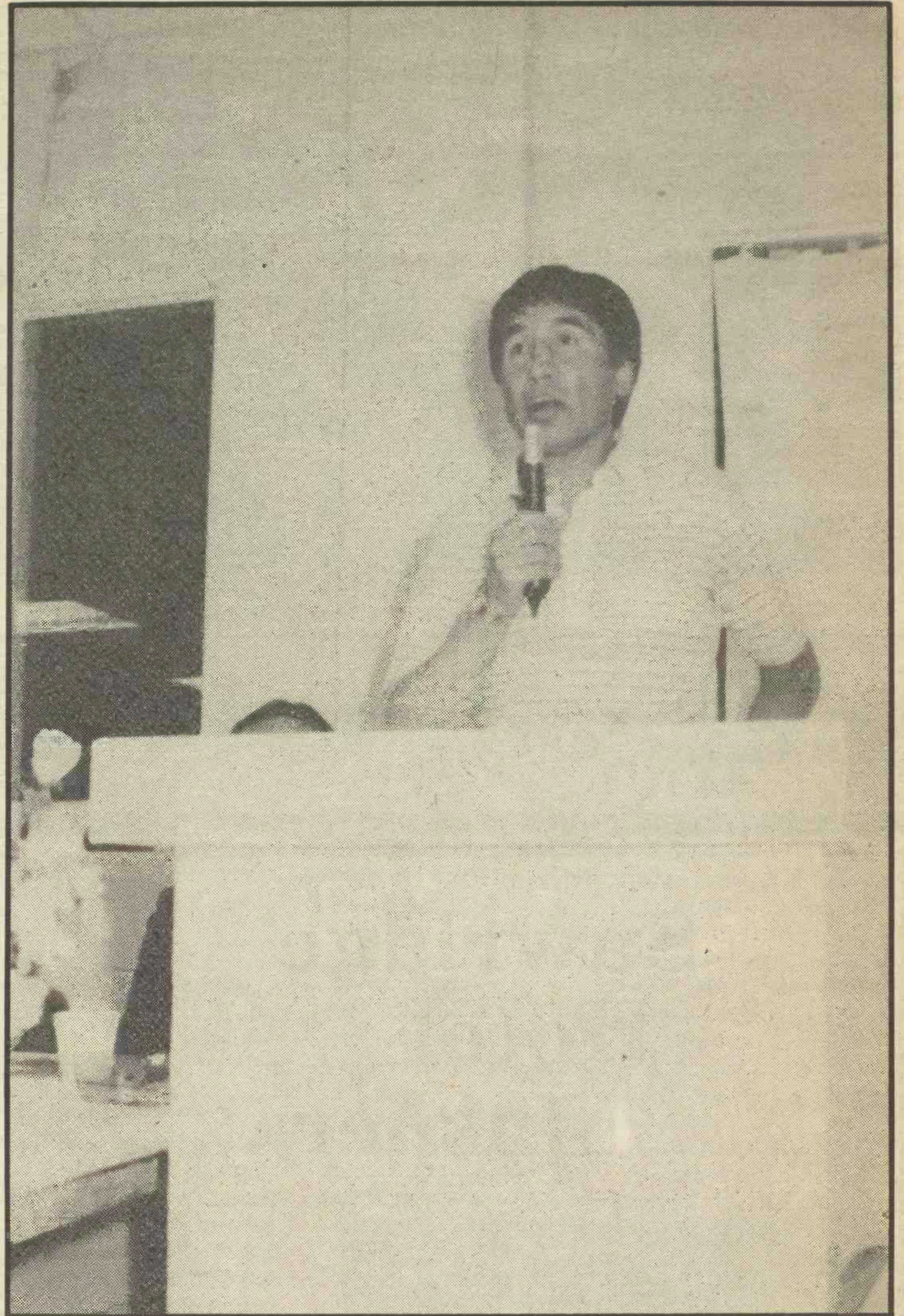
epitome of what a person should be in her work as a volunteer at Edmonton's Canadian Native Friendship Centre and in her many accomplishments in the sporting field. Judges of the Rita Houle Memorial Award will be looking for these qualities in the nominees for this year's award. A willingness to volunteer and assist with a local organization or community, and athletic and academic achievements will be considerations for the award winners.

Winners of the Rita Houle Memorial Award will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, from the provincial government to further their education and athletic abilities.

This year's special guest will be Jim Neilson, former National Hockey League player with the New York Rangers.

All applications must be submitted by October 31, 1986, and all applications must include a recent photograph of the nominee and references from schools, employers, coaches, and/or communities.

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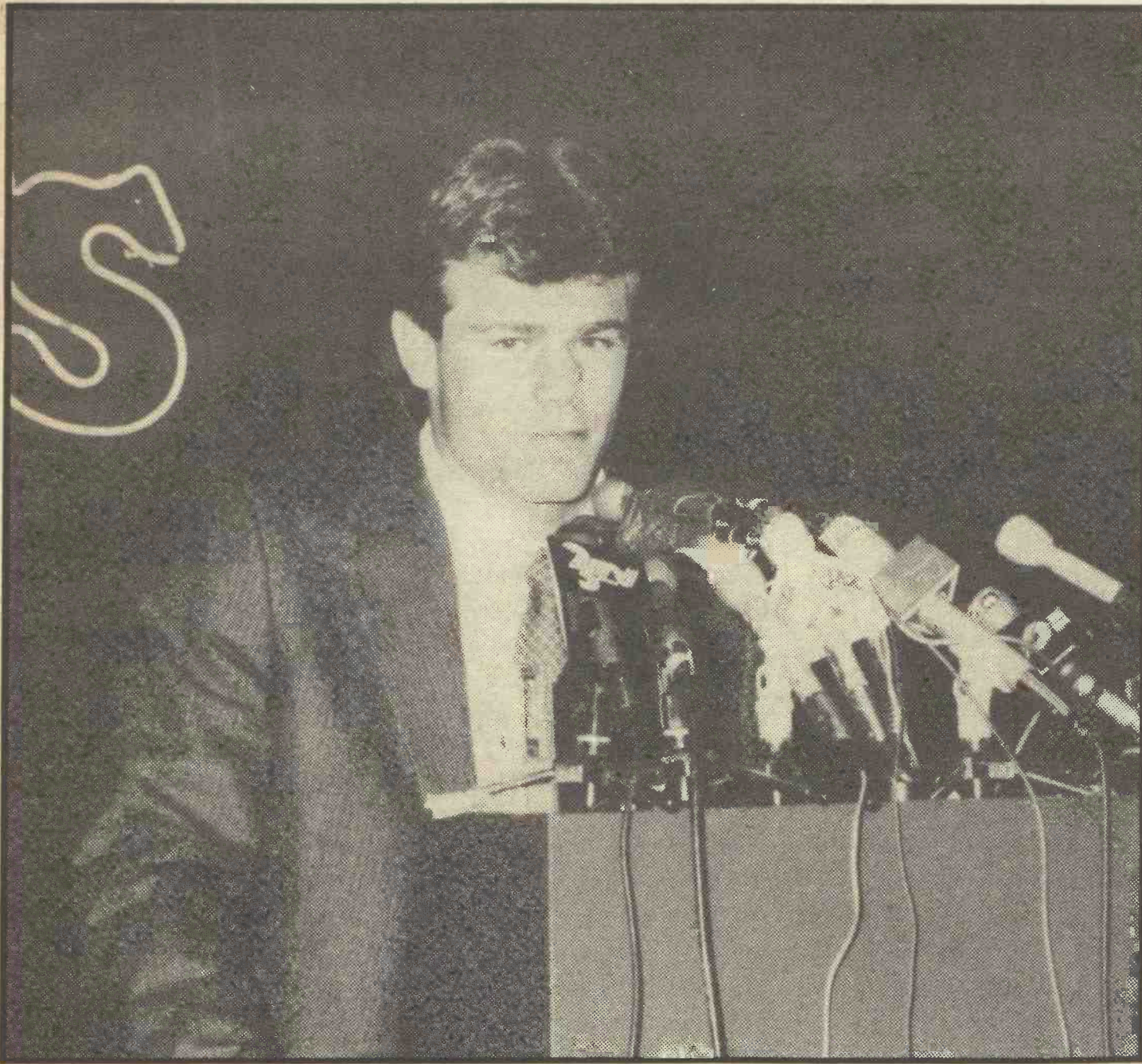
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**WILLIE deWIT**  
...defeated Andrew Stokes

## deWit wins again

By Ivan Morin

There was Duane Bobick, Joe Bugner, and Gerry Cooney — all called "the Great White Hope" in boxing circles, and all failing in their efforts to win a world heavyweight title.

Nobody's called Canadian Heavyweight Champion Willie deWit a Great White Hope just yet, but as his record continues to look world class, he's bound to be pinned with the name.

In his non-title fight against Andrew Stokes at the Edmonton Agricom on September 30, deWit showed once again that he can do something new every fight and win.

Through 10 rounds, deWit scored to the head and twice knocked Stokes to the canvass with his devastating body shots. Stokes for his part was willing to mix it up and gave the crowd of slightly more than 4,000 their money's worth.

deWit began this fight much like he always does, moving and using his potent jab to easily win the first three rounds. In the fourth round, with blood literally flying from his nose, Stokes fought back to earn an even round.

Rounds five and six could have been scored even as neither deWit nor Stokes managed to gain the upper hand. As his blood flew, so did Stokes in the seventh round, catching deWit with a series of left-right combinations and giving the partisan crowd a bit of scare. deWit once again showed he could take a punch in surviving the seventh round, and fighting his way out of trouble in the final seconds of the round.

In his title-winning fight against Ken Lakusta last June, deWit said "if you hit the body the head will fall," and he made good on that prophecy as deWit pummeled Stokes with hard rights to the body through the last three rounds.

The official score cards read: 100-91; 100-92; 99-92 — a unanimous decision for deWit.

In the post-fight interview, deWit said that Stokes is the toughest fight that he has fought to date. And what impressed Stokes most about Willie deWit? "He won."

In the semi-main event, Young Demsey, who was showcasing himself for a possible Canadian Heavyweight Championship title match against deWit, didn't fight like a fighter on a pedestal in his match against Rubin Williams.

Dempsey was expected to outbox and possibly knock out Williams in this fight, but Williams proved to be a durable fighter lasting the full 10 rounds of the match and coming out on the short end of the score cards, which read 99-92, 98-24, and 97-95.

What about Dempsey's chance for a heavyweight title match? I asked Rod Proudfoot, deWit's promoter, and business manager, "Dempsey is not in Willie's class," was his answer.

In other matches, Harpal Talhan of Edmonton dominated a gamey Gord Hannah of Fort St. John, B.C., winning the fight by a unanimous decision.

In his first match as a professional boxer, Edmonton's Kelly Perlette showed the same hard fighting stuff he had as an amateur at the Cougar Boxing Club by scoring a unanimous decision over

Benji Williams in their four rounder.

And in the final bout of the evening, High Prairie native Stan Cunningham fought his way to a unanimous decision over Sid Williams.

The next fight card for the Edmonton area will be the Ken Lakusta - Razor Ruddock matchup which is going to be held in early November. The exact date isn't known because of an injury to Ruddock. Rumor has it that a stand-in will be found for a November 9 matchup at the Agricom. If it does come off, Rufus "Hurricane" Handley is set to tangle with Conroy Nelson in another heavyweight match on the card. Handley fought an exhibition match with his friend and sparring partner Ken Lakusta at the Sawridge Hotel in Slave Lake for Alex Courtorielle and the Friendship Centre.

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**Sports Roundup**

**By Ivan Morin**

It's only Tuesday and already I've had a rough week. Well, if nothing else, I ended last week on a good note by going out and taking pictures at the Miss Metis Alberta Pageant which was held here in Edmonton and won by Rosemarie Mercredi of Fort Chipewyan, representing Fort McMurray.

One of the major setbacks I've had this week is I've somehow inherited a flu of sort, and that has done wonders to my energy level.

Energy isn't a problem in Fort McMurray, as Ed Courtorielle tells in the following report from the Nistawoyou Friendship Centre.

**FORT McMURRAY** - Ed and all his volunteers up there in Fort McMurray have just put away their summer cloaks and are preparing to throw on the

winter garb for the winter program. Before we tell you about all that, let's start with a recap of some of their summer achievements.

The Nistawoyou Rowdies came up the winners in the slow-pitch league that they played in over the summer. While the Lakers didn't win any titles in senior fastball, Ed sez they have nothing to be ashamed of as they played well throughout the summer.

Another team which didn't win the world series but gained a lot of experience over the summer was the boys' baseball team the Breakers which was sponsored by the Nistawoyou Friendship Centre.

Winners is the only way to describe the track and field team from the friendship centre, which boasts last year's Alberta Native Athlete of the Year, Roddy Castor, and numerous other promising athletes. The Nistawoyou Friendship Centre team came out of Lethbridge and the Friends of Sports Games with 13 medals. Roddy won a gold medal in every event he entered, helping in the medal count. Others making the trip to Lethbridge included Tanya Dakin (who won 3 medals), Geraldine Loutitt; Cheryl Castor, Renee Doucette and Clayton Kootenay.

Another young athlete from the Fort McMurray area deserving a little attention is Dean Duperone, who placed at the Alberta Track and Field Championships, and won a silver at the Western Canadian Finals held in Winnipeg.

Ed also had the opportunity to take four of his athletes to the Legion's camp for accomplished provincial athletes.

Overall, Ed says, he's pretty pleased with the way his summer program went.

So, what have they got for an encore. Well they've just started to plan for their winter programs which will include, recreational swimming, indoor track and field, roller skating, cross country skiing and some boxing for the more feisty kids.

The centre will also be sponsoring a men's hockey team as well as a basketball team. Volleyball will be another big item for the winter, as the Nistawoyou Friendship Centre will have the ladies playing in their own league and probably making things a lot better on the co-ed courts. As has happened in the past, the centre will feature a family recreation night. Scheduling has been a problem at this time, but Ed said he'll find a place for it.

The friendship centre also involves itself in a few special events projects throughout the winter like the

Oldtimers Banquet, and the Fort McMurray Winter Carnival which feature the King and Queen of the North contest.

For further information on any of this, call Ed Courtorielle at 743-8555.

**PAUL BAND** - Alex Belcourt reports that he and his crew at the Paul Band Recreation are just getting the winter program underway.

Hockey is a big item for the band, so they have a full schedule of hockey from the atoms to the seniors. Somewhere in between there you should try to see the pride of the Paul Band, Adrian Bull, who last year played for the Paul Band Falcons.

Adrian was the winner of the Minor Hockey Player of the Year trophy at the award ceremonies I attended back in April. And if you happen to have the opportunity to catch a Paul Band Chiefs game, you might want to take note of Billy Adams, the winner of last years Senior Hockey Player of the Year.

Over the past couple of weeks the Paul Band has been staging a hockey school hoping to turn out more players like Adrian. The school runs for another week or so.

If you have any questions about the Paul Band recreation activities, I'm sure Alex wouldn't mind if you called him at 428-0178.

**ALEXANDER** - Guess what? The Alexander Oldtimers aren't having a tournament on October 29 and 30, like I wrote in last week's paper. I just got off the phone with Tony Arcand who tells me he doesn't know anything about it. And his name was one of the names given to me as a contact. Sorry about that, Tony and Norm.

**EDMONTON** - I went to the fights again and got to see the beginning of a professional boxing career for Stan Cunningham from High Prairie. Stan used to box for Harry Laboucane up there at the friendship centre and is now fighting out of the Panthers Boxing Club here in Edmonton.

Stan won a four-round unanimous decision over Sid Williams of Surrey, B.C. Stan had other commitments last night and couldn't stick around for an interview, but he did promise to get back to me so we can tell you more about him and his boxing goals and feats.

Well, that about does it for another Sports Roundup. We'll catch you again next week.

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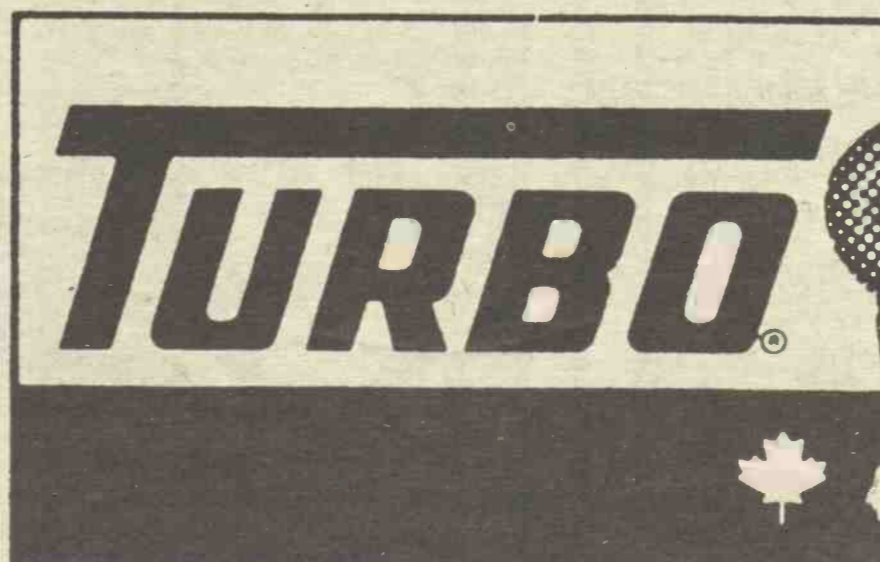
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# The Pumper People

# INTERVIEW: Bill McKnight

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**McKNIGHT:** With the wildlife legislation, those changes (restricting the rights of Native hunters and fishermen) were made prior to 1982 and we are as a department, in Alberta and in other parts of Canada, involved with programs to support the industry of the Indian people. We have some cases, such as the Baker Lake case, that says that may be traditional gathering rights. But it isn't well defined, so at the present time we're working in support of the industry. In the British Columbia examples, some of them are in court or going to court. We haven't been able, with provincial governments, to change anything that had been previously set by provincial government.

## SUPPORT FOR TRAPPERS

**WINDSPEAKER:** In recent times, the Ontario and Toronto humane societies were seized by animal-rights activists, threatening the livelihood of Native hunters and trappers. What actions will the ministry be taking?

**McKNIGHT:** Right now, I'm awaiting the report of the standing committee, which will have their fur report out in the very near future. After that report is issued, I'll be addressing it and, depending what's in it, that's where we'll come from. I recognize that — particularly in the North, but also in the northern part of south of 60 — it is an industry that has the ability to bring economic benefit to not just Indian people, but non-Indian and non-Aboriginal people. I hope that whatever consideration the standing committee is giving it, that it addresses that very important issue. I find it a bit strange that with all the work we're doing in the humane trapping area and with new designs coming out, that people from outside of an area that we recognize as being different from a metropolitan area, are insisting on changes that they really don't know the ramifications of. It's impacting on a very important way of life and on an industry that will benefit people economically.

## MINISTERIAL CONTROL

**WINDSPEAKER:** An issue that came up in the matter of the Manitoba chiefs (forcing an audit of DIA in southern Manitoba) was ministerial control of the department. Is there any internal control that you'll be bringing on?

**McKNIGHT:** The ministry has been reorganized at the management level and that reorganization is now going forward into the field and down through the layers. The difficulty of a minister who spends so much time at 35,000 feet is assuring the political direction of his department (provides) a contradiction. At the same time that I'm criticized, I believe unjustly, for not consulting directly with Indian bands or Aboriginal people, you can't be out there and you can't be here (running things) at the same time. I believe the officials in the department will respond to my political direction. I cannot replace 5,000 people by myself and four people in my ministerial office, so I have to rely on my officials. But I believe they will respond to the political

direction of the government.

I just had a meeting in northern Manitoba with 41 bands where we signed a memorandum of understanding that we would address issues in a formulated way where we would be able to focus our discussions as to issues that were put forward by the 41 bands that I met with in the north, and I think it's productive. Some of the northern bands that I met with previously had made allegations about the department's past history and the department responded not in a way to justify but in way of explanation and I am waiting for a response from the southern bands to that departmental explanation.

## FINISHING CROMBIE'S PLANS

**WINDSPEAKER:** Another concern is your completion of Mr. Crombie's initiatives.

**McKNIGHT:** Mr. Crombie, I think, built a foundation that I can put some form and structure to. We may have different styles, but we both operate under the policy direction of government — that includes Cabinet — and we'll build on the successes of Mr. Crombie. Who knows, I may even have some of my own.



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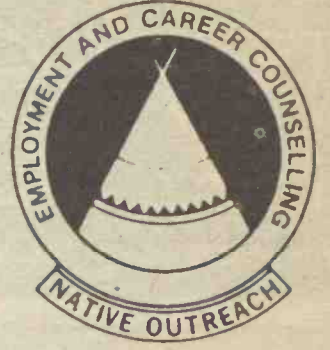
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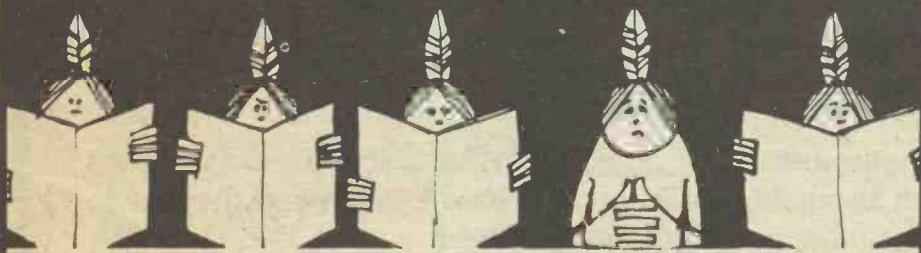
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Northland School Division No. 61 will hold its next Regular Meeting on Friday, October 17, commencing at 7:00 p.m., and continuing on Saturday, October 18, 1986, at the Northland School Division Board Room in Peace River, Alberta.

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

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

**G. de Kleine  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Northland School Division No. 61**



Northland SCHOOL DIVISION No. 61

## The Windspeaker Calendar of Events

Check it out!



- Multi-Cultural Education Conference**, November 7 - 9, 1986, University of Lethbridge Campus. For more information contact Gail Irani, Four Worlds Development Project - 329-2184.
- Fall Horse Show - Panee Agriplex**, Horse & Cattle Sale, October 14, 1986 at 6:30 p.m. Hobbema. Contact Irene at 783-4744.
- Alexander Oldtimers Earlybird Hockey Tournament**, October 29 & 30, 1986. For information call Tony Arcand or Norm Kootenay at the Band office, 939-5887.
- Ermineskin Stampede Association - BINGO** - October 9, 16, 23 & 30, 1986, Hobbema. (Doors open at 6 p.m.) Contact Warren at 585-3770.
- Lakeland Rodeo Finals "Showdown '86"**, October 17, 18 & 19, 1986, Camrose.
- CCA Rodeo Finals**, October 31, November 1 & 2, Lloydminster.
- Native Arts & Crafts Show & Sale**, November 22, 1986, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sagitawa Friendship Centre, Peace River. Everyone invited to attend.
- Memorial Hockey Tournament**, December 26, 27 & 28, 1986, Saddle Lake.
- Hockey Tournament**, December 27 & 28, 1986, Kehewin.

# Alberta Career Centre

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Alberta Career Centres provide a range of services and resources to assist adult Albertans with career planning. You are invited to attend an Orientation Session in order to get information about a variety of options before selecting the service that best meets your needs.

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- interview techniques
- strategies for finding jobs

### RESOURCE LIBRARY

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- information about job options

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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- for training on the job
- wage subsidy programs

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## Kainai News to be indexed and summarized on computer

Kainai News of Standoff has been publishing information and news of importance to Indian people since its inception in 1968.

Now, anthropology professor Keith Parry is creating a valuable reference tool by creating a computerized index and summary of every story ever printed in the newspaper.

Gathering and storing the information of Kainai News started from Dr. Parry's personal interest and research in the social development of Indian people.

"As far as I'm concerned, the Kainai News is an important document in Indian history," Dr. Parry observes. "I needed all the information from the papers in my office, and, if I was going to do this project, I figured I might as well do it for everybody's access."

Dr. Parry says each article is reduced to the headline, a short summary, an index phrase and one or more key index words, all of which are entered into the computer.

The project began this past summer. Dr. Parry was assisted by student

Rob Ficiur, working on a government STEP grant.

With the STEP program now finished, Dr. Parry plans to start again next spring. So far, they have all of the 1980 issues and parts of the 1968 and 1981 issues stored in the computer, more than 1,000 articles in all.

Dr. Parry estimates it will take two years to complete the entire project. Tapes will be available at the National Archives, Glenbow Museum, Kainai News and the University of Lethbridge, Dr. Parry says.

This year, as in years past we are supporters of **Fire Prevention Week**. Fire Prevention and the awareness programs it brings can stop you from becoming a statistic. Be alert! Take preventive measures.

- Do not leave burning cigarettes unattended.
- Be sure your chimney and fireplace is clean before use.
- Electric elements are dangerous. Be sure to turn them off when not in use.
- Have a fire extinguisher handy.
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## NOTICE TO PARENTS

The School Board believes that regular attendance is a necessary requirement of all pupils registered in the School Division. The primary responsibility for ensuring **regular attendance** rests with the pupil and his/her parents in accordance with the School Act.

Regular attendance is a legal requirement for all pupils up to the age of sixteen (16) years and a necessary requirement of all pupils enrolled, regardless of their age, if they are to receive the maximum benefit from the programs being offered.

A person who has reached the age of 16 years is no longer compelled, under the law, to attend school. **However, once a decision to continue studies is made, pupils who are 16 years of age or older must abide by the rules, regulations and policies of the school and School board.**

It is further the opinion of the School Board that developing habits of regular attendance at school and accepting the responsibility for regular attendance has the potential for worthwhile and necessary carry over to the day when pupils leave the public school system to further their education elsewhere or to pursue careers in the world of work. The introduction of higher achievement standards by the Provincial Government through the Secondary School Review means close communication between the home and school is needed. We urge you to keep in touch with the school administration and staff regarding the progress of your children.

In support of these beliefs, the School Board has set out guidelines to assist administrators, teachers, pupils and parents who all must play an important role if the common goals of regular attendance and academic achievement are to be achieved.

The tragedy is that guidelines providing for either in-school suspensions or complete expulsion from school should not be necessary.

## Cardston School Division No. 2

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# National

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For more information contact Crossroads Local Committee Co-ordinator, Carmen Plante, who is selecting volunteers now at 454-9032.

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For more information contact Ben Whiskeyjack at 826-3328.

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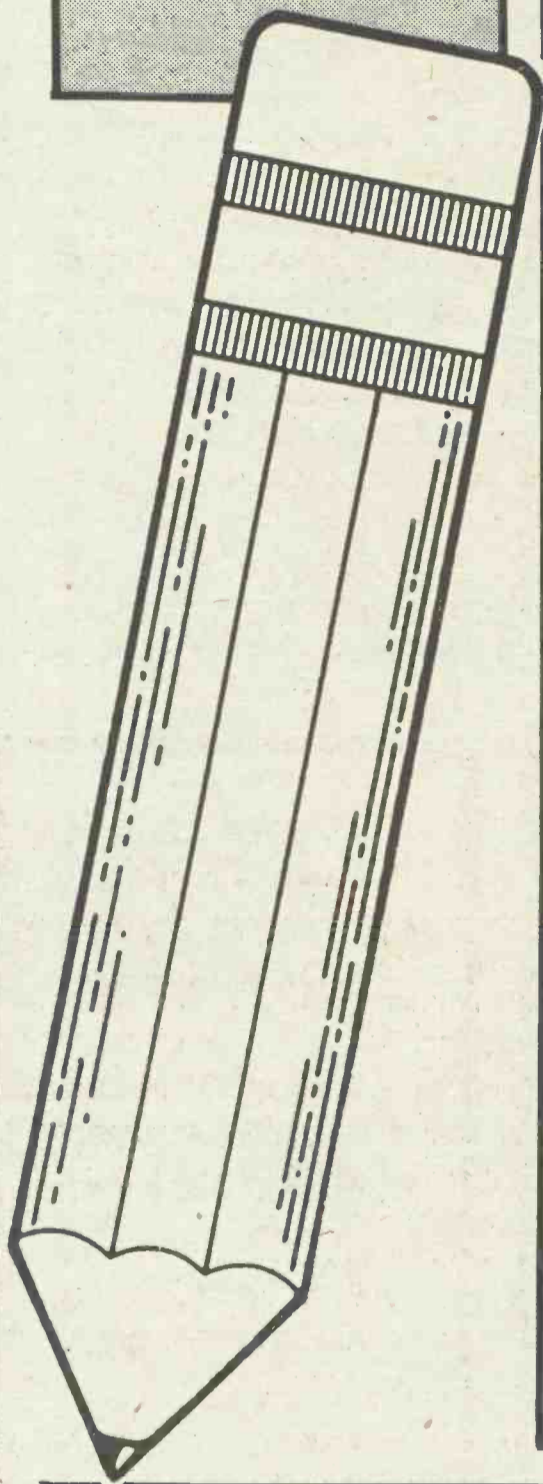
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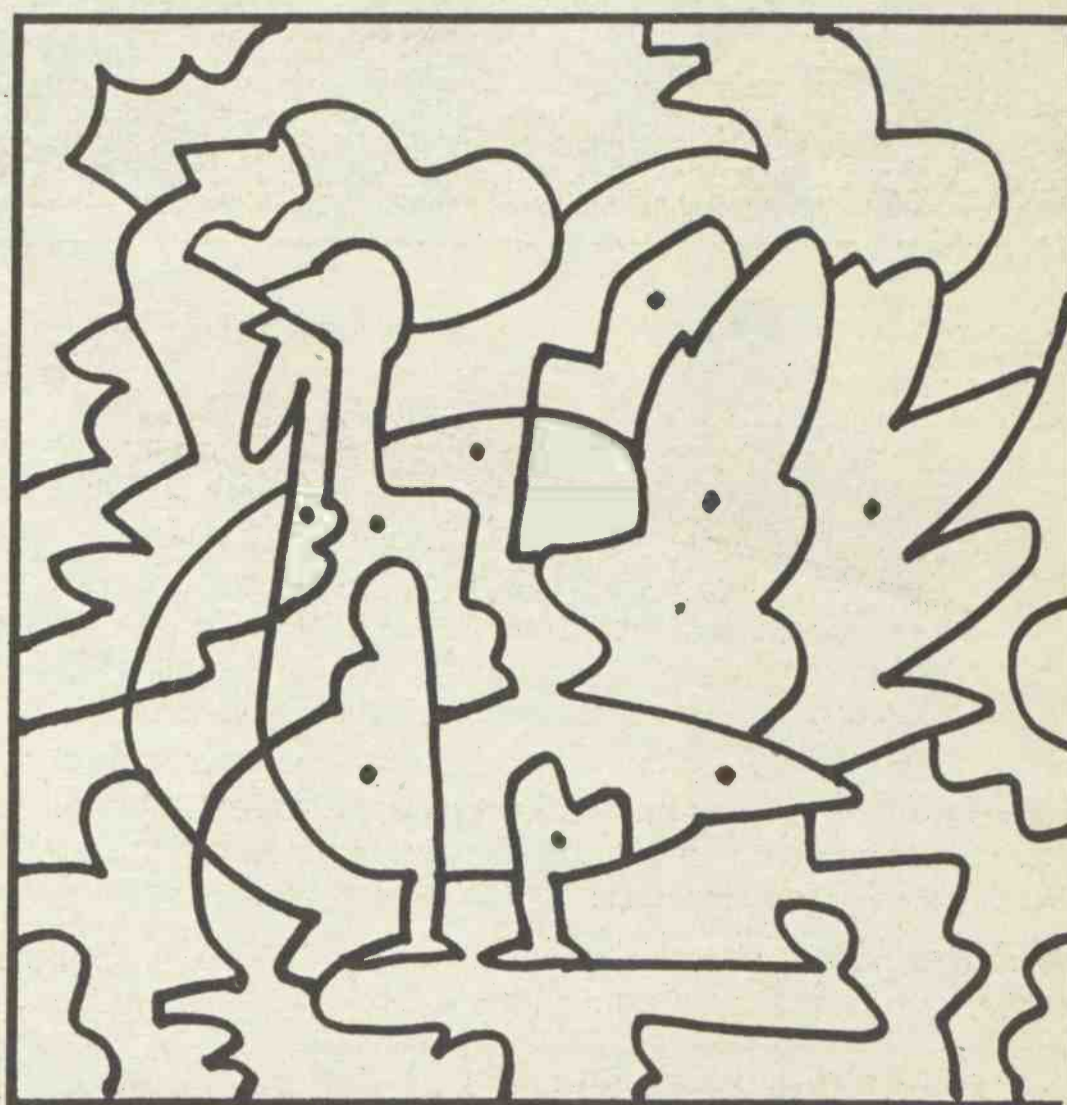
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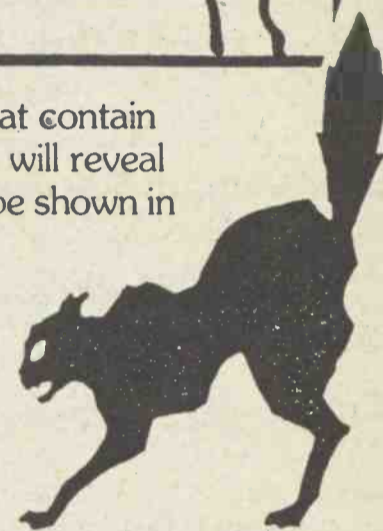
## WINDSPEAKER PICTOGRAM

By Kim McLain



Use a pen or pencil and fill in the segments that contain a dot. If done correctly, the filled in segments will reveal a hidden picture. This week's pictogram will be shown in next week's paper in completed form.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



## WINDSPEAKER WORDSEARCH

By John Copley

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

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#### WORDLIST

##### 3 - letter

Bow  
Dye  
Fan  
Hem  
Tie  
Lap

##### 4 - letter

Bead  
Belt  
Disc  
Flag  
Hoop  
Knot  
Robe  
Seam  
Wire  
Yarn

##### 5 - letter

Bells  
Color  
Crest  
Satin

##### 6 - letter

Design  
Makeup  
Mirror

Plumes  
Shield

##### 7 - letter

Bandana  
Bustles  
Earring  
Harness  
Leisure  
Whistle

##### 8 - letter

Armbands  
Identity  
Leggings  
Warshirt

##### 9 - letter

Headdress  
Headroach  
Moosehide

##### 10 - letter

Individual  
Sunglasses

##### 11 - letter

Starblanket  
Traditional

#### LAST WEEK'S:

Hi there! Guess you had trouble doing last week's puzzle too, eh? Oops! Sorry about that. A small error on our part really threw this puzzle out of shape. We'll re-run it properly at a later date. In the meantime — try this one — it works!



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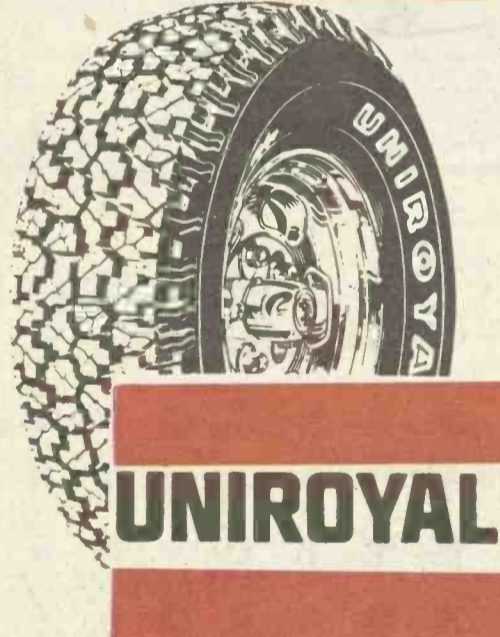
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