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Lubicon land claim gets gov't negotiator

By Lesley Crossingham

The Lubicon Lake land claim has been brought closer to home with the appointment of a Calgary lawyer as federal negotiator with the northern Cree band.

After making the announcement during a Calgary Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday Oct. 5, Minister of Indian Affairs Bill McKnight said the decision to appoint Calgary lawyer, Brian Malone as negotiator was not in reaction to the Lubicon Lake band's boycott campaign against the Calgary winter Olympic Games and the Glenbow Museum's Spirit Sings exhibition of Native artifacts.

"It has absolutely nothing to do with the games," said McKnight to reporters adding that Ottawa has been willing to negotiate with the band for years.

McKnight also promised the independent report by E. Davie Fulton, a former federal cabinet minister would be used in negotiation. However, he dodged reporters questions on when the report would be released to the public saying the media "had already seen it."

The Calgary Herald recently obtained a copy of the report, however, the report has not been officially released. The report states that the band has about 400 members, but the federal government has insisted that there are only about 200 members based on the number of registered status Indians.

The McKnight announcement was made after members of the media were informed that the name of the new negotiator would be released during the luncheon. However, Chief Bernard of the Lubicon Lake band says he was not informed.

"If they were serious in resuming negotiations, it seems to me that they would at least tell us they would be making an announcement," said the chief.

The minister, who is also head of the Western Diversification program, stated during his speech that his government was aware of the Lubicon's plight and in an effort to

"resolve the issue" had appointed a new negotiator. However, the majority of his address was dedicated to the diversification scheme and included a question and answer session with Calgary businessmen.

The Lubicon Lake land claim has been going on for nearly 50 years. The band has asked for a 233-square-kilometer reserve based on the treaty formula of 50 hectares of reserve land for each member. But Alberta says the land should be granted only on the band membership in 1940 when negotiations for a reserve began. As there were only 127 band members in 1940 Alberta says it is only willing to give the band 65 square-kilometers.

Negotiations with the band were broken off in July 1986 over a dispute over the number of band members. Since then the band has continued legal action against the federal and provincial governments.

The band also approached the United Nations over its claim that the government was committing genocide against the small Cree band.

In support of their land claim, the band has also called for a boycott of the Olympic winter games and the Glenbow exhibition which is scheduled to run during the festivities.

Lawyer Brian Malone was unavailable for comment, however, a meeting between him and Lubicon lawyer, James O'Reilly is scheduled for this weekend.



ROCKY WOODWARD - Windspeaker

LAMEMAN CELEBRATES TEN YEAR REIGN

Beaver Lake Chief Al Lameman was presented with a portrait of himself, as he was 10 years ago, during a surprise celebration that marked Lameman's tenth year as chief. See story on Page 8.

Reserve law under fire

By Mark McCallum

The "under funded, and all too frequently inadequate" state of law and order on Alberta reserves came under fire when a Indian Association of Alberta task force released a discussion paper to leaders at the All-Chiefs conference, Sept. 29.

"Alberta Indian program delivery lags behind Indian policing programs elsewhere in Canada," says the paper, which must receive approval from the chiefs before the task force releases it to the government.

The task force has been working on alternative reserve policing since last June after learning the Federal government had established its own task force, to deal with policing problems. The IAA

countered and formed the task force, to ensure the Native community has alternative input in the government's decision on the issue.

The task force learned the provincial government's new proposed Police Act (Bill-16) "does not even mention the word reserve or Native," says Andy Bear Robe.

Although the new Police Act encourages local municipalities to assume community policing responsibility, task force members do not feel reserves should be classified as municipalities.

"We're being corralled into being called municipalities. But, we want a separate section in the act that can deal with reserve policing alone," said Bear Robe.

A major concern of the task force is funding and training of Tribal police officers. Bear Robe says officers are "badly underpaid" adding training dollars "don't sufficiently meet their needs."

He noted a tribal officer receives \$12,000 a year while his RCMP counterpart gets \$45,000 annually — a difference of \$33,000. These salaries were confirmed with Indian Affairs, which funds Tribal police forces in the province. The salaries also cover expenses and training of individual officers.

Task force members argue that Tribal officers need special training as well as basic, to deal with sensitive reserve issues. Former U of A lecturer Leroy Little Bear explained

a training program should involve "knowing the basic needs, costumes, language and mannerisms of the band — all of these things are essential in the Indian community," he says, adding the task force plans to appeal for more training dollars.

Although the RCMP does not make any financial contributions to the Native special constables program, which employs and trains Native RCMP special constables, Bear Robe feels the program serves RCMP needs and has "little or no relevance" to reserve policing.

Negotiations with the government will take place after the All-Chiefs conference Oct. 7 after leaders discuss task force findings.

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BILL McKNIGHT

...no time for child welfare conference

Gov't snubs child welfare meeting

By Lesley Crossingham

The organizer of an international Aboriginal child conference feels the Canadian government has snubbed his conference and embarrassed Canadian Aboriginal people.

In a press conference after a speech to the Calgary Chamber of Commerce Monday Oct. 5, Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight was asked to speak to the organizers of the 3rd annual International Aboriginal Child Conference by Saskatchewan Native, Yvonne Wuttunee.

Wuttunee, who describes herself as an interested mother, said she felt it was "in the minister's own interest to come over and

talk to the organizers."

"And then explain why they only received half the funding promised to them," she added.

McKnight replied that he was on a tight schedule and although the conference lay only a few steps away, could not spare any time for the organizers.

"I was asked to attend, but I informed them (the organizers) that I would not be able to attend...if they want to take advantage of my visit to Calgary, I'm afraid they can't," he told Wuttunee.

After answering further questions, McKnight left the hotel without stopping at the conference booth.

In an interview after the confrontation organizer

Allen Benson said he was promised \$100,000 to help organize the three day event by the Department of Indian Affairs social development department.

"They promised us this money verbally in February when we began to organize and then we only learned ten days ago that we are only to receive \$65,000...it's embarrassing," said Benson.

Aboriginal delegates from such places as Australia and Nigeria will be attending the conference which is dedicated to the care and preservation of Native children.

A United Nations delegate who is also an American Indian watched the confrontation and said he was

"shocked" by the minister's attitude.

"It's a sad day for the Aboriginal people of this country," said Robert Tingle.

However, Benson says despite the severe lack of funds the conference will go ahead as scheduled. A series of workshops and seminars on various aspects of child welfare will be conducted during the event.

Department of Indian Affairs Social Development director, Ron Dawson was unavailable for comment at press time.

Windspeaker will have full coverage of the conference in our next edition.



OTTAWA REPORT

By Owenadeka

Canadian gov't not painting pretty picture at Meech Lake

What do the Conservatives, the Liberals and the NDP really think about Native people and the Constitution? The answer is in this week's report of the parliamentary committee that studied the Meech Lake Accord. It's not a pretty picture.

But first, think back to March 27; the last day of the constitutional conference on Aboriginal rights, the day the first ministers refused to entrench the Native right to self-government. Just 34 days later, though, Brian Mulroney and the premiers met again at Meech Lake, Quebec. They made a deal that day to bring Quebec into the constitutional family of Canada.

To make that deal, Mulroney accepted all five of Quebec's constitutional demands. He also gave in to other demands from other provinces. He promised the premiers two first ministers conferences a year. The first two topics they've agreed to discuss are fisheries and Senate reform. There was no mention in the accord of another conference on Aboriginal rights. It was no accident.

Native leaders were outraged when the deal was announced. That didn't stop Mulroney and the premiers from giving the accord final approval just one month later.

Next, Parliament got into the act when it created a special committee to study the accord. The committee hearings became a farce, however, after Mulroney said that it didn't matter what the committee recommended — he would not change the accord.

When the committee tabled its report, it said (surprise, surprise) that the accord should be adopted. However, the committee also said the deal had several flaws that should be corrected in the years to come.

In its report, the committee rejected most of the Native arguments. For example, the committee said there is no need to recognize Native people in the Constitution as distinct societies. (It's interesting to note that the committee is willing to recognize Quebec as a distinct society even though no one knows exactly what that means.) The committee also refused to add Native rights to the list of topics the first ministers should have to discuss. Even though many topics — such as fisheries — touch on the everyday lives of Native people, the committee said Native leaders have no right to be invited to such a conference.

But some Native suggestions did get some support. The committee recommended: (1) that the constitutional talks should continue; (2) that the federal

government set a timetable and workplan for the next conference; (3) that the next conference be held by April 17, 1990, and; (4) that the federal government restore funding to the Native groups to allow them to continue their constitutional work.

The parliamentary committee, a committee controlled by the Conservatives, made those recommendations. Mulroney ignored them. In the House of Commons, he was asked if he would set a timetable for the next conference. He was also asked if he would restore constitutional funding for the Native groups. Mulroney dodged both questions. He did say that he's still committed to constitutional change for Native people.

The chance of a constitutional deal on Native self-government is better than ever, he also said, because Quebec will soon be at the first ministers table. The reason he's so confident is "Quebec's quite impressive record over many decades in dealing with its own Native peoples." Hah! Mulroney obviously wants to ignore the fact that just one decade ago the Bourassa Government tried to bulldoze Native rights in the rush to build the James Bay power project.

So much for the Tories. The trouble is that the Opposition parties aren't much better even though they have called for some changes to the accord.

The Liberals say Native people should be recognized in the Constitution as a "distinctive characteristic of Canada." They also want the accord changed so Native rights will be added to the agenda of future first ministers conferences.

The NDP wants that too — and more. They say Native leaders should be invited to every first ministers conference if the topic involves Aboriginal rights.

The problem is that it's hard to take the Liberals and the NDP seriously. The accord needs to be changed, they say, but if it isn't, they both say they will still vote to adopt it. Their reasons are the same as the government's: they want to heal the split between French and English Canada. The best way to do that, they say, is by adopting the Meech Lake Accord.

In other words, all three federal parties say the national interest must come first. The Native interest, they say, can be dealt with later.

It's hard to argue against the national interest, I admit. But when — just when — in this country is the Native interest going to become the national interest? If the story of the Meech Lake Accord is any guide, the answer to that question is — don't hold your breath.

Health centre open

By Lesley Crossingham

Although it's only been open for a few weeks, members of the four Hobbema bands have beat a path to the door of the new Hobbema health centre, says its new assistant director.

"We are really getting a good response," said Linda Dumkee who added that the convenient location of the new centre has saved band members the long and often exhausting journey into Edmonton.

"We even have a kidney dialysis machine," said Dumkee adding that Hobbema residents with kidney problems used to travel to the Edmonton University hospital for this treatment.

The new centre was officially opened Sept. 17 by the four chiefs and regional director Jim Moore after four years of work by the Hobbema health board.

Now two doctors hold clinics at the Centre each Monday, Wednesday and Friday and five nurses, two

of whom are Native are on call each day.

Residents can also check in for dental check-ups as there is a dental department open five days a week.

"We generally look after the day to day health problems of the residents of the four bands," said Dumkee. "But we do have an emergency clinic should the need arise."

Although the centre only started operation recently, plans are going ahead to introduce a home care program in which trained personnel from the centre will visit frail or disabled patients in their own homes.

"We also have pre-natal classes and baby care classes," said Dumkee adding that many other proposals are still in the planning stages.

The new red brick building covers 12,000 square feet and boasts friendly consulting rooms and an inviting waiting room.

"We've tried to make the Centre as welcoming as possible," added Dumkee.

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Bands need an authority on resources - Dion

By Dianne Meili

The Indian Resource Council (IRC) is making progress in assisting bands in resource management and ownership on their land.

But, the group must first persuade Department of Indian and Northern Affairs (DIAND) minister Bill McKnight that they are an authority on resource handling — not just an advisory committee. If the council is to have a real influence on Indian resource management, a financial commitment by Indian Affairs and the resource bands of Canada is required.

Speaking at last week's

All-Chiefs conference at Enoch reserve, near Edmonton, council chairman Joe Dion, who is also president of Dion Resources Consulting Services Ltd., told chiefs about the hurdles his group must clear. Since June, when the council was formally established, he has attempted to set a meeting with McKnight to discuss the council's mandate and funding.

Dion sees the council as a "cartel of resource bands coming together to take full control of resource management." He told Windspeaker, after the conference, that "we can become a powerful economic force

in Indian country, and maybe in all of Canada if we can use our influence in government, band and oil industry negotiations."

But, the federal government does not see the IRC as having as much control over resource management as Dion would like to see. The government has endorsed the idea of such a council, but argues that if equal responsibility is given to both the IRC and the department (Indian Oil and Gas Canada, formerly Indian Minerals West) the situation would be "unworkable."

IRC participation in corporate plans, resource allocation, priority setting,

policy decisions and organization with the Indian Oil and Gas Canada is possible, but unless the Federal Trust responsibility is transferred, final authority must stay with the government, according to Bruce Rawson, former DIAND deputy minister.

"We would like to determine just how much direct influence we can have," explains Dion, referring to the importance of sitting down and discussing this subject with McKnight. He adds that a date for a meeting with the minister may take place some time this month.

At that time, his group will also try to secure

\$50,000 in seed funding in order to get the Resource Council in an operational mode. IRC members from Alberta, B.C., Saskatchewan and Ontario have agreed to solicit funds from their organizations and bands in support of the council and the government will be asked to provide matching amounts of money. An initial bid to have the government provide all council funding was rejected.

Since June, the IRC regulation sub-committee has met with industry representatives on proposed amendments to the Indian oil and gas regulations. Toward the eventuality of

bands having greater involvement in resource management, such as giving licenses to oil companies for resource exploration and development. Industry representatives provided useful information.

"They told us they would continue to keep such things as seismic information and economic analysis of potential wells confidential, and provide us only with the same information given to the government," says Dion. More importantly, he points out, they are getting the idea they should talk to Indian bands first and the federal government second.

Angry settlement members concerned about leaders

By Margaret Desjarlais

Concern over the new proposed Metis Settlements Act coupled with claims of a lack of democratic procedures, financial mismanagement and poor leadership have forced a number of settlement members to consider an ad hoc committee to deal with these issues.

Approximately 40 disgruntled settlement members from the Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement met at the Friendship Centre in Edmonton Oct. 1 to discuss these and other issues occurring in the settlements.

Led by spokesperson Joe Blyan and councillor Felix Desjarlais of Buffalo Lake, the meeting was organized because settlement members say they feel threatened by the present system in the settlement. "We are not out to get anyone," says Blyan.

"What we're doing is something that should have been done years ago."

Desjarlais, who says he is willing to make changes within the settlement, also says he feels threatened and disturbed by the present system. "I've asked the Council to put business aside and look into the deficit we are in," he alleged. "But they didn't listen."

Among the invited guests were Federation of Metis Settlements president, Randy Hardy, Lac La Biche MLA Leo Paquette, who were unable to attend, Larry Desmeules, president of Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) and MAA lawyer, Ron Karoles. Blyan explained the reason why both Desmeules and Karoles were invited was "for assistance and legal advice."

He added, "We are trying to be as responsible as possible and hope (our



(Left to Right) — Freddie Reid, Larry Desmeules, Joe Blyan and Felix Desjarlais

council will move."

After listening to individual concerns, Desmeules pointed out that "we're (MAA) open for business to sit down with Federation."

Desmeules recognizes there are problems and has been approached by individual settlement members during his travels

throughout northern Alberta. "I've received complaints on a keemooch" (sly), says Desmeules, adding that one of the problems is accessibility — Metis people to get on settlements.

Although little was accomplished at the meeting, the discerned

group decided to hold another meeting scheduled for Oct. 30 at Buffalo Lake Settlement to voice their complaints and concerns to a number of proposed invited guests and representatives from different Native organizations and government departments.

Of particular concern is Resolution 18 of the new Metis Settlements Act, which will be introduced during the Alberta Legislature's spring session. Several members indicated they don't understand the resolution. Blyan stressed that the group is not disputing the content of the new Act. "We don't even know what's in it," he says. "One of our complaints is we're finding ourselves not participating in establishing membership."

According to a Federation spokesman, the implementation of Resolution 18 falls into three areas: The Metis

Settlements Act which will replace the Metis Betterment Act; the title of the land will be transferred from the province to the Settlements and the amendment to the Alberta Act to guarantee land in the Constitution.

The spokesman indicated Federation officials are now touring all Metis settlements in Alberta to discuss the concerns on the implementation of Resolution 18. They are scheduled to address Buffalo Lake Oct. 19.

Blyan indicated he received several calls from concerned members from other settlements, who are having similar problems, prior to the meeting, but due to short notice they were unable to attend. "They suggested we should have another meeting," says Blyan. "We'll be getting back to other communities shortly."



JOE CARDINAL (left) DIES AT 79 ...his dad Ambrose died at 96 in 1985

Family mourns death of Elder

By Marlene Cardinal

It was a sad day for many who mourned the sudden death of Joseph Cardinal who passed away Sept. 16 at the age of 79. A funeral service was held at St. Bernard Mission, Grouard, Sept. 19 with Rev. Garry La Boucane presiding.

Elmer Cardinal was the cross bearer and the pallbearers were: Larry Cardinal, Melvin Cardinal, Mark Anderson, Larry L'Hirondelle, Charlie L'Hirondelle and Robert Chalifoux.

While those in attendance remembered Cardinal, organist Johnny Waniandy played the hymn, Amazing Grace. Joseph Cardinal was interred at the Grouard Mission Cemetery.

Many have warm memories of Joseph Cardinal who was respected by family and friends. He was predeceased by his wife who died in 1977. Together they had seven children, four boys and three girls, 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He met his wife in Fort Vermilion where she lived in a mission. At the time he was trapping. After a short courtship they were married. During the long winter months Joe made a living for his family by trapping so he was gone a lot but he always sent home money to his family. He was also a fisherman. The children were raised and taught to respect their Elders. His daughter remembers when they were young that they were the last ones to eat at the table.

He was quite active in Metis politics because he was

concerned for the welfare of his people. He also travelled to meetings in Edmonton and he went with Sam Sinclair once or twice to Ottawa. Just prior to his death he planned on going to Edmonton to attend a meeting.

He enjoyed his privacy and preferred to live alone but when someone came to visit they never went away hungry. He enjoyed cooking and was famous for his homemade pies. His daughters had to clean his house twice a week for him because he didn't like to.

Joe was considered as a go-getter. He didn't like to depend on anyone for transportation so he walked everywhere. You could always see him walking to the AVC building to talk to his friends or walking to the church or to the store. Whenever he owed any bills, they always had to be paid right away even when his daughter just got out of bed. Quite often Joe used the senior citizens bus to do his business in High Prairie. His travelling companions miss him because he like to talk and because he was so outgoing.

Whenever his daughter, Yvonne wanted to borrow money to go to bingo he always told her, "Yvonne quit going to bingo." He felt that she would lose all her money and possessions.

I remember him as a dignified old man because he looked so honorable with his beaded clothing which included a tie, sash, belt and leggings. My memories of him are scant but his family are left with many memories both good and not so good. He will be missed by them.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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New university president acknowledges Native studies and starting new programs

By M. Paul-Martin

At his inauguration as new University of Alberta president on Oct. 3, 1987, Howard Tennant identified the university's Native component as one of three priorities. In particular, he acknowledged the achievements and important roles played by the Native American Studies Department, the BESS program (Business Enterprises and Self-Governing Systems of Indian, Inuit, and Metis Peoples) and Native

Educator's Four World's Project.

The NAS department is a pioneer in its field, an area which has been largely ignored by other North American universities, says Tennant, who also admitted that these other universities now look to the U of L's Native Studies as a model and for general assistance in the start-up of similar programs.

Tennant emphasized the BESS program's ability to command respect both within the university and

elsewhere across the country. With respect to the Four Worlds Project, he noted the Project's accomplishments in the problems related to alcohol and drug abuse amongst Native communities.

Harry Shade, an elder from the Blood Tribe, reminded the participants and observers about the importance of education of all life in general and also said prayers in Blackfoot as part of the inauguration's closing.

Foster child's story unfolds on big screen

A new film directed by Metis filmmaker Gil Cardinal premieres in Edmonton this week.

The premiere of 'Foster Child' will be held at the National Film Board Theatre Oct. 14 and launches a Canada-wide tour for Cardinal who will present screenings of his film in

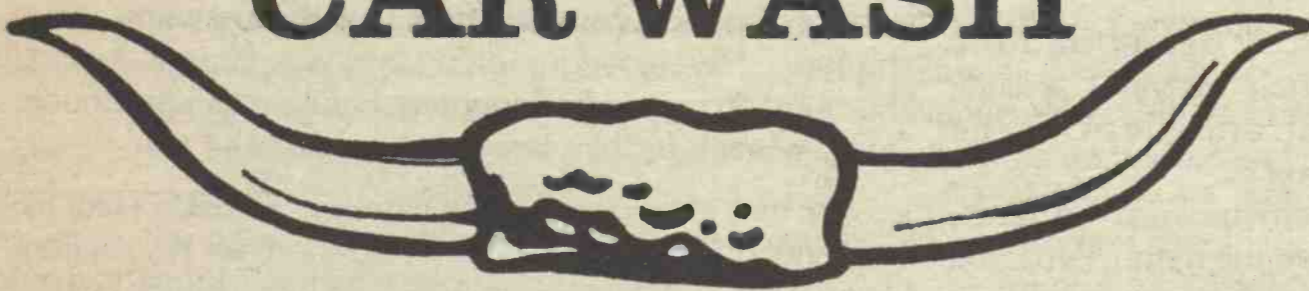
major centres across the country.

The 43-minute documentary tells Cardinal's story of his search for his natural family and the circumstances that led to his coming into care as a permanent ward of the Alberta Child Welfare system.

Foster Child has been accepted at numerous major festivals including the Vancouver International Film Festival, the American Indian film festival in San Francisco and the documentary film festival in San Francisco and the documentary film festival in Amiens, France.

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IN YOUR COMMUNITY

A 'log shack' and happy family enough for bush woman

By Diane Parenteau

FISHING LAKE — In a small wooden church, on Sept. 25, Robert and Philomen Aulotte were married in the autumn of 1936. Although they both lived in Fishing Lake, they drove a team and wagon to Onion Lake, Saskatchewan for the ceremony.

"There was no church here," said 68-year-old Philomen, from her home on the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement.

"We had just a little celebration with my family and Robert's family." The Catholic Sisters gave them a meal then they returned home to Fishing Lake and for 23 years the Aulottes lived "across the lake" in a log shack.

"Three kids were born there in that same shack," said Aulotte. "You were never born in a hospital at that time, you were born in the bush."

After the birth of her first son, Aulotte continued to work in the fields along side her husband. Babysitting was not a problem.

"I used to make a bed in the stook, put a blanket on it, and lay him (the baby) there. I had a dog that used to watch the baby. When I stooked far away, I knew when the baby was awake. The dog used to run circles around the baby," said Aulotte, motioning with her hand and smiling at the memory. She shakes her head in disbelief at how differently things are done today.

"We used to stook pretty near till Christmas," said Robert Aulotte speaking to his wife in Cree. "We stooked ten acres for four days at 10¢ an acre. Four

days work for \$10. I don't know how we made it."

They both agree that life was good back then. People were poor but happy.

Robert Aulotte used to thrash for nearby farmers from 6 a.m. till 8 p.m. for \$1.50 a day. His team made \$2 a day.

Philomen Aulotte could buy 50 lbs. of flour for \$1, a package of tobacco for 10 cents and overalls and shirts were 50 cents to \$1.

"I used to do some canning," said Aulotte, "but I don't know how, we never had the right jars."

Before Fishing Lake became the first Metis Settlement, people held meetings in the Aulotte home to talk about "having a colony, having a land."

Adrian Hope used to come in and put on meetings," said Philomen Aulotte. "One time they sent me to Edmonton to take up names to try and get a Metis Association going. I only had \$14 to go to Edmonton and I didn't even know where to camp, me and Anne Collins and Adrian Hope. But I didn't really care. I knew what the people wanted. They chose us to register the Metis Association. I'm the only one (of the three) living now."

For 20 years from 1965 to 1985, the Aulottes lived in St. Paul and opened up their home to Native foster children.

"I love the kids," said Philomen. "It's not for the money but for my good heart. Nobody wants these Native kids."

They recently quit taking in children because of their age and ill health.

While living in St. Paul,

Philomen, Robert and Eric Large were instrumental in starting the friendship centre.

"We started from scratch. We worked for two and a half years just to raise money. We gave them a good start."

Philomen was the president of the Metis Local in St. Paul for three years and a member of the board of directors on the Indian Rights for Native Women for ten years.

Then two years ago the Aulottes returned to Fishing Lake Metis Settlement to their modest home nestled



COURTESY DIANE PARENTEAU

ROBERT and PHILOMEN AULOTTE
...with daughter Rose Durocher (centre)

comfortably on a small incline overlooking Frog Lake. Robert Aulotte at 76, still hunts small game and is taking advantage of this year's Indian summer. It is called this because "in olden times Indian people

used to move, hunting and preparing for winter months. These were their days," he says.

Now that their 51st anniversary has passed, the days are quiet and filled with memories.

"Robert and I were talking about that the other day, said Philomen Aulotte. "As you get older, you quit remembering the days happening. You always remember the past just like it happens today."

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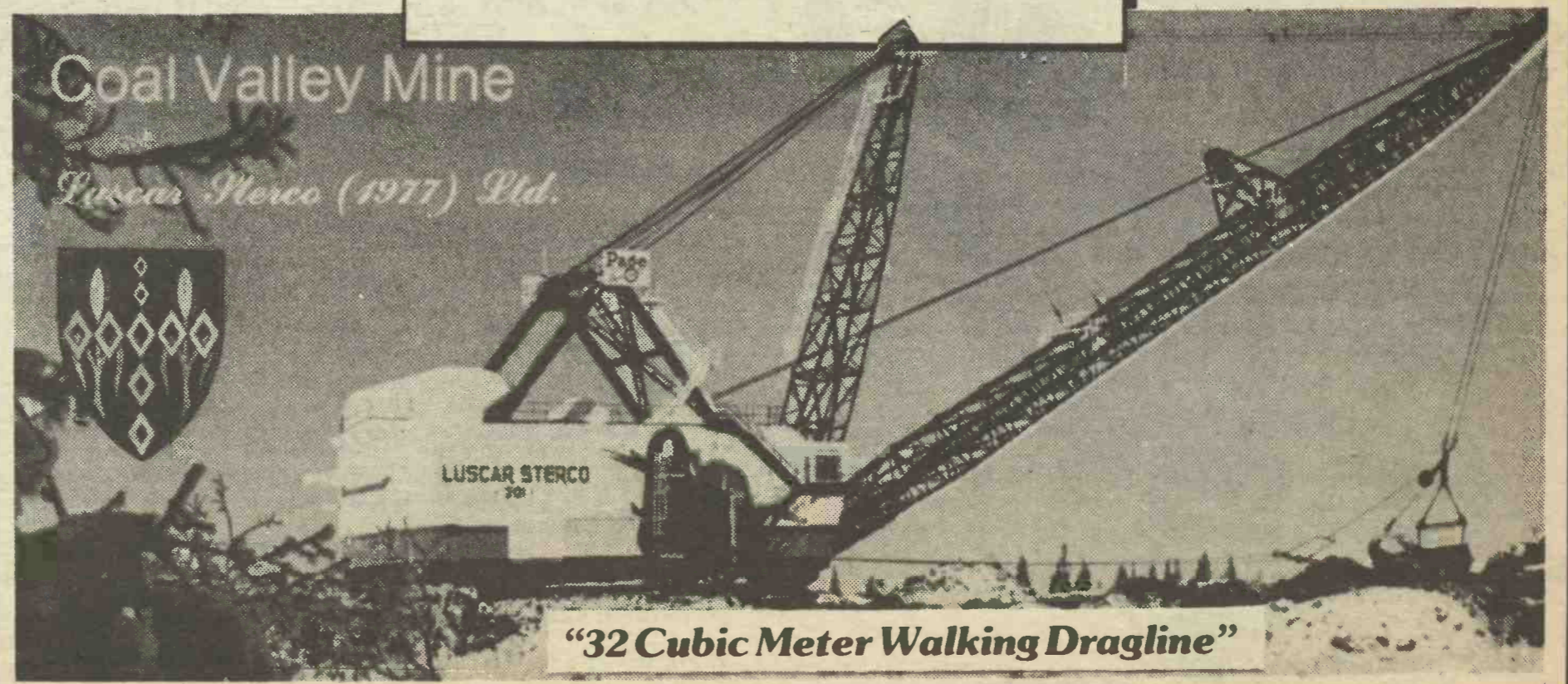
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Editorial

McKnight does 'first rate job' of embarrassing Canadians

This week Bill McKnight came to Calgary, apparently to announce a new negotiator for the Lubicon Lake claim, but in fact to deliver a long diatribe on the government's new western diversification scheme.

The minister spent approximately three to four minutes on the Lubicon announcement before regaling Calgary businessman with a long and laborious speech on if/maybe schemes based on his government's right-wing philosophy of "trade cures all."

After his speech, McKnight sallied out into the lobby of the hotel and for almost 20 minutes skillfully ducked and evaded reporters questions on the Lubicon Lake land claim issue.

One concerned Indian mother who was watching these proceedings interrupted the reporters and asked McKnight to speak with the organizers of the Aboriginal child conference who were only yards away.

McKnight not only refused to meet with the organizers but actually walked passed the booths and delegates without even acknowledging their presence.

Embarrassed Canadian delegates scurried to apologize to the overseas visitors who were naturally affronted by this action. And indeed, once again Canadian Aboriginal peoples are left with egg on their faces by the action of senior politicians.

Surely it is not too much to ask for a government minister to at least pay common courtesy to delegates of an international conference of which Canada is the host. Surely McKnight could have cut ten minutes off his long speech to spend with the delegates. Surely, McKnight could have cut short his press conference to spend time with the delegates.

In his discussions with reporters, McKnight denied appointing a negotiator because of fears that the Lubicon Lake band would "embarrass" overseas visitors to the Calgary Olympic Games.

However, he needn't fear that the Lubicon Lake band will embarrass Canada. It appears McKnight has already done a first rate job of that.

Planet dies, in the name of progress?

Each week our small blue planet loses another species of plant or animal and this extinction continues to escalate as mankind and "civilization" pushes back the trees and the forests, in the name of progress.

This week the last of a unique species curled up and died at the bottom of a Banff marsh. But there was no mourning, no funeral, and no bell tolled as mankind erected a tombstone on the Banff long-nosed dace —because it was only a fish.

This unique fish that boasted an extra vertebra was discovered in 1885 and only lived in one particular marsh adjacent to the hot springs in Banff.

Although most of us assume that animals that live in national parks are protected, it appears that although there were many factors that lead to the death of the species, the chlorinated water from the man-made pool was very hard on the fish.

But Native people and our traditional love of nature and animals should not be complacent. We at Windspeaker frequently get reports of Native hunters killing for the fun of the hunt, or taking more than they need.

We must not emulate the ignorant non-Native hunter. We know better. We all know we cannot just keep taking from the earth without replenishing; we also know that every man, woman and child on this planet is much poorer today because of the death of that last little fish in a marsh in Banff national park.

I am the redman

I am the redman
Son of the forest, mountain and lake
What use have I of the asphalt?
What use have I of the brick and concrete?
What use have I of the automobile?
Think you these gifts divine?
That I should be humbly grateful?

I am the redman
Son of the tree, hill and stream
What use have I of china and crystal?
What use have I of diamonds and gold?
What use have I of money?
Think you these from heaven sent?
That I should be eager to accept?

I am the redman
Son of the earth, water and sky
What use have I of silk and velvet?
What use have I of nylon and plastic?
What use have I of your religion?
Think you these be holy and sacred?
That I should kneel in awe?

I am the Redman
I look at you white brother,
And I ask you,
Save not me from sin and evil!
Save yourself.

Duke Redbird

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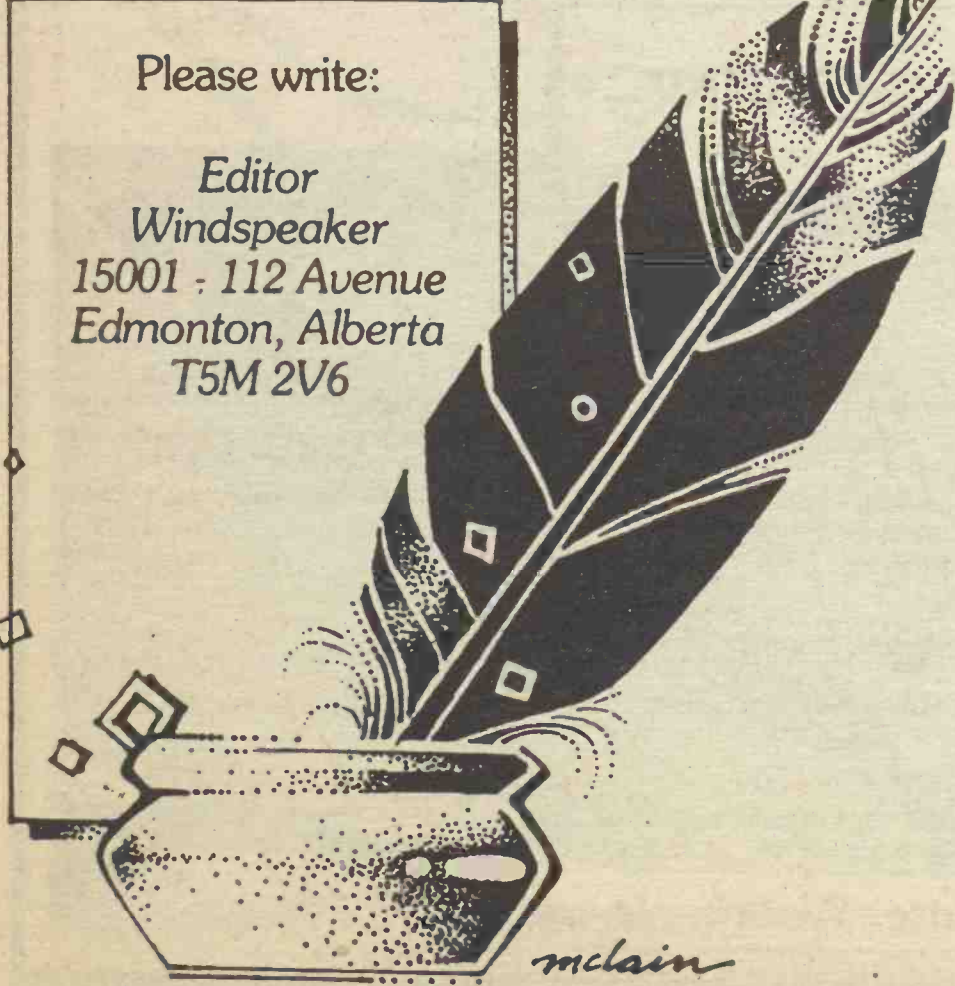
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Opinion

Pope issue praised

Dear Editor:

I received today the edition of Windspeaker carrying stories of the Pope's visit to Fort Simpson. It is a prized edition that I am certain many of your

readers will treasure for many years to come.

The coverage was very impressive and some of the stories very moving in the way the reporters described the feelings of the people assembled at that great

event.

Those stories also shed for me a new light on the deep spirituality of the Native people, and gave depth of meaning to the values they hold dear.

I sent my copy of Windspeaker to an old Micmac friend on the Eskasoni reserve in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. He is Charles A. Francis and he and his wife renovated their old house (they are now in a new house) into a "shrine" in Our Lady of Fatima. They will feel close to their Native brethren in the west and northwest of Canada as they read the wonderful stories in Windspeaker about the Pope's visit.

May I extend my sincere congratulations to Windspeaker and to all those who contributed to the coverage of the Pope's visit. Reading their stories was almost like being there.

J. Frank Syms
Native Economic
Development Program
Winnipeg



TERRY LUSTY - Windspeaker

Pope gives hope

Dear Editor:

I get your paper every week and enjoy your articles. I especially would like to commend the article written by Dianne Meili which is reporting at its finest. The recent visit of the Pope in the Dene Nation has restored the faith of many Native people in the Almighty.

Probably, the only reason North America's Indians were so easily converted to Christianity is because the Aborigines had already believed in a God to start with. It would be a great way to carry on the

traditional Indian way of believing in the Almighty for posterity, if young people would acknowledge the existence of a power greater than themselves, no matter how tough they may consider themselves to be.

Personally, had lived a violent and often lonely life but have retained my faith in the Almighty. For those whose only place is a jail cell, don't give up faith in human nature or God, whatever you conceive him to be. Have a nice day!

Sincerely,
M. Gallant
High Level

Reporter thanks well wishers

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the many people who expressed their concern and wished me well since my motor vehicle accident of Sept. 13, 1987.

For those who were wondering the severity of the accident, I am lucky to be alive. "We didn't think we were going to save you," my doctor told me after I'd recuperated a bit. The RCMP officer who found me, and the tow truck

driver at the accident scene, both thought I wasn't going to make it.

My half-ton left the highway just south of Jarvie, entered the ditch and hit an approach (the side wall of another road) head-on. The truck was totalled.

I suffered facial lacerations from my forehead to my chin and several broken ribs. I was kept in the intensive care unit for six days and one week later, I signed myself out of the

University Hospital.

There is some visual impairment but the doctor thinks that will correct itself with time.

Again, it is great knowing there are concerned friends out there. It is times like this when friendship is valued and cherished.

Thank you for the letters, cards, phone calls and visits. Your thoughtfulness is touching and tremendously appreciated.

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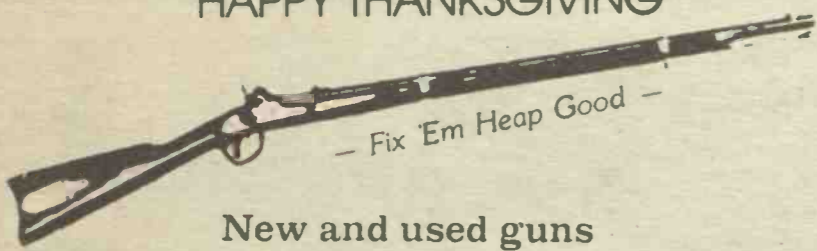
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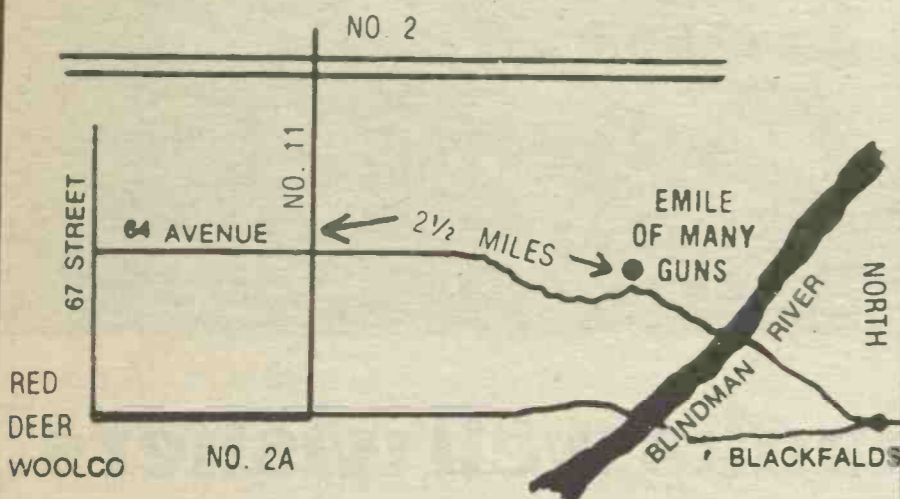
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Chief gets surprise party

By Rocky Woodward

BEAVER LAKE — Chief Al Lameman had a lump in his throat when little children from the Beaver Lake reserve, dancing to the sound of a traditional drum and song, made their way up the steps of the stage carrying the Beaver Lake Band flag.

Behind him two members of the Band removed paper from a sign on the stage wall that had concealed a banner which read: "Thank you Chief Al Lameman and Council for everything."

On Sept. 3, Chief Al Lameman and council were honored by the people of the Beaver Lake reserve for over 10 years of service that saw the band move from the near poverty level.

"I've worked with Al Lameman and his council, and since 10 years ago, I have known they are concerned about band members and have wanted a better place for them to live. Since Al was elected



CHIEF AL LAMEMAN
...children sang 'Happy Birthday' to him

as Chief, he and his council have brought better housing, roads, natural gas, a water treatment plant, detox centre and most of all our own education system and school building," said Archie Gladue, a long time friend of Lameman's who has been instrumental in creating many recreational

activities and employment on the reserve.

Member of Parliament Jack Shields also attended the surprise banquet. "I know what the Beaver Lake reserve was like 20 years ago. I know what they all were like 20 years ago. Today, one only has to drive here to look at the advancement the Beaver Lake band has accomplished because of the leadership on the reserve, it speaks for itself," Shields said.

Shields also brought a message from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in tribute to the efforts of Chief Lameman and council at Beaver Lake.

Prior to Lameman's election 10 years ago he had seen a need for better education and living conditions at the reserve near Lac La Biche.

"Al Lameman had a dream so he furthered his education and he went to work in the white community in order to learn how the outside world operated. Today Chief and council are looking at long term employment for band members," commented Archie Gladue.

"Forgive me if I am a little emotional at times but when I saw our little children carrying the official band flag, it was hard for me to take. Our work is because of these little children today and the children we don't see here today, future children," said an emotional Chief Lameman.

"We still have problems here today and I would hope Jack, (MLA Jack Shields) that you would take a good look here at our problems and take the message back with you and tell them," said Lameman, emphasizing the lack of funding for recreational purposes at Beaver Lake.

Shields was not without his humor when at the end of the appreciations, he invited up all the children packed into the Creigend Community Hall, to join him on stage in singing happy birthday to Chief Lameman and council.

Others in attendance were Metis Association of Alberta Zone 1 vice-president, Gerald Thom, Chief Robert Cree of the Cree Indian Band at Fort McMurray, and MAA president, Larry Desmeules, who supported Chief Lameman and the Beaver Lake Band in their quest for better recreation on the reserve.



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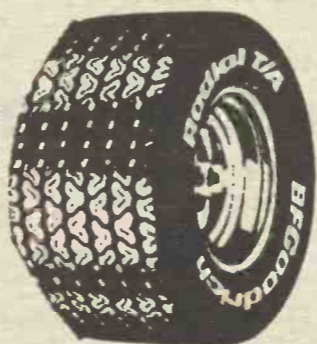
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DROPPIN IN

By Rocky Woodward

H! Thanks for all the friendliness all you great people showed me while I was on a trip to your communities in northern Alberta, Sept. 27 - Oct. 2. I would especially like to thank Fort Vermilion, Boyer River, Tall Cree, High Level, my short stay at Paddle Prairie, Peace River, High Prairie and East Prairie Metis Settlement for making this visitor feel warm and welcomed during my visit.

Dropping In will now be sending a large photo of me and my four ugly dogs, taken right after a football game we were in, to each town council, friendship centre and band administration, that offered me coffee and bannock.

Helen and Roy Randolf, thank you for putting up with me for two long days while I covered the Fort Vermilion area for Windspeaker. I don't really know how I would of done all the stories I did (will be doing) had it not been for Roy. When I got to Helen and Roy's place at North Vermilion (Buttertown) early Monday morning, after I had finished interviewing people at the High Level Friendship Centre, I said, "Roy, you know everyone from here to the fifth meridian...help!"

Roy not only helped, he took over chauffeur duties and phoned people he knew, setting me up with interviews.

I found out one thing after a full day of story hunting and that is I could spend a month in the Fort Vermilion area and only cover a portion of events, people and history because of the many things that have and are happening there.

Did you know that Fort Vermilion will be celebrating its 200th anniversary next year? Well they are, and many people in the town are right now working on the huge event that will take place come 1988.

Did you know that hundreds of geese stop right out front of the Randolf's place to feed, before they take off for warmer places? It's true. Helen and Roy live about 200 yards from the Peace River, (almost in his back yard. I think it was once) and there's an island that the geese all sort of migrate to before they fly south for the winter. What great country!

By the way. Thanks for the jar of raspberries and the jar of raspberry jam, Helen. You should see Helen's garden. You have to take two days of supplies with you just to get to the other side.

INDIAN CABINS: Did you know there is an Indian Tree Grave near Indian Cabins? Indian Cabins is located about 40 km from the Alberta/Northwest Territories on the MacKenzie Highway and between Steen River and Cameron Hills.

The Tree Grave can be found about 200 metres north of the store/cafe on the right hand side of the MacKenzie Highway.

It is said that the grave belongs to an Indian child buried in a hollowed out log, nailed shut and hung between two tree limbs.

The grave is approximately 60-years-old and there is also an Indian cemetery at the same site, with graves

Big thanks to community for friendly helping hand

covered by spirit houses. The site is fenced in. **KALTAG ALASKA:** On July 7 a little bitty Indian girl was born somewhere earlier than expected and not where little babies are usually born...like in hospitals. No this little girl was born 3,000 feet in the air to Natalia Nickoli while she was on her way to the Fairbanks Hospital to have her baby.

Her place of birth can be described as a Friendship Air Cessna 207 and according to officials, this is the eighth child born on one of their planes during the last 18 years.

I wonder if they've named the little bitty girl yet...if not how about...Angel?

This reminds me of an article I read in Ann Landers awhile back and for those of you who never read it...then I'm sure what I am about to tell you...will touch your heart as it did mine.

A mother wrote in to Landers and said that her baby girl had just died recently. She said that it hurt very much to lose her baby girl and wanted to know if she was still a mother. "Could you tell me if I am still a mother?" she asked.

Ann Landers wrote back to the lady and replied with an answer that brought tears to my eyes. "Of course you are," she said. "You are now the mother of a little Angel in heaven."



ROCKY WOODWARD - Windspeaker

BEAVER LAKE: Congratulations J.R. Thom who at the Beaver Lake banquet held in appreciation of the Lasso Golden Eagles fastball club, was also honored for **BEST BAT BOY!**

Chief Al Lameman who presented the award to J.R. and Brendan Lameman, who was not available said, "We all know it is the bat boys who are the real strength behind the Lasso Golden Eagles organization," and I couldn't agree with you more Chief Lameman. There are you future baseball players.

SLAVE LAKE: A family dance FOR ALL AGES will be held Oct. 16, at the Native Friendship Centre in Slave Lake and for all you lovers of a great time without alcohol and drugs...the centre's dance is the place to kick up your heels.

I understand after talking with LINDA MASSIMO who works with the centre's Addiction Services, they are always trying to encourage programs (FUN PROGRAMS!) that are alcohol and drug free. Music will be supplied by the Star Seekers, out of Wabasca.

Linda...will you talk to my ugly dogs? They won't quit...they live to eat and drink and really don't care if they die. Have you ever seen four ugly fat dogs sleeping after filling up on food and drink? It is not a pretty sight. I can handle that but when we have guests over...they lay in the corner and burp.

Linda also informs Dropping In that on Oct. 23 the Friendship Centre will be the site of the annual **TALENT SHOW.**

People interested in taking part in the various categories are asked to call Linda or Dolores at 849-3039.

Comedy acts, vocalist both female and male singers, talented fiddle players, dancers, get on the phone and call!

There will be no fee at the door, however, a fund raising drive will take place for the Friendships Addiction Service.

Good luck Linda!

FORT VERMILION: There you have it. The true spirit of a husband and wife team. Helen cooks the breakfast for her man...who is busy at work in her garden!



There will also be an important BINGO Oct. 30 at the REC COMPLEX in Fort Vermilion. Why is it important...you ask? Because the money earned at the bingo will go towards the **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** and for treats and presents. By the way, Roy did you get your wheat crop done? Roy said he's a little worried because, "between the bears and winter coming I don't know who is going to win."

Hey everybody...smile...Halloween is coming! And right behind it...is Christmas and then my birthday...and...Have a nice weekend everyone.

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The Elders Speak

Elder recalls colorful past and sees sad changes from hospital bed

By Rocky Woodward

When I first met Elder Pierre Auger, late in the evening of Sept. 29 he was in a hospital bed at St. Theresa Hospital in Fort Vermilion. Through a friend, Roy Randolf, we had contacted an interpreter, Iola Ducharme, to accompany us because Pierre only spoke Cree.

Pierre tried to sit up when we entered his room and then, in a soft voice, he complained about a pain in his stomach. Eventually, sitting in that hospital bed, he began to recall his earlier years.

Pierre has lived at Tall Cree reserve since he was a teenager, when at the age of 15, his family moved from Wabasca to the Tall Cree reserve just east of Fort Vermilion.

Born in 1910, Pierre had not lost his humor for when I asked him how old he was, he replied with a twinkle in

his eyes, "I'm a young man today. I'm 27-years-old."

Growing up at Tall Cree in the earlier days was not easy, Pierre's father died when he was 24-years-old and from then on, Pierre said he spent all of his time hunting and trapping in the bush. "There was nothing else to do at that time but trap," Pierre explained.

Trapping in the area of Tall Cree was a trapper's dream and Pierre recalls the land with the Caribou Mountains to the north, the Mikkwa and Wabasca Rivers, Owl and Harper creeks, all of them "good trapping areas."

"We used to use dog teams when we went on the trapline. Then I put a garden in and bought some cattle and horses. That's how we would go to town, with our horses," Pierre said.

Pierre remembers when a squirrel pelt sold for 25 cents, lynx for \$40, beaver

at \$25 and a fox would bring him \$25.

"Last winter I sold a lynx for \$500. I sold an otter for \$300. The prices have changed since those days," Pierre said.

He talked of his days on the trapline as if he was re-

"We used to have every horses, but when I lost my I let everything go. Now that's all I

living his adventures. "I trap many times with my brother Maxium. We would stay in the bush all year round and only come out to sell fur and buy grub. Sometimes the snow would be deep. It would reach to our waist. Sometimes it was very cold," he said.

When he talks of his wife Isabel, his words in Cree come out with great sadness.

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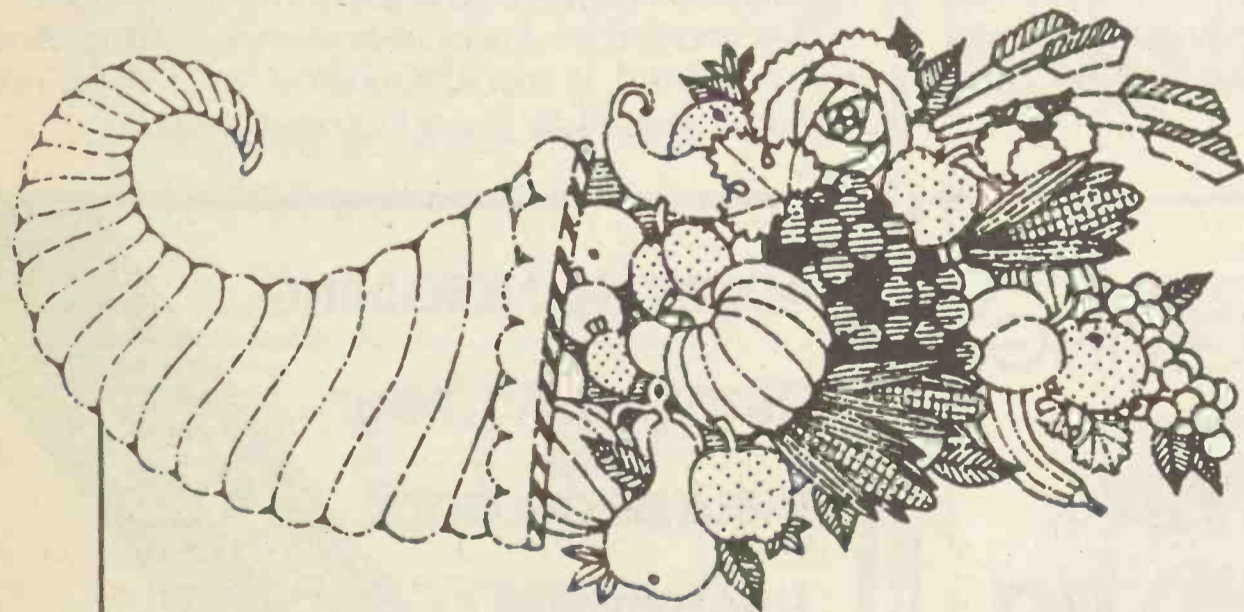
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Pierre and Isabel had eight children, six girls and two boys. Four of them have since passed away. Pierre lost his wife seven years ago.

"We used to have everything, a farm, cattle, horses, but when I lost my wife I

everything, a farm, cattle, at my wife I sold everything. Now today I still trap, all I do..."

sold everything, I let everything go. Now today I still trap, that's all I do. This way I never have to work in summer. I'm 77-years-old but I make enough in the winter from trapping to tide me over in the summer," he smiles.

The use of sweetgrass is a way of life with Pierre and he says that he used it always. Indian tradition is

also a part of his life although he said that he never goes to sweats anymore.

"I used to travel all over to the powwows. They would send for me to sing and play the drum. No matter how many people were there I was never shy. I travelled lots of times to sing at Fox Lake, Wabasca, Meander River, yes."

Today, Pierre sees a change in powwows although he says they still dance about the same as before. "Sometimes it is a different way of dancing. Now they wear many feathers when they dance. I once sang at Hay Lakes. They paid me \$50," he grinned.

Another thing that saddens him, is the fact that many Native youth are forgetting their Cree language.

"It is sad. They won't speak Cree, only English. With me, I can travel all

over and make many friends because I can speak Cree. It would be nice if the young people would speak both languages," he says softly. "We ran away from school that's why I don't speak English. My dad came and got me and we ran away to the bush."

As old as he is, Pierre says he still wants to continue to travel and trap. He laughs again when he says, "But now I don't use a dog team, I use a skidoo."

I handed Pierre a newspaper of Windspeaker and he turned it to the Cree written by Joe Redcrow. "I always read the Cree. It's good to read it in here because sometimes I get lonely," he smiles.

Pierre has been a trapper since he was 15-years-old and says, "This may be my last winter. I might go this winter but I don't know — pain. I can't do my work. I might go this winter but I get lonely."



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Artist inspired by traditional sites

By Jackie Redcrow

Native artist, Joane Cardinal-Shubert finds the inspiration necessary for her artwork in many traditional Native sites, so it is not surprising that when visiting the historic Head-Smashed-In Buffalo-Jump near Fort Macleod, Cardinal-Shubert found plenty of food for thought.

In fact the buffalo jump was the inspiration for her painting called Ghost Dance; a work commissioned by the Alberta government for presentation to the Duke and Duchess of York who opened the interpretive centre at the site in July.

The Calgary Native artist says she spent many hours at the Buffalo-Jump trying to capture the spiritualism

significant at the site for years. It was the domain of the Peigan Indians who hunted and ran buffalo over the cliff -- using the buffalo for food and clothing.

"It wasn't easy capturing the feeling and spirit of this place. It's so spiritual," said Cardinal-Shubert.

She added, "I came here when there were not too many people. I enjoyed the quiet and space of this place."

The articulate artist was chosen among a field of more than 100 artists in the competition. She was

surprised and pleased when she awarded the commission last winter.

But, she is concerned that many Native people are known for their accomplishments and achievements as Natives rather than as individuals.

"For instance Natives are known as Native lawyers, Native journalists, Native doctors -- rather than for their success in various disciplines."

"That bothers me. It's not that I have a sense of shame for my culture. But, personally, I'd rather be

known for my success as an artist first," she explained.

A great-granddaughter of Peigan holy woman Rose Bobtail, Cardinal-Shubert was raised in the Crowsnest Pass and Red Deer, but never forgot her Native heritage and now does work related to her culture.

"I see myself as a keeper of my culture. I show a lot of respect for that kind of work," she said.

But most of her pieces are "about who I am. I paint about the processes I go through in life. Otherwise I can't paint."

The piece presented to the royal couple was an oil painting. Although the couple took time out to personally thank Cardinal-Shubert, they did not say if they were going to display the painting in their home.

"I couldn't resist to make them (Prince Andrew and his wife Sarah) laugh. They were so serious. I finally asked if they were going to place my painting in a prominent place."

"The Prince turned to me and said 'yes, above our Davenport,'"

Cardinal-Shubert studied

at Alberta College of Art and graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Calgary in 1971.

She says she would like to see more Native people aspiring to be artists to study art formally. "I'm concerned because so many Native artists are being taken advantage of by art dealers and curators."

"If they had the education, they would know how to deal with the situation better. Work by Native arts should not be exploited."

Cardinal-Shubert's work has been exhibited throughout North America, including Japan and Australia. She is a member of the Royal Academy of Arts in Toronto.

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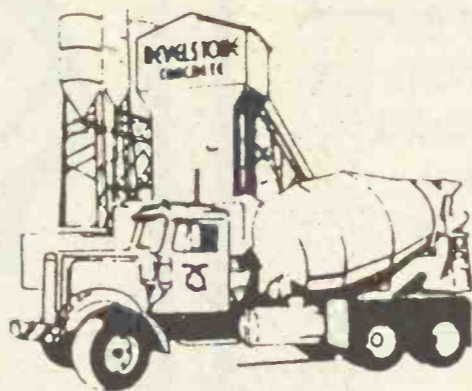


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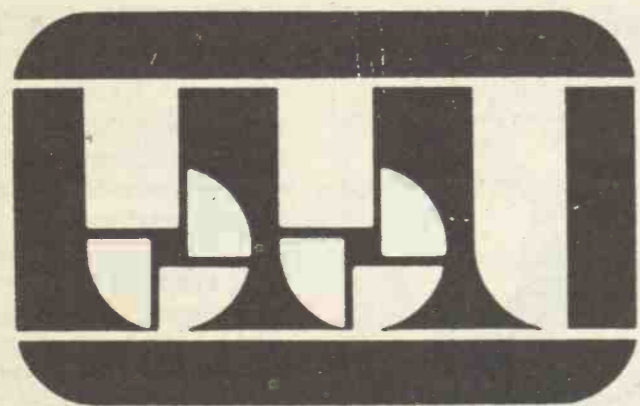
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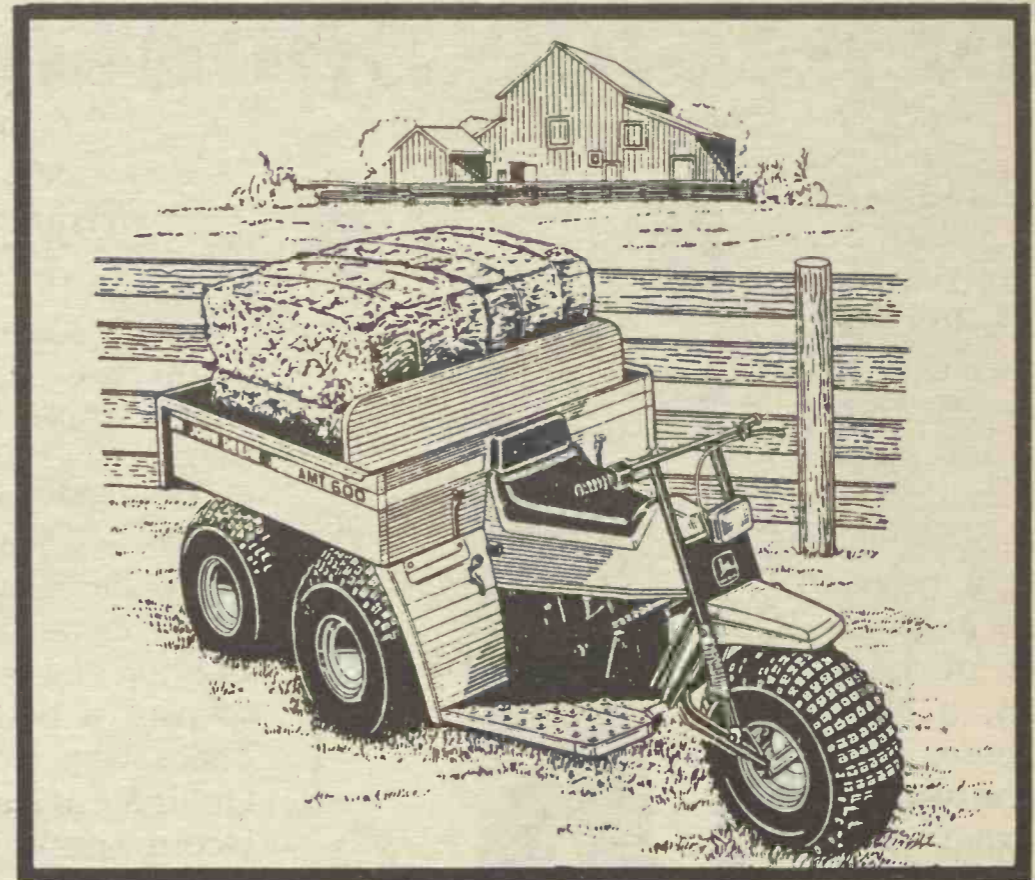


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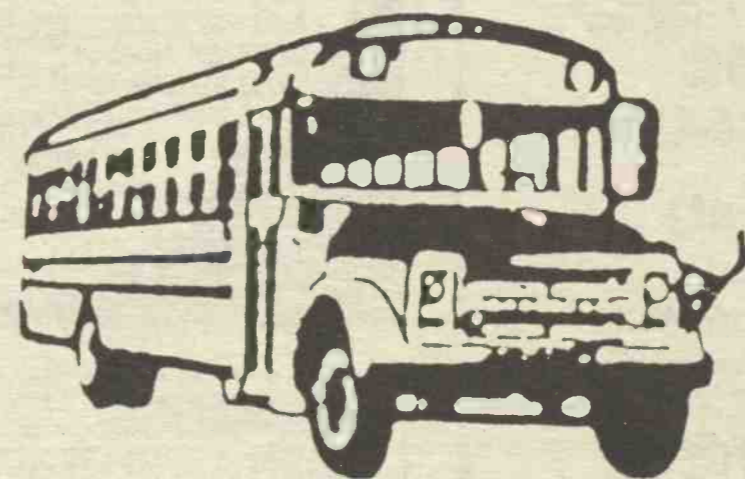
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Sports

Golden Eagles winning

'Poor people' sponsor ball team

By Rocky Woodward

BEAVERLAKE — Since forming the Lasso Golden Eagles baseball club two years ago, primary concern was to show the political world that they could be winners at the community level if given the means to train and travel to games.

President of Lasso Construction, a Native owned enterprise, Archie Gladue, says he would like to see the team, named after his firm, continue but, "It's the poor people that are sponsoring the club."

"I would like to see laws changed, such as allowing for Native lotto's and bingo's so recreational activities such as baseball can continue. Initially, this team is looking for recognition from leaders that we can be winners. We have to have a foundation.

"You know we sleep for one-third of our lives, we work for one-third and the other third we use up on recreation, but Native people don't have any recreation. We don't have any corporate bodies or financial set-up in our Native system so I would like to see Native lotto's or even bingo's passed in Parliament. They use them for the handicapped and charities, why not for Native recreation where it



ARCHIE GLADUE
...team's sponsor

is also needed," Gladue commented.

On Sept. 3, the Golden Eagles were honored with an appreciation night at the Craighend Community Hall, near Beaver Lake reserve, for their efforts during this year's fastball season.

The Golden Eagles won many tournament trophies and gained respect when they placed third in the National Indian Activity Association (NIAA) championships, they placed fourth against teams that were much more experienced.

"We went extra winnings with the B.C. Arrows and we beat the second place Manitoba team, so we did well. In this respect I think we've placed the closest to

the top from Alberta in the last two years," said Gladue.

Gladue was instrumental in the formation of the Golden Eagles because he saw the need for recreation for young Native people.

"Money is hard to come by so Archie and a few others came up with the idea for Native people to sponsor a baseball team. That's why we have the Golden Eagles and their record speaks for itself," commented master of ceremonies Ken Pruden who also stressed the need for a change in the law to "allow poor people who fund recreational activities, to have access to lotto's and bingo's for sponsorship.

Past winner of the Longboat Award, presented to him in recognition as best Native athlete in Canada (1986) Tom Erasmus, presented the rookie of the year, best outfielder and best infielder awards to Dale Fleming, Bobby Morris and Jimmy "Smash 'em" Nashim, respectively.

"Last year I was invited as a guest speaker and this year I was an active player with the Golden Eagles and helped out as coach. It is nice to know that we are supported by fans, Archie Gladue and Al Lameman," commented Erasmus, who

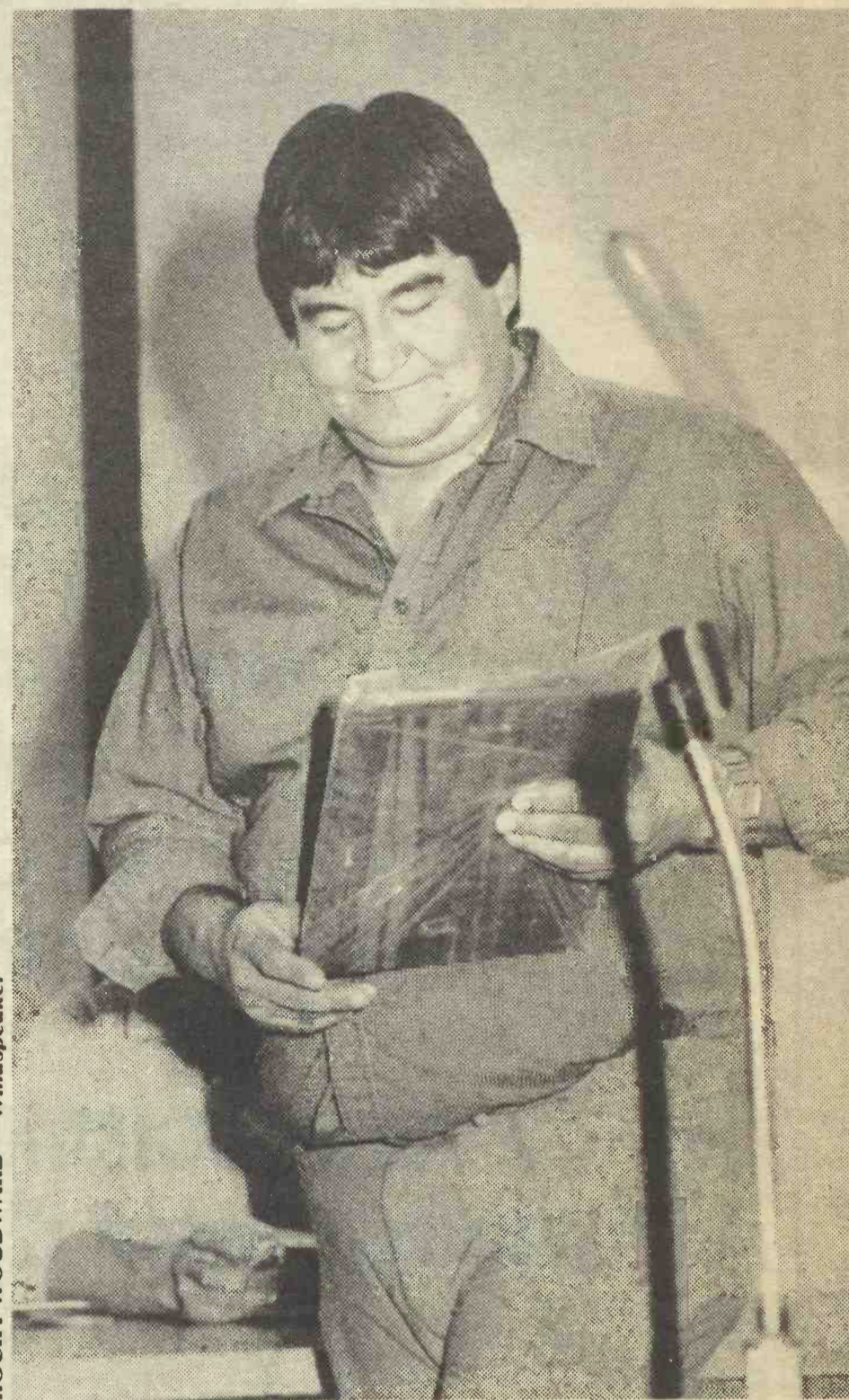
was once a contender for a spot with the major league Cincinnati Reds until he received an arm injury.

Erasmus was also honored with a trophy for his work with the team. "Tom was a great asset as a player and assistant coach and we hope you come back next year," said Gladue.

The coach of the Golden Eagles, Alwin Whitford, was presented a trophy from Chief Al Lameman who commented that Whitford not only "is being recognized this evening for his efforts in making the Golden Eagles a winning team, but Alwin also won the best coach award at the national championships this year."

Elder Carrie Whitford presented awards to baseball players who travelled the farthest in order to play for the Golden Eagles and in appreciation of their effort and dedication to the team. Don Cunningham, Len Auger, Greig Mackinaw and Fred Cardinal received awards.

Archie Gladue was also presented with a pair of moccasins. "We know how much you pack the grass down when we're playing so on behalf of the fans and the team here is our small token of thanks for all your generosity and for helping



ALWIN WHITFORD
...award-winning Golden Eagle's coach

to make it happen," said ball player Lester Whitford who presented the gift.

Dolores Gladue, wife of Archie Gladue, was presented with a golden bell for her work in the community. "Now Dolores all you have to do is ring the bell when you need Archie and he'll come tippy toeing in with his moccasins on," quipped presenter Elaine

Berger.

Then everyone enjoyed a great banquet of foods which included moosemeat and bannock. The Kehewin Northern Lights Square dancers entertained the crowd and a dance ended the evening with music supplied by Golden Eagle ball player and entertainer Don Cunningham and his band.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

'Bush-wise Indian' pays the price in 'pretend war'

I have been shot — in the back, in the chest, in the right eye and twice in my right leg! I shot a few people myself and enjoyed it, too.

No, I haven't gone over the edge — not totally anyway — just crazy enough to sign up for the Windspeaker Survival Game.

That's the game where you dress like Rambo and pack a pistol that shoots little round red paint pellets that explode on contact. The aim of the game is to "kill" your opponents. Of course, all is done in make-believe.

But even for the price of pretend war is painful. I had little bruises where I had been shot — those pellets travel at 250 feet per second, you know. And my muscles ached from climbing ditches and steep hills, my body a pin cushion for thistles and thorns.

But it's my ego that hurts the most. Humiliation is seeing yourself as a bush-wise Indian getting shot four times by a bunch of urban whitemen and once by Gwen, our bookkeeper, who shot me in the goggle. Maybe I'll do better with more practice.

You know Windspeaker's Margaret Desjarlais, she was nicknamed the "Invisible Gopher" since the tree or rock used for hiding often turned out to be Marg in disguise — scary.

How about Vicki "Moonraker" Smith? She's my girlfriend. She was called Moonraker after she reported her observation of a moon on the horizon as a soldier answered nature's call. Moonraker said the experience was "terribly embarrassing." I might believe her, too — if she could talk about it without smiling.

Our general manager Bert "Killer Ninja" Crowfoot was nicknamed by the opposition. "Watch out for that Chinese guy!" the enemies would yell. Finally one of us hollered back: "He's not Chinese, he's Indian!" But none of it helped poor Killer Ninja — you got problems when you're three feet wide and the diameter of the biggest tree is ten inches.

Remember the Clark Ken of Indian journalists, mild-mannered Mark McCallum. Maybe we should change his nickname to Lex Luthor. Saturday morning we all watched him put on army fatigues, black and green face paint — then a haze came over his eyes and a mouth twitched into a grimace. We haven't seen him since, but I could of swore that I seen him scalking around that abandoned cement factory across the street from work.

Maybe you can hunt him down. If you want to try, phone the owner and organizer of the game Joe Stannard. He says he's in business until the first snowfall and if you have a large enough group, Joe might bring the game to you. For more information just dial 469-GAME.

SUCKER CREEK: Had their second annual slowpitch tourney Sept. 5-7. Six men's teams and seven women's teams showed up at the Sucker Creek baseball grounds.

In the men's category, the Sucker Creek Cruisers took first and \$700. High Prairie Selects came second winning \$450. Just out of the money and third was the Driftpile Bugs.

On the ladies side: High Prairie Angels win first and \$450, Joussard wins second and \$275, and the Whitefish Stealers came third.

The Most Valuable Player awards went to the Select's Gerald Cunningham and Joussard's May Cunningham.

Sept. 19 was a day of rodeo and gymkhana at the Sucker Creek Rodeo Grounds. They tell me the turnout wasn't too good since they moved the rodeo date at the last minute. Nevertheless, here are the first place winners in the rodeo:

Bullriding, Lonnie Bellerose; junior barrels, Mark



Calliou; ladies' barrels, Arlene Krieger; ladies' steer undecorating, Sherry Pollack; calf roping, Dwight Sutherland; team roping, Ken Cardinal and Dwayne Krieger; wild cow milking, Dan and Ken Cardinal, Trevor Bramwell; junior steer riding, Trena Okimow.

Winners in the gymkhana events are as follows:

Peewee barrels, Dallas Turcotte; junior barrels, Mark Calliou; senior barrels, Sherry Pollack; peewee polebending, Dallas Turcotte; junior polebending, Tracy Johnson; peewee stake race, Dallas Turcotte; junior stake race, Anita Rich; senior stake race, Trena Steffen; peewee keyhole race, Roy Cardinal.

MONTANA BAND: Warm, sunny weather and lots of people showed up for the Montana Band Last Chance Golf Tourney last Sept. 29. The \$30 entry fee got you 18 holes of Texas scramble golf at the Wetaskiwin Golf Course.

Texas scramble is team golf. Each player on the team (usually three or four) shoots from the same spot and the best shot is used. According to the rec director Joey Potts, the teams could have "three lousy players and one good one and still win." Apparently the game is lots of fun and a little luck helps, too.

Danny Buffalo, Ken Omeasoo and Jarvis Currie teamed up to score 66 (5 under par) — that won them first over seven other teams. Each got \$25, an Oiler's game ticket and a golf shirt.

NANCA: What's a NANCA you say? The Northern Alberta Native Cowboy's Association that's what. You might not have heard of the association but everyone in rodeo world knows NANCA even though the association is only one year old.

"It's been a really successful year," said the association's secretary Doris Roasting. NANCA had a dozen sanctioned rodeos this season and the year-end leaders are already determined (except in the calf roping event, a tie to be broken at the NANCA finals).

The year-end winners plus the winners at the NANCA finals rodeo at Panee Oct. 16-18 will go down to Albuquerque for the Indian National Finals Rodeo. Here's a list of the year-end leaders who have a spot at the nationals:

Kenton Randle, bareback; Clyde Roasting, saddlebronc; Bruce LaRocque, bullriding; Virgil "Hoss" Jacob, steerwrestling; Gina Raine, senior barrel racing; Dennis Samson's team, team roping; and tied for calf roping is Lawrence Crawler and Larry Bull.

In the junior events, Renatta Cattleman won barrel racing and Roddy Baptiste won steers. The juniors won't go to Albuquerque — maybe in a few years.

"First timers are usually overwhelmed," concluded Roasting, "but we're keeping our fingers crossed for a couple of titles in Albuquerque."

IRCA: Just a reminder the Indian Cowboy Rodeo Association are having their finals this weekend, so next week you'll know who's going to Albuquerque from the IRCA, too.

STANDOFF: Last weekend Standoff hosted the Joey Young Pine Memorial Rodeo. The rodeo was an IRCA sanctioned rodeo for the 1988 season — talk about being ahead of schedule.

Here are first, second and third place winners listed consecutively:

Bareback: Tim Pankrantz and Dexter Bruised Head tied for first, Bill T. Head was third. Saddlebronc: Louis Little, Pat Standing Alone, Bill T. Head. Bullriding: Dallas Young Pine, Eugene Jackson, Dexter Bruised Head. Calf roping: Wright Bruised Head, Jeff Fox, Sam Bird. Steerwrestling: Wright Bruised Head, Byron Bruised Head, Marvin Mistaken Chief. Team roping: Sam Bird and Dick Powell, Glen Wolf Leg and Marvin Dodging Horse, Elliot Benjiman and Murray Yellowbird. Senior barrel racing: Shelley Matthews and

Loretta Lefthand tied for first, Chantelle Day Chief third. Boy's steer riding: Josh Twigg, Standord Wells, Tibbs Little Bear. Junior barrel racing: Janelle Shade, Bonnie Crawler, Stephanie Simon.

FORT MCKAY: The season is long over for the Fort McKay mixed slowpitch team but the team has done well. See for yourself — here's the highlights of their year:

For the third time in four years, the Fort McKay team won the Northern Alberta Native Slowpitch Tourney in July. Fort McKay competed against Janvier, Anzac, Fort Chip and Fort Mac.

The team also played in the Molson league where they won first place in their division finals in July. They went on to the provincials at Fort McMurray in August and put on a good show to grab third place. We'll be watching them closely next year — they just might take the provincial title.

Hockey news in Fort McKay: Fort McKay General Contracting, a band enterprise, is sponsoring a hockey team in the Labatt's Gentlemen's League, for the first time ever. So far the team has played three exhibition games — their record is one win, one tie and one loss. Regular season play will start in mid-October against eight teams. The only other Native team in the league is Janvier. By the way, Fort McKay's first and only win so far was against Janvier. The league has no contact or slapshots, hence the name Gentlemen's League.

Fort McKay no longer has a peewee hockey team, instead, they started two youth teams to participate in the Fort McMurray Minor Hockey League — a bantam and atom team. The atom team has two girls on their team, watch for them in two weeks at Fort Mac.

ALBUQUERQUE golfers: The Canadians are back, tanned and tired but content with the three second places finishes they got at the NIAA national golf finals last weekend Oct. 2-4. Wilf McDougall won second in the second flight, Roy Albert got second low net in the third flight and Ellie Cadieux got second low net in the ladies division.

In case yer curious, overall men's winner was a battle between Tom Almojuela and Rich Majeda, a couple of Californians. By the final day Almojuela won four strokes ahead of Majeda.

Seventeen-year-old Shauna Craig of Warm Springs, Oregon was the ladies overall winner. She's a super golfer now, imagine what she'll be like in a few years.

Congratulations to the winners. And let me tell you those golf people are super folks — impressive ambassadors for the rest of us Canadian Indians.

HOBHEMA: WIN-Sports and the Alberta Northern Lites, a wheelchair basketball team, are joining forces Oct. 14 at the Howard Buffalo Memorial Arena for a wheelchair basketball challenge.

The chiefs and councils of the four bands will actually play basketball in wheelchairs against the famous Northern Lites wheelchair team.

Then in the second quarter the Northern Lites will take on the ladies from Hobbema Jazz.

In the third or fourth quarter, a new men's team will try their skill and luck against the Lites.

One quarter is being left open — just for you. Volunteers from the audience will be invited to dribble and shoot from a wheelchair, wheel to wheel with the Lites.

Game starts at 6:30, that's a Wednesday, and admission is free. What a great idea for fun — and awareness of the disabled. If you want to know more about the challenge, phone quick: 428-6778 or 585-4101 ask for Leona.

This is all for now — you've just read the world's largest Sports Roundup ever. So much happening... catchya later!

Family supports runner's dream

By Margaret Desjarlais

"If you have it in you to dream, you have it in you to succeed" — said Alwyn Morris, a Mohawk from the Kahnawake reserve in Quebec, after receiving a gold medal in the 1,000 metre two-man kayak race at the 1984 Olympic Games.

Fifteen-year-old gold medal winner Karen Margett's dream is also being realized, thanks to the support of her family. Karen won a gold medal in the 200 metre race this year at the Alberta Summer Games held in Sherwood Park. The race consisted of approximately 40 runners from all parts of the province.

The skill and stamina of being an athlete is a family effort.

Karen's brother, Kevin Brass also captured two gold medals in the pentathlon event and the relay race at the Games. The pentathlon consists of five track and field events. "I want an equal opportunity for both of them," says the proud mother Jenny Margetts. "They work very



COURTESY JENNY MARGETTS

RUNNER KAREN MARGETTS
...at Alberta Summer Games

hard and are persistent workers to earn what they got."

Karen's first competition was in Surrey, B.C. at the Pacific Championships in November 1985. Her team, Redwater Junior High, "came in first" in a team competition in a cross-

country meet, says Karen.

She later achieved a first place trophy at the Saddle Lake Annual Rose McGilvery Memorial Run in June 1986. According to Karen, she did not qualify for this year's memorial run because she belonged to a track club and also because

"competitors have to compete in meets that are approved by the track club."

In May 1987, Karen captured medals in her first meet held in Leduc, placing second in the 200 metre race and third in the 100 metre. She then competed

in the 100 and 200 metre races in a meet in Red Deer in June, 1987 and shot to the top with a first place victory in both. She later earned second spot in both the 100 and 200 metre races in the Alberta provincials held at Edmonton's Scona Track in July 1986.

Combining academics and athletics is what Karen likes best. She received an academic award, all around Grade 9 student, at Redwater Junior High in June, 1987. She is now a Grade 10 student at Redwater High School.

Karen stresses she "would like to teach young children what I know in being an athlete." But because of her busy schedule she was unable to this year. She was also invited to teach in summer camps with the Sturgeon Recreation Department this summer along with her brother Kevin. Again, time prevented her from doing so.

The Margett's family have discussed short-term goals, such as helping Native children in sport

events, says Jenny. "They have a purpose in life to help out their people."

Through rain or shine, this persistent athlete travels from her home in Redwater to train in Edmonton and St. Albert. She belongs to the St. Albert Track Club and trains with coach Glen Teague in the summer. She resumes indoor training in November at the Kinsmen Fieldhouse in Edmonton and begins competing in meets in different part of the province in December.

Karen will also be competing in the Alberta Track and Field provincial championships next year and if successful will qualify for the National Quebec meet to be held in Quebec in the summer of '88.

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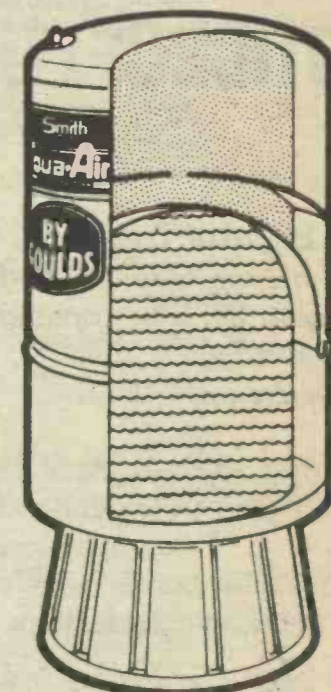
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Business loan can help trappers

By Mark McCallum

Native trappers can get a \$2,000 business loan if a poor hunting season leaves their traps empty. Loans are available through BANAC in conjunction with Native Venture Capital (NVC), — two organizations which give financial support to Native businesses.

"Trapping is a business," said NVC president Milt Pahl, adding the loan is usually for essential products such as food, clothing and traps.

BANAC general manager Johan Louw says one trapper has applied for the loan since it was established in 1985. After the trapper agreed to pay money back

within a one year period, which is required of all applicants, the loan was granted to him.

However, Louw stressed the marketing and manufacturing of pelts still must remain in the hands of "middle men such as the Hudson Bay which has

control of the fur industry and the international market."

Louw added the trappers' "independent" nature makes it difficult for them to organize a group which can successfully compete with large store buyers.

PREMIER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF DISABLED PERSONS

The Steering Committee appointed to prepare a proposal for the establishment of the above Council is interested in receiving submissions from all interested parties.

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Submissions should be made by October 31st, 1987.

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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 23, 1987 commencing at 7 p.m., and continuing on Saturday October 24, 1987, at the Mistassiniy School in Desmarais, Alberta.

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

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

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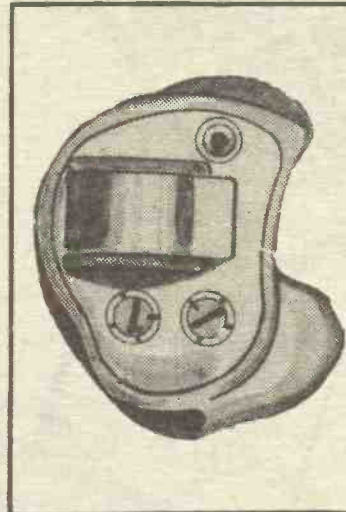
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NOTICE OF HEARING

Alberta Government Telephones (AGT) filed an application with the Public Utilities Board (the Board) dated October 29, 1986 which requested, in part, approval of Individual Line Service for rural subscribers in Alberta. As part of that application, AGT requested that Multi-Party Service (MPS) be retained as an option for existing subscribers in rural areas after exchange conversion. New rural customers would be required to take Individual Line Service (ILS) after their exchanges were converted. The Board approved certain parts of the application on August 21, 1987, including the request by AGT to retain MPS as an option.

AGT has now decided that it does not want to continue to provide MPS as an option in rural areas after exchange conversion. AGT has filed an application dated September 11, 1987. The effect of this application is to delete MPS as a service after exchange conversion in rural areas. Accordingly, after exchange conversion all existing MPS will be converted to ILS on a compulsory basis.

The Board has scheduled a public hearing of AGT's application to delete the MPS option to take place in the West Hall of the Energy Resources Building, 640 - 5th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta on October 22, 1987 to commence at 9:30 A.M.

Any person who intends to make a submission to the Board respecting these matters or to otherwise participate in the Hearing should indicate such intention by appearing at the Hearing in person or be represented by an agent.

Any person wishing to ask information requests regarding AGT's application should provide written questions to AGT with copies to the Board prior to October 13, 1987. AGT should respond prior to October 16, 1987.

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Student wins \$5,000 award

By Jackie Red Crow

LETHBRIDGE — A third year Metis student enrolled in the Native American Studies program at the University of Lethbridge was recently awarded a Pope John Paul Commemorative scholarship.

Albert (Jack) Glen, originally from Thunder Bay in northern Ontario, was selected among 20 candidates vying for the \$5,000 scholarship.

In a telephone interview Glen said, "I'm really lucky and honored to be chosen. It helps to believe in yourself."

Glen is believed to be the first U of A Native student to win the scholarship which was established in 1984 by the Alberta government in commemoration of the Pope's trip to the province.

After Glen graduates with a bachelor of arts degree next year, he plans to continue his studies by enrolling in the Faculty of Social Work to obtain his second degree.

But Glen is adamant that he will not work with government or a major corporation after graduation. "I'd rather work with Natives at the grassroots level," he said. "You deserve to help your people," he added.

Although treaty student education is financed by Indian Affairs, Metis students have to rely on student loans but Glen says there is really no other difference. "We're all Aboriginal peoples and we have a common enemy," he said.

Glen credits his high academic average to "believing in yourself that

you can do it." His grade point average is currently at 3.4 out of a possible 4.

Besides devoting his time to his university studies, Glen does a number of volunteer work with the Four Worlds Development Project and the Native American Student's Association at the U of L.

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Closing Date: Oct. 15, 1987

Interested candidates may submit their resume and three (3) references in confidence to:

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