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Tootoosis begins year joining powwow circle

BERT CROWFOOT, Windspeaker

Valerie Tootoosis, principal of the Ermineskin kindergarten school started the New Year off right with her initiation into the powwow family held last week in Hobbema. Welcoming her into the family are (l-r): Florence Nepoose, Ruth Bull, (Valerie Tootoosis), Lillian Roan, Pat Littlechild and Maggie Black Kettle.

Valerie entered into the group with a special ceremony and was honored with a giveaway. Although dancing in Alberta powwows is a new activity for her, she has been involved with Native people in Saskatchewan and Vancouver. Congratulations Valerie.



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Environmental concerns arise over pulp mill

By Keith Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Environmental and Native groups are greeting a proposal for the world's largest kraft pulp mill which is to be built near the town of Athabasca with wary concern.

Fort McMurray band Chief Robert Cree says: "It is not only the band's concern, it is the trapper's also. We do have a lot of concerns on it about the environmental impact."

Chief Cree says another concern they have is about an outstanding land claim which has not been settled with the federal govern-

ment and that they would first like to see that dealt with before any sort of development goes on with the land.

The Forest Management Agreement (FMA) where the trees will be harvested from is 73,000 square kilometres and that has Chief Cree worried. "I've seen a map and it is quite large. If the pulp mill is going to take that much resource out of the area then that is a lot of destruction in terms of wildlife."

According to environmental groups, such as the Friends of the Athabasca, the milling process will be using chlorine to bleach its pulp white and pumping up to 15 tons of effluent into the Athabasca River each day.

Cree says, "I think that any pollution that is created in that vast area will affect Native people but it will also affect the livelihood of anyone who has to hunt, fish or trap."

He says he does not expect anything good to come out of the project. "Nothing that will benefit the band anyways as far as I am concerned."

Fort McKay Chief Jim Bouchier says he will be meeting with the Athabasca Native Development Corporation to see how they can approach this problem. "We have concerns about the impact on the wildlife and impact on the Athabasca River.

Chief Bouchier says

they are not proposing to protest or "any other extreme action" and are looking at ways around the problems first.

Ministry of Environment spokesperson Kate Thompson says that when the pulp mill is constructed it will not only be the biggest in the world but the safest.

She says, "they have to go through an Environmental Impact Assessment and that is a study of the actual mill site itself that the company conducts. They have to write a report on everything they are going to be doing and explain the whole process. The whole thing is subject to air, water and water resource acts — all those permits."

Thompson says that Environment Minister Ian Reid announced new technological standards on kraft pulp mill emissions that will be put into place and adhered to when the mill is completed in 1991.

She says the Environmental Impact Assessment will be open to the public. "This is when people that have concerns or have questions have the opportunities to question the company who is holding it or if they have questions of the environment or anything else then the company is going to have to be able to answer all of those questions not only to the public but the environment department as well."

But spokesman for the Friends of the Athabasca

Barry Johnstone says they are worried about the impact on the environment the pulp mill will have. "There are serious concerns about the water pollution, there are serious concerns about the air quality and there are long term serious concerns about the forest management and wildlife."

Johnstone says the kraft mill process is "one of the most environmentally devastating ways of producing

pulp and is associated with the production of dioxins."

He says people downstream should be concerned about effluent. "When you're talking about toxicity in the parts per trillion level there really is no margin of safety. I think it is very regrettable that the provincial government has opted for the kraft mill process when there are communities downstream that are using that water for

domestic use — it is a serious potential threat."

The \$1.3 billion pulp mill is slated to begin production in 1991 and is located between the towns of Athabasca and Lac La Biche. Construction of the mill, after Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. has submitted satisfactory Environmental Impact Assessment, is scheduled to begin in the spring of 1989.

Seven make bid for Whitefish chief

By Susan Enge
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ATIKAMEG, Alta.

Three weeks after Atikameg's Whitefish band council signed a land claims agreement-in-principle with the federal and provincial governments, an election this month has forced the council members and possibly the deal into the campaign arena.

The chief and seven councillor positions are up for grabs. And, the event is stirring an impressive reaction from the 520 residents living in this small Cree reserve 150 miles southeast of Peace River.

Although the streets "are quiet" and "no one is saying anything", the large number

of candidates running for these positions reveals a strong interest in the upcoming band election, said band employee Brian Pitcairn.

There are thirty-one candidates, seven of which are running for chief and twenty-seven for seven councillor positions.

Incumbent Chief Eddy Tallman is facing stiff competition. Six people have tossed their names into the ring and are vying for the leadership. They include Frederik Thunder, Amedee Laboucan, Ray Tallman, Joseph Nahachick, Gean Marie Whitehead and Robert Grey.

"It's more than we've ever had I guess, that I can remember," said incumbent

Chief Tallman.

One member clearly wants a new deal.

"To me anyway, the land is worth more than the money. The money you have on the right hand and it goes out on your left. But, the land it doesn't," said Gean Whitehead, who is running for the chief's position.

The Whitefish Band signed a tentative 8.6 square mile and \$19 million deal Dec. 12 making incumbent chief Eddy Tallman subject to perhaps the biggest test of all during this election.

The voter turnout during the last election Jan. 1987 was extremely high with an impressive 86% of the 265 eligible members casting their vote.

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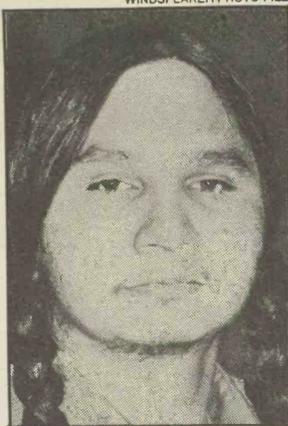
Freeman voted chief

Clifford Freeman was recently elected chief by Driftpile band voters Nov. 24, defeating former chief Eugene Laboucane by seven votes.

Freeman says his success was because the smaller clans and groups "banded together" to elect him into office.

Freeman, born and raised in Driftpile, identified the key issues facing the band as creating long-term job opportunities, making the band farm more profitable and getting the parents involved in the band-run school.

Councillors elected were Fred Okemow, J.R. Giroux, Peter Freeman, Jimmy Giroux, Larry Beaver, George F. Giroux, Hank Giroux and George H. Isadore.



New chief: Freeman

Two sex charges laid

Two Cold Lake men have been charged with sexual assault in connection with the Rose Berland case. Berland, 26, also of Cold Lake, was found dead last July at the Cold Lake Provincial Park after she went missing in March.

Grande Centre RCMP have completed an investigation into Berland's death and have laid sexual assault charges against Phillip Marty, 22, and James Bruneau, 27.

Man froze to death

Ernest Matchatis, 35, was found frozen to death about 100 yards from his Cold Lake home. His father found the body on the morning of Dec. 30.

Police are still investigating Matchatis' death — no foul play is suspected. A blood alcohol content test was taken, however, police did not receive the results of the test at press time.

Peigan elder buried

Charles (Bunny) Grier, a Korean war hero and a founder of the Indian Association of Alberta, passed away Christmas Day at age 65.

During the Korean war, Grier was missing in action for 17 days. He received the Medal of Valor after he was found at a Red Cross station suffering from wounds to the leg and hip.

Grier is survived by sons Jim, Emery, Stan and Ken, foster son Jason, daughters Amand and Marilyn, 14 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. His wife, Eileen, died in 1985.

Two die in truck crash

Twenty-one-year-old Travis Ames Morin, of Enoch, died when his truck was struck by an eastbound vehicle which had lost control on highway 16 near Edson, Alta.

The passenger of the eastbound truck, Dennis Wade Forchuk, 19, was also killed. The driver, Darren Edward



Crash victim: Morin

Forchuk, 22, was rushed to the University Hospital in Edmonton where he was reported to be in stable condition. All three were from Edmonton.

The RCMP said Forchuk's truck hit an ice spot and slid into the path of Morin's half-ton.

Morin's father, Berkely Daniels, said Travis "was going slow," because he was escorting the tractor-trailer unit.

Morin was an aspiring model and appeared as a Sunshine Boy in the Edmonton Sun.

Morin leaves behind his two-month-old daughter Jessica and her mother Sonya McCarthy. His mother is Elizabeth Daniels, a electrician from the reserve near Edmonton.

CLOSE TO HOME

Supernault new federation VP

By Everett Lambert
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EDMONTON

Harry Supernault, of the East Prairie Metis Settlement near High Prairie, Alta., is the new vice-president of the Alberta Federation of Metis Settlements.

Supernault filled the gap after the late Ernie Howse of Buffalo Lake (Caslan) Settlement passed away on Nov. 12 of last year. Howse, 65, passed away in his sleep at his home.

A byelection for vice-presidency was held in December in Edmonton to fill the rest of the term. Selections for the position will take place in July 1989. Supernault will have to go through the election process at that time if he wish to continue his term.

Supernault ran a close election against formidable Gary Parenteau, an advisor

for the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement. After having three tie votes Supernault narrowly won in the fourth ballot. They were going to flip a coin if the fourth vote was a tie.

In an interview with Supernault he had much to say about working with youth and unity amongst the settlement people.

"I got involved (with Metis settlement politics) at an early age. When you're young no one listens to you. It always interested me to go to settlement meetings. I always assumed the role of working with the younger people. I'd like to enhance the opportunities. We need the educated people. You guys (the youth) are going to run the show," he says of future Native leaders.

He is attracted to the new ways Native youth look at leadership and politics. "Their ideas are more of an action type thing."

"When I got onto council

at 19, it almost seemed like nothing (in the community) changed. He says "I was there when the federation started. He recalls that he was influenced by Metis leaders like Sam Johnson, Maurice L'Hirondelle and Ernie Howse.

Of settlement unity he says "it's (federation) not molded perfectly right yet. Once their tied in I think its going to work a lot better." He doesn't say this of the actual organization itself or any of the individuals involved, but rather the way and the speed in which some settlements develop in relation to others. He feels that if they work more "close together" they can get farther ahead as a whole. Of his past involvement with the settlements of the FMS he describes that "(he) liked working with the federation to try and bring them closer together it was a real challenge."

Supernault has sat on

numerous boards from or concerning the settlement. He says he's been on just about every board organized on the settlement itself including the recreation board and the East Prairie Investment Corp and Family and Community Support Services. The family man has also been involved in a decision-making role with heavy construction, elk ranching and hamlet relocation on the settlement. Owner of Harry's Gas Bar and Grocery, Supernault has also served "off and on" as chairman of the council for three terms.

Other new federation officials include Martin Thompson, Kikino Metis Settlement, who fills the new role of surface rights coordinator and George LaFleur, also of Kikino, who is the coordinator of the settlement's 50th anniversary to be held this summer on that settlement.

Label disgusts friendship centres

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

LETHBRIDGE

The Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association are disgusted that their programs may be under Multiculturalism instead of Secretary of State in April.

A letter stating their bitter opposition was sent to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney on Oct. 1. They are insulted and feel that being funded by Multiculturalism indicates that aboriginal peoples are ethnic groups instead of founding nations of the country.

The letter signed by the directors of the 14 friendship centres located across the province said, "We do not see ourselves and the Aboriginal Friendship Centres Programme, with, or under Multiculturalism.

"We, Aboriginal people,

are the first nations of this country and have never claimed to be identified as an ethnic group nor part of the multicultural mosaic of Canada."

Mike Bruised Head, executive director of the Sik-oooh-toh Friendship Centre in Lethbridge agrees strongly with the letter. "We're not an ethnic group and we (friendship centres) should have a separate and distinct funding formula like always before."

He believes centres may be lost in the shuffle if they have to compete with other ethnic groups for funding. "We're underfunded as it is," he said, adding that the government hasn't renewed a five-year mandate on the program. The centres have been unable to convince government officials to extend their program for another five years. Their efforts have been frustrated

because centres have gone through three ministers in the past six months.

With the proposed move, Bruised Head said it's even more uncertain if friendship centres may even get assurances of continued government funding under Secretary of State.

As well, he fears centres may not be able to carry out their functions as adequately in the communities they serve if funding is reduced or transferred to another government department.

Bruised Head said centres play a vital role in creating cross-cultural awareness between Natives and non-Natives. They also provide information and services such as housing, employment, cultural, recreational activities to Natives who move to urban centres.

Since the Sik-oooh-toh Friendship Centre opened

20 years ago, Bruised Head said the centre has been faced with delays and cut-backs in funding. He admits the centre has had its ups and downs but blames the government for not increasing funding to meet increasing demands by urban Natives for various services.

He estimates between 4-5,000 Natives are currently residing in the city to pursue educational and work related interests. However, a large number move to the city in the hopes of making a better life for themselves.

He said urban Natives will suffer if friendship centres funding is ever discontinued completely. But he said that they'll "put up a fight" if that possibility is ever evident.

Bruised Head hasn't heard any word yet from the government's response on the letter.

Group saves historic building's fate

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

BLOOD RESERVE

A group recently formed to preserve the historic St. Paul's building had luck and timing on their side says its chairperson.

Ruby Eagle Child said the committee was formed when the Blood chief and council decided to demolish the 64-year-old building in May. The building has been vacant since St. Paul's Treatment Centre on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

moved into their new premises over two years ago. Before then, it was used for over 60 years as the Anglican boarding school on the reserve before closing its doors in 1972.

But the most significant turning point was when the Amazing Spirit Productions group approached Blood council to use the old boarding school in their movie Where the Spirit Lives just days after council had passed a resolution to tear down the building.

"I'm really happy that

things worked out," said Eagle Child adding that council had overturned their previous decision and instead imposed on a one year moratorium on tearing down the building.

"I really believe in historical sites and buildings must be preserved for our people," she said. "They (historical sites) document the happenings, events, and history of the Blood tribe.

Now the committee is working towards getting St. Paul's declared as a historic site and possibly as a tourist attraction in the

future.

An application has been sent to the department responsible for historic preservation of the Alberta government in Edmonton. Next on their agenda, the committee plans to raise money to preserve the building. They have already received some help because the Amazing Spirit Productions group had upgraded parts of the building.

There are about 25 members in the Dave St. Paul's committee who meet on Monday evenings.

CLOSE TO HOME

Twinn lawsuit postponed, others join fight

By Keith Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

A Dec. 19 court appearance for the people and groups involved in the Twinn lawsuit in Vancouver was postponed as changes are being made as groups skirmish for positions before the next court appearance.

The court case is a constitutional challenge about whether or not bands have the right to decide their own band membership. The case challenges changes made by Bill C-31 to the Indian Act which would see re-instated Natives returned to bands without band input.

Sawridge, Ermineskin, Sarcee and Blackfoot bands are all arguing the right to decide their own band members and oppose the legislation. Sawridge is spearheading the court action.

Three separate groups are seeking to enter the court case and side with the federal government. The national group Native Council of Canada, are seeking intervener status; provincial group Native Council of Canada (Alberta) are seeking co-defendancy; and the Non-status Indian Association of Calgary are also seeking intervener or co-defendancy status.

Lawyer for NCC Brad Morse, said in a telephone interview that developments in the court case are the contributing factors in setting back the case.

"As of now we are still looking at Vancouver and no date has been set. We've had a couple of dates but they've had to be scrapped because one or another of the many different lawyers now involved was unable to make it," he explained.

"The lawyers for the plaintiffs, Walter Twinn and all, were unable to cross examine the deponents, the people who gave affidavits on behalf of the NCC(A), they were able to cross examine the national spokesperson of the NCC (Chris McCormick) but they could not do all of those with NCC(A) prior to December 19."

Twinn's lawyers then "felt it best to defer the entire hearings so that all of the motions for intervener status could be heard at the same time," said Morse.

Special Adviser to NCC Bob Groves said in a interview from Ottawa that they are prepared to enter the case through intervener status because they are concerned about the possibility of a court decision which would narrow Treaty or Aboriginal rights.

Groves said the government would like to see a decision which would diminish Treaty rights. "The federal government don't want Bill C-31 struck down but they want Treaty rights to be diminished. In a sense the case being brought by Twinn and the other plaintiffs is inviting that kind of diminishment of Treaty rights.

"So it is very dangerous to both our status, non-status, Treaty, and non-Treaty membership because it impacts also on Aboriginal rights because you can't touch on Treaty rights without indirectly touching on Aboriginal rights," explains Groves.

Native Council of Canada (Alberta) made a decision at their last annual general assembly in Peerless Lake in November 1988 to pursue co-defendancy in the lawsuit to defend many of their members who are Bill C-31 applicants.

In other related matters, both Enoch and Sturgeon Lake bands are seeking to withdraw from the court action.



Cross-examined by lawyers: Chris McCormick

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Kids being discriminated against: Nellie Carlson

Nellie denies medal, wants youth reinstated

By Albert Crier
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EDMONTON

Until the children of re-instated Indians receive band membership rights, Nellie Carlson will not wear a medal awarded to her for her fight to regain Indian rights for enfranchised Indian women.

"Human rights are still being violated, kids are being discriminated against. Children are only registered on the general list, they are not recognized as band members," said Carlson who devoted 17 years of her life to changing the law which took away Indian band rights from women who married non-Indians.

Carlson received the Persons Award last October and was a guest speaker at the December 10 public forum commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations, at the Alberta provincial museum.

"The government should legislate band membership rights to the children of re-instated women. No matter what band it is, they should grant band rights," said Carlson.

Carlson has packed away her medal and will

not wear it in public unless the law is changed granting band rights to children of Bill C-31 Indians.

"I'm all for Indian self-government as long as all Indian people are recognized," said Carlson.

Bill C-31 was made law in 1985, amending the Indian Act to re-instate people to the Indian general register and open the process for them to regain band status and rights. Before then, section 12-1-b of the Indian Act stripped women and their children of both Indian status and band rights if they had married a non-status Indian person.

Under the Indian Act changes, Indian band governments were given until June 1987 to come up with their own membership codes, spelling out who is a band member entitled to receive band services and a share of band money.

Bands which failed to gain Indian Affairs approval of their band membership codes, had to follow the federal government's version of band membership rules.

Under government rules, Indian women were automatically recognized as band members, but children of these women would be given band rights to band services and band money only if the chief and Band

Council approved, said Carlson.

The Indian Act amendments which Carlson described as far from perfect, continues to discriminate against the grandchildren of re-instated persons. The government will not recognize grandchildren or second generation children as having Indian status or band rights.

Parry Bennet, in charge of band membership division at Indian Affairs, confirmed that band rights depend on the band.

"It depends on the band, generally speaking under section 11 (of current Indian Act) first generation children are automatically on the band list," he said.

Carlson, 61, originally from Saddle Lake, remembers the days when an Indian could be criminally prosecuted if they spoke out against the Indian Act.

Carlson is the second woman in Alberta to receive the Persons Award, the award itself originated from a court case in October, 1929 which gave women the right to be legally recognized as a person in Canada.

"We have to start waking up to our rights," said Carlson, adding that she is not ready to retire from educating people on Indian rights for Indian women.

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YOUR WORDS

Symbolism interpreted

Dear Editor:

Shotgun blasts, honking horns, happy hoots and hollers and the sharing of good company rang out the old and brought in the New Year for me this year in the Kikino Metis Settlement.

Visiting this community was a special privilege. And, it was thrilling to be part of this traditional Metis celebration.

All week, between Christmas and New Year's, I had been talking to people in Kikino and listening to stories about how the Metis in this community have been bringing in the New Year for years before.

The first chest gripping wave of excitement rose in me at about 10:30 New Year's Eve - about an hour and 27 minutes before the

first shotgun blasts began.

People began gathering in groups at the homes of relatives and friends, at the church for service, and at the hall where a New Year's Eve dance was in full swing. Drivers with carloads stopped in the middle of the road to chat with drivers and passengers of other vehicles.

The group I was with agreed to meet outside the settlement office at 11:45 p.m. Until then, we continued to drive around, passing on the word of where we knew people would be gathering for the grand midnight finale.

By 11:50 p.m. our group was together again outside the settlement office. We determined how many shells there were and the number of shots we'd each

take.

From down the road we heard a series of happy hoots and hollers coming from the dance hall as people gathered outside in preparation. Nobody seemed to have formally organized the finale but everyone knew what to expect and how to respond.

Then, bang! went the first shot. It rang crystal clear in the cold crisp air, and that started a good two to three minutes of a volley of shots. There was a brief pause - maybe half a minute or so - and then the volley of shots started again. All the while people were cheering in the New Year and honking their horns.

When it came my turn to shoot, I took one shot above. There were still three more shells left in the barrel. By the third shot I was in

full synchronized motion and enjoying every moment of this symbolic ritual.

According to stories, the shooting signifies that someone is home, food is on the table, and visitors are welcome. Before the days of telephone, people went outside their homes just before midnight to listen to the directions from where the shots came and then loaded up sleighs or jalopies and went visiting until the wee hours of the morning.

This unique tradition continues to survive in Kikino and even thrives for this special night of the year. I'm not sure what time my visiting ended that night. My watch was left in Edmonton.

Dorothy Daniels

AS I SEE IT

AFN chief looks back

Looking back on the passing of another year, I am reminded of my message to all of you of a year ago; at that time I was looking forward to progress and achievement for First Nations. I firmly believe that we have seen some progress in 1988, and that we can be proud of our achievements.

The framework for historic land claims settlements, for the Dene and Metis of the Northwest Territories, and the First Nations of the Yukon, were established this year; a just and long overdue settlement for the Lubicon Nation of Alberta is finally within reach; the injustice to First Nations of the Meech Lake Constitutional Accord may yet be eliminated, and our constitutional rights acknowledged by the governments of Canada and the provinces; and throughout our lands, First Nations are moving steadily and responsibly toward assertion of their authorities and jurisdictions.

There have been setbacks; our people are still confronted in their own lands by police and the Canadian courts, still arrested for protecting their territories and ways of life. But we can be encouraged by the progress we have made.

This past year much has been made of warnings from me and other First Nation leaders, of the consequences to Canada and Canadians of continued inaction and injustice. These warnings were sometimes twisted into threats of violence and uprising. But they have been heeded, at least by some.

I take this opportunity, to thank you once again for your confidence and trust in re-electing me to the office of National Chief, and to wish you and your families and friends a New Year of hope and fulfillment.

Georges Erasmus
National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations



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New spiritualist seeks bison skull

Dear Editor:

I have a humble request to ask of you.

I have recently been released from Mountain Institute in Agassiz, B.C., where I spent a year and a half as spiritual coordinator for the United Native Brotherhood. Over the past year and a half I have seen many of my brothers turn to the Red Road (traditional lifestyle). Mountain Institute has a population of about 270 inmates of which about 50 are Native brothers, 30 of these brothers you'll always find in the sacred grounds with an elder or pipe carrier, and I gave my word I would do for them whatever I could upon my release.

My humble request is could you be so kind as to direct me to

a person or organization whom I could acquire a couple of buffalo skulls from. The brothers partake in ceremonies which require the use of the sacred buffalo skull, also they need one to adorn the sacred mound in front of the sweatlodge. All ceremonies, of course, will be under the guidance of an elder or pipe carrier. If you have any information of where I could obtain buffalo skulls for my brothers please contact me as soon as possible at the following address: Mr. David Leigh Wilson, Site 14, Box 9, R.R.#2, Commodore Heights, Williams Lake, B.C. V2G 2P2.

May the Great Spirit guide your footsteps.

David L. Wilson
Williams Lake, B.C.

Parents' group clarified role

Dear Editor:

Our group, Families of Native Children, would like to thank you for your recent article (Nov. 25, 1988) regarding our workshop held Nov. 19 at the Poundmaker Nechi Centre.

We would also like to take this opportunity to clarify the nature of our group. Although we are open to all kinds of families who have Native children, we are currently composed of a few foster parents, with a majority of adoptive parents, several being single.

As mentioned in the article "we met to discuss ways (our)

children can develop a positive self-image in a society where negative Indian stereotypes prevail." We do need the help of the Native community to educate ourselves and our families and we appreciate the interest and support offered to date. As a newly formed organization, we welcome all comments and ideas.

We are in the process of planning monthly activities for January to June 1989. Anyone wishing information or having suggestions may call 437-1287 evenings.

Fran Wolver
Chairperson
Families of Native Children



Bannock break: *Walter Goodstriker*



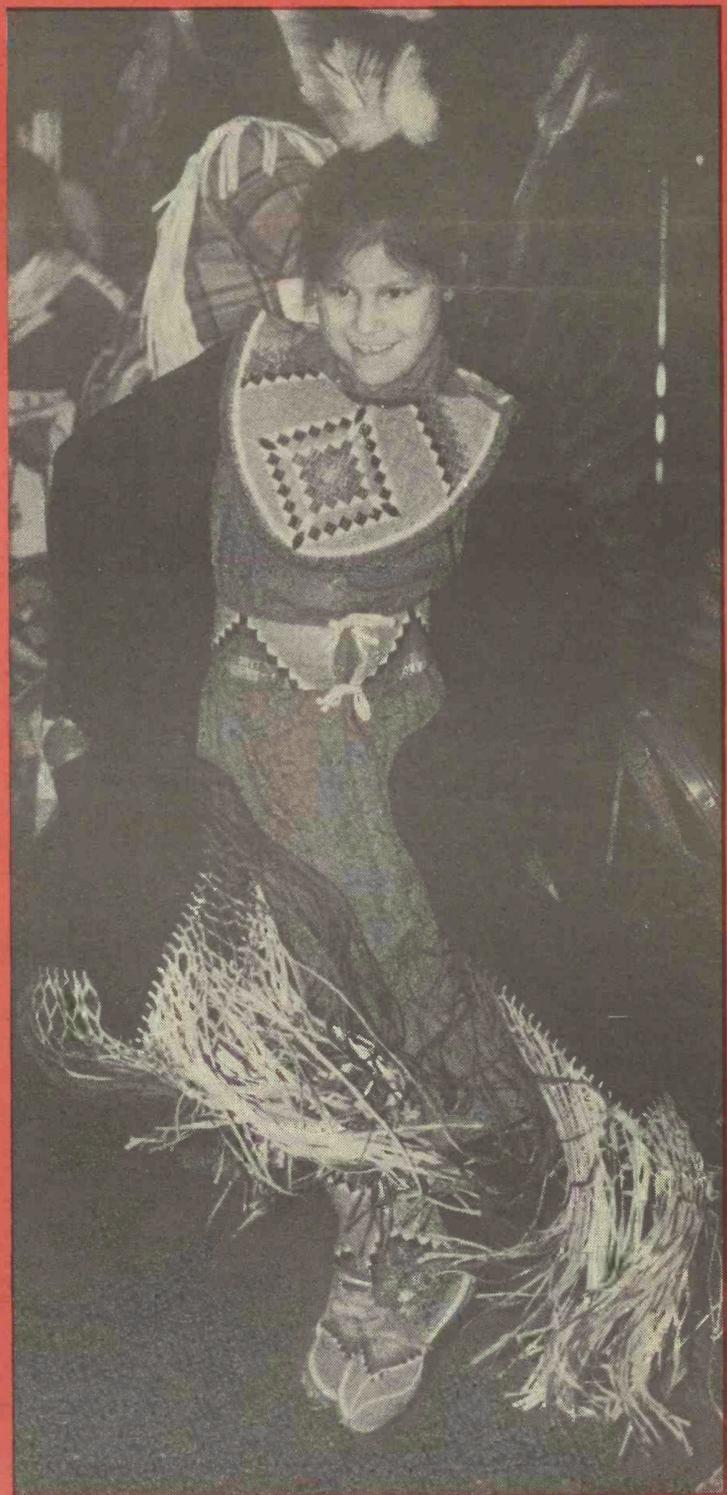
The new look: *Poafpybitty and son Richard*

Alta. and Sask. powwow for Veterans ho

On Dec. 29-30, a powwow was held in Hobbema's Agriplex to honor all war veterans. It was organized by [unclear] and Donny Montour.

Bad weather conditions did not discourage the people who attended the non-competition event to participate in the round dance and exhibition dances.

It wasn't a big powwow but it was successful in bringing people together from Alberta and Saskatchewan to honor those who served in the wars.



Strutting her stuff: *Leslie Saddleback*



Stark face design:

pow faithfuls gather honored

bbema's Panee Memorial
organized by Marvin Littlechild

the powwow faithful who did
participate in intertribals, two steps,

fulin that it brought the people
to honor their veterans who have

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'I can't believe my eyes!': Joey and mother Janice Nepoose



ce design: Donny Rain



All smiles: Randy Wood, Kyla and Arlette Saddleback

ENTERTAINMENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration**, Jan. 14 for Paul & Edith Memnook, Goodfish Lake - United Church mass, supper, powwow and dance.
- **Prince Albert Hockey Tourney**, Jan. 13-15, 1989, Prince Albert Communiplex. Contact (306) 764-3431.
- **Men's & Ladies' Volleyball Tourney**, Jan. 14-15, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, Ermineskin. Call Michelle at 585-4017 for more information.
- **Minor Hockey Tournament (Novice)**, Jan. 14-15, Saddle Lake.
- **All-Native Senior High Volleyball Tourney**, Jan. 14-15, Onchaminahos School, Saddle Lake. For further info call Gloria McGilvery at 726-3740 or Gary Jackson.
- **Minor Hockey Tournament (Tykes)**, Jan. 21-22, Saddle Lake.
- **Clifford Metchewais Memorial Hockey Tournament**, Jan. 27-29, Goodfish Lake. Contact Randy Metchewais 594-1457.
- **Commercial Hockey Tournament**, Feb. 3-4, Saddle Lake.
- **2nd Annual Ermineskin Open Coed Volleyball Tourney**, February 18 & 19, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre. Call 585-3088 (Danny) or 585-3089 (Evan) for more information.
- **Senior Hockey Tournament & Oldtimers**, Feb. 25-27, Regina, Sask. Contact melton Tootoosis (306) 584-8333.
- **10th Annual Mixed Bonspiel**, February 24-26, Slave Lake. Sponsored by Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre. Call Jennifer at 849-3039 for more.



NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION #61
MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT
AREA MAINTENANCE
SUPERVISOR - ZONE 1

Northland School Division is seeking a hard working, ambitious individual who is interested in a supervisory position reporting to the Maintenance Supervisor.

The successful candidate will be responsible for the efficient and economic operation of the Maintenance Staff in Zone 1 which includes the areas: Panney Camp (Pine Ridge), Loon Lake (Clarence Jaycox), Keg River (Dr. Mary Jackson), Paddle Prairie, Cadotte Lake, Little Buffalo and Nose Creek.

The successful applicant will also be responsible for the implementation of maintenance procedures and guidelines for preventative maintenance and repairs to ensure Division facilities and buildings are maintained at a high standard. Supervision of maintenance staff and making of recommendations on hiring and assessing maintenance personnel is required.

The successful candidate must have journeyman qualifications in one or more trades and previous supervisory experience. Self motivation and the ability to carry out duties with minimal supervision is a primary requisite of this position.

Candidates with strong interpersonal, organization and administrative skills would be given first consideration.

Salary range - \$31,200 - \$38,400 per annum with a full benefit package.

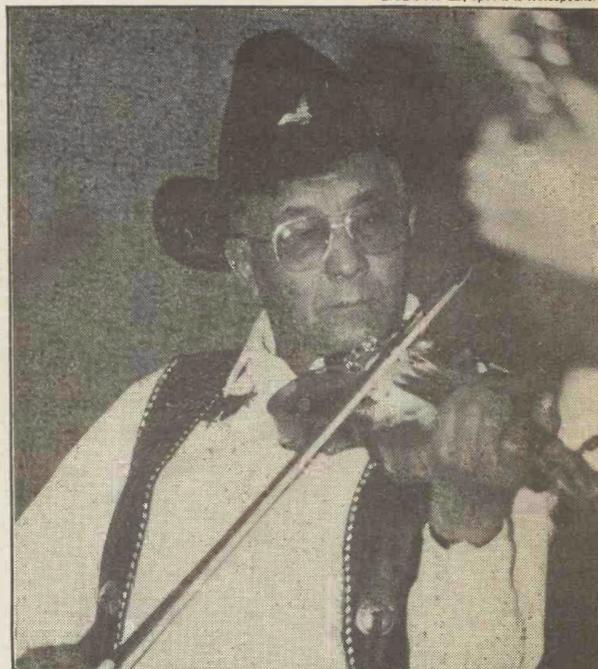
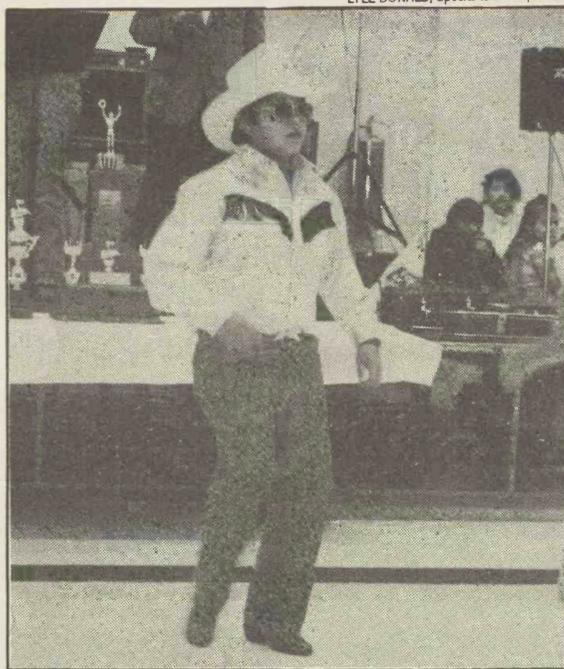
This position is available immediately.

Please submit complete resumes with 3 work references to:

Lucille Boucher,
 Human Resources Administrator
 Northland School Division No. 61
 Bag 1400
 Peace River, Alberta T0H 2X0

Phone: 624-2060

Competition closes: January 13, 1989



Cultural extravaganza: Jigging Merle Crier and fiddling Walter Anderson

Crier honored at talent show

By Lyle Donald
 Windspeaker Correspondent

BONNYVILLE, Alta.

The third annual Boxing Day cultural extravaganza here brought together Aboriginal people from across northern Alberta to enjoy and compete in a full agenda of fiddling, jigging and singing.

Cultural day co-ordinator and vice-president of Zone II of the Metis Association of Alberta, August Collins, said the event gets bigger each year. This year's event drew over 400 entertainers and spectators. Timing for the event was good because a lot of people were up for Christmas holidays. It was a time to share their talents with relatives and friends or just to

sit back, relax and enjoy the talent.

Up for grabs for the all-around entertainer was the Dolphus Crier Memorial Award. The late Crier was a fine entertainer, explained Collins and took the time to teach his children how to play, sing and dance - to be proud of themselves. Crier passed away earlier this fall in a hunting accident. It was a touching scene when they announced his son, Merle Crier, as the first winner of this annual award. As he was presented the award, his mother joined him and they embraced each other and shared some tears of joy and sorrow. Merle entered every event with the exception of the duet category.

The event was put on by

several different groups in the area including: Zone II Metis Regional Council, Metis Local 201 (Lloydminster), 222 (Cold Lake), 641 (Elk Point), Bonnyville Rehab Centre, Bonnyville Friendship Centre, Kehewin Band and the Cold Lake alcohol program.

The following are competition results:

Male Vocals: 1st, August Collins; 2nd, Ken Badger; 3rd, Norbert Jebeaux.

Female Vocals: 1st, Bernie Dumais; 2nd, Mary Wells; 3rd, Susan Quinney.

Junior Vocals: 1st, Shirley Badger; 2nd, Marla Jebeaux; 3rd, Sharron Crier.

Duet Vocals (senior): 1st, Bernie Dumais & Lloyd Gladue.

Duet Vocals (juniors): 1st,

Shirley Badger & Shelly Angus; 2nd, Wanda & Marla Jebeaux.

Fiddle Contest: 1st, Gus Dion; 2nd, August Collins; 3rd, Walter Anderson.

Golden Age Jig: 1st, Frank Dumais; 2nd, Theresa Cardinal.

Male Jiggers: 1st, Louis Cardinal; 2nd, Vern Boucher; 3rd, Norbert Jebeaux.

Female Jiggers: 1st, Carol Badger; 2nd, Mary Wells; 3rd, Carol Gadwa.

Junior (females): 1st, Tammy Desjarlais; 2nd, Tina Desjarlais; 3rd, Elizabeth Desjarlais.

Junior (males): 1st, Steve Dumais; 2nd, Brent Donald; 3rd, Merle Crier.

Dolphus Crier Memorial (all-around entertainer): Merle Crier.

Assistance to Native Art Students

Native students who are presently enrolled in post-secondary visual arts courses are invited to apply for special bursaries, specifically for art supplies.

Submit to the Alberta Indian Arts & Crafts Society the following:

- current resume
- educational institution presently enrolled in and description of courses
- proof of enrollment
- details of art supplies requested
- narrative explaining how a bursary would assist you
- proof of Native status, if required

Applications must be received prior to February 28, 1989, and must be sent to:

Alberta Indian Arts & Crafts Society
 Visual Arts Bursaries
 #501, 10105-109 Street
 EDMONTON, Alberta T5J 1M8



ALBERTA INDIAN ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

OUR PEOPLE

Morigeau trains truckers

By Everett Lambert
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

After being in business for only a year and a half, 40-year-old Mike Morigeau would like to see more Natives in northern Alberta enter the driver education business.

"If a Native person from the Peace River or Slave Lake regions opened up business, he'd do good," says Morigeau. A Metis, raised in Calgary, Morigeau is also part Kootenay.

Back in 1986 Morigeau, after suffering from a back injury, took up driver education training at Cameron driving school in Edmonton. However, he disagreed with their style of training and decided to go into the business of training drivers himself.

Mike's Driver Education Ltd. offers a whole range of courses including class one and three driver training, air brakes, advanced defensive driving, and handling dangerous goods.

He says that his student body is made of people from all types of backgrounds, many are women and he is also pleased that many are Natives. He adds that he is impressed "Native student always catch on quickly."

Morigeau also advises that anyone looking to get into the business will require three things: financial resources, education, and most importantly, "a whole lot of drive." He notes that his work day usually starts at 7:30 in the morning and goes until 10 in the evening. He



'Native students catch on quickly!': Owner Mike Morigeau and instructors Don and Ben Fiddler

also adds that he's only had two weekends off since August.

Another important ingredient in the business is proper equipment. With two tractors on fleet, Morigeau is also proud of the brand new one he has on order. Morigeau also gives his student diverse training in the different types of transmission shifts employed in the business and also teaches his students about brakes using an air-brake apparatus right in the classroom.

The school is a family-ori-

ented one with wife Lorraine running the bookkeeping end of the business. Mrs. Morigeau is also equipped to answer questions potential students might have with financing.

Funding for Treaty Indian students can be accessed through Indian Affairs who will pay \$1200 for a 25-hour class at the school.

Also on staff are three instructors, including Morigeau, with a third in training. Morigeau himself has been certified by the Canada Safety Council.

The school plans to expand next year into Red Deer and is also looking at moving into northern and eastern Alberta.

Morigeau is sad to see that Natives still suffer from racism and stereotypes. He says that he is tough on his Native students because he wants to see them get ahead in the working world. "It really ticks me off that we have to get stereotyped like that."

He concludes that he "gets a real sense of accomplishment" from what he's doing.

GOOD NEWS FOR YOU AND YOUR ENVIRONMENT

On January 16, 1989, updates to Alberta's Beverage Container Regulation take effect.

Now, more containers like bottled water, juice, and non-alcoholic beer and wine are returnable. The beverage container return system has been simplified and that's good news for you, the consumer.

There are only two size categories you now need to be aware of:

1. Those returnable bottles, cans and containers **ONE LITRE OR LESS** are refunded at a minimum of 5¢.
2. Those returnable bottles, cans and containers **OVER ONE LITRE** are refunded at a minimum of 20¢.

Milk containers, beverage boxes, juice and beverage cans larger than one litre and products bought outside Alberta are not returnable.

Between January 16 and February 20, 1989, non-refillable soft drink containers of 500 ml or more will be refunded at the old rates. After February 20, 1989, the new rates will be in effect for these containers.

For all other returnable containers purchased under the former deposit system, the deposit you paid when you purchased the beverage will be the refund you receive when you return the container to your local beverage container depot.

Note: If no deposit was paid, no refund will be paid.

Further details will be posted at your local beverage container depot. Or you can write:

Waste Assistance Branch
Alberta Environment
5th Floor, 9820 - 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta

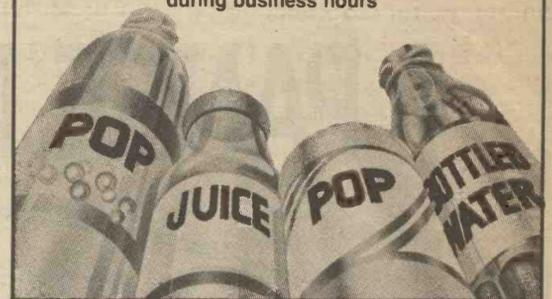
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The Amisk Housing Association is currently accepting applications for a Property Manager

This management position will involve planning, organizing, and supervising all aspects of operations for an independent non-profit housing authority that is currently being established by the Indian Association of Alberta. Initially, the manager will be responsible for a 20-unit housing project; responsibilities will increase each year as the size of the project grows.

Although training will be provided, the successful applicant must meet the following

requirements: strong managerial and interpersonal skills; post-secondary business training and/or property management experience; prior work experience with Native organizations would be an asset.

Resumes will be accepted until January 18, 1989.

Please forward resumes to:
Carla Woodward
Amisk Housing Association
c/o Indian Association of Alberta
11630 Kingsway Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 0X5

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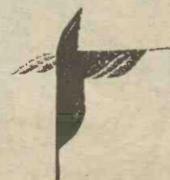
Session II: February - May 1989

Deadline for Application: Jan. 27, 1989

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: Minimum of Grade 9 with an average mark of 50% in Math and English (Transcript required with application) or a pass mark of 65% on the Alberta Apprenticeship Trades Entrance Exam.

TRADES ENTRANCE EXAM: May be written at any Alberta Apprenticeship Board office. (Please call their office for an appointment) This exam will be administered by the Apprenticeship Board at Blue Quills on January 20, 1989 at 9 a.m. sharp.

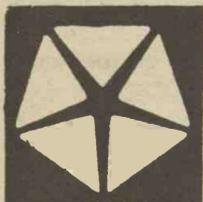
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Panee hosts pro rodeo

By Everett Lambert
Windspeaker Correspondent

ERMINESKIN RESERVE

Most folk catch the Boxing Day sales, go skiing, or just stay with the family after Christmas is over. But not the folks at Panee Memorial Agriplex's Cowboy Christmas Rodeo held Dec. 26-28.

The annual event is said to be the world's only Christmas rodeo. This year 497 competitors shared \$55,910 in prize money. The unique rodeo is the first of the season on the Canadian Profession Rodeo Association (CPRA) circuit.

Charlie Roasting, 64, was one of the organizers and has worked on eight of the nine Christmas rodeos.

He commented that this years event was a "good" one and added that "more Americans are coming."

Larry Bull, 34, is a calf roper from the nearby Louis Bull Band. Bull has been a member of the CPRA for five years. He said that he

"started in Hobbema" and practices at the Panee Memorial Agriplex. "It's tough" being a competing member of the pro rodeo circuit he says. "You have to keep practicing."

Darrel Cholak of Valleyview, Alberta earned all-around cowboy honors.

Cholak earned the honor by winning the most money from competing in different events.

Individual event winners were:

Bareback Riding: Robin Burwash, Calgary

Bull Riding: Jay Soukup, South Dakota

Calf Roping: Tim Williamson, Madden, AB

Steer Wrestling: Rod Lyman, Montana

Saddle Bronc: (tie) Wayne Powell, Turner Valley and Kevin Small, Idaho

Boy's Steer Wrestling: Greg Whitlow, Cremona, AB

Ladies Barrel Racing: Joan Unger, Sherwood Park

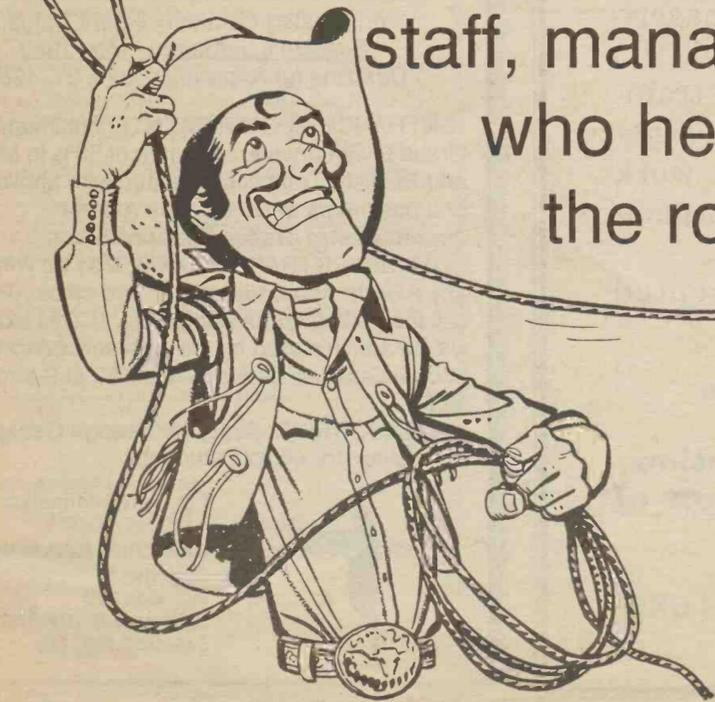
Team Roping: Ed and Clarence Hunt, Lethbridge.



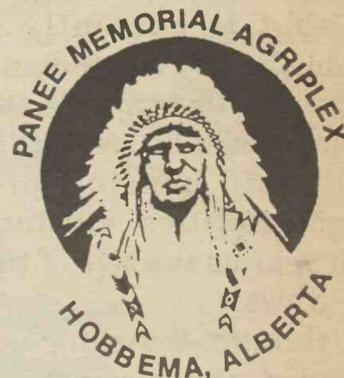
World's only Christmas Rodeo: Saddle bronc rider

PANEE MEMORIAL AGRIPLEX

Wishes to thank all of the contestants, sponsors and spectators who made the Cowboy Christmas Rodeo such a success. Special thanks to the staff, management and volunteers who helped organize the rodeo.



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(Division of Ermineskin Band Enterprises)

SPORTS & LEISURE

Nominees sought

EDMONTON - Minister of Advanced Education Dave Russell recently announced that over \$1.1 million has been awarded in Jimmie Condon Athletic Scholarships to 1,141 post-secondary students in Alberta through the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund.

In making the announcement, Russell said: "These scholarships are awarded to those students enrolled in Alberta's universities, colleges and technical institutes who are involved in athletic competition. These awards recognize the sustained level of commitment that is required to pursue athletic excellence as well as undertake a post-secondary program of study. The recipi-

ents of these scholarships are dedicated individuals who value accomplishment both in the sports arena and the classroom."

The \$1,000 scholarships are awarded in two instalments and are based on the recommendation of the institution. Students may qualify for the Jimmie Condon Athletic Scholarship in one of three ways: as a member of a designated team, as an individual athlete recognized under the Alberta Athlete Development Program; or as a disabled athlete on a provincial team.

Since its inception in 1980, the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund has awarded in excess of \$68

million to over 48,000 Albertans through 10 scholarships programs. The Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund was established by the government of Alberta through a \$100 million endowment from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

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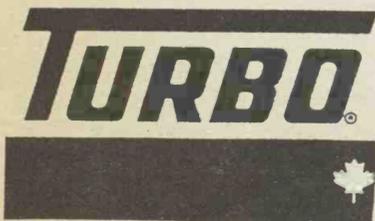
Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. Project Announcement

Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. is proposing to build a 1,500 tonne per day Bleach Kraft Pulp and Paper Mill at a location south of the Athabasca River between the communities of Athabasca and Lac La Biche.

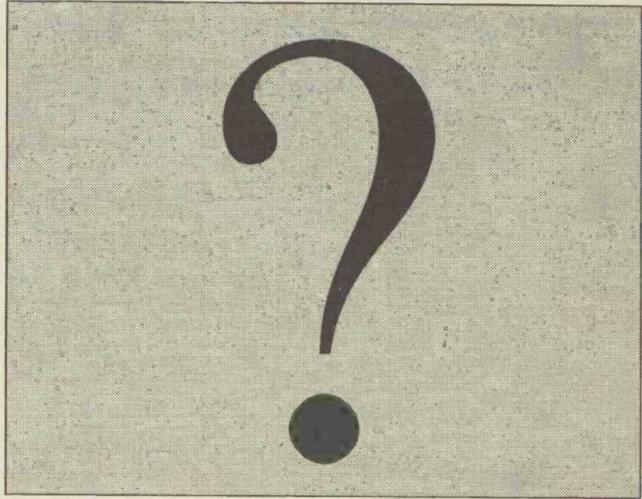
Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. will be holding open houses in the project area and invites interested citizens to attend.

The meeting will address the nature of the proposed mill and the Environmental Impacts associated with the project. A Notice of Meeting will be placed in this newspaper in January 1989, giving the date, time and location.

Congratulations to all the winners from the Cowboy Christmas Rodeo 1988. Best of luck in the 1989 season.



Turbo is the official fuel supplier to the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association and its members.



We need a new logo

LOGO CONTEST

We, being the Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research department of the Indian Association of Alberta (better known as T.A.R.R.). T.A.R.R. is involved in research and preparation of land claims for any Alberta Band who requests our assistance. The claims, when ready, are submitted to the Specific Claims branch of the Department of Indian Affairs. That, very briefly, is what we do.

We know there are a lot of talented people out there and we need your help in coming up with a design that will symbolize T.A.R.R. and the work it does.

The winning submission will be printed on our letterhead, envelopes, etc., and the winning artist will receive *Five hundred (\$500) dollars.*

Rules

1. The logo should be an original design that is drawn or painted on white cardboard measuring 8" x 10".
2. Black and one other color may be used.
3. Solid colours only (do not use shading).
4. The contest is open to any Treaty Indian person of any age living in

Alberta. Please include your name, address, Band and Treaty number with your submission. Staff of the I.A.A. and T.A.R.R. (and their families) may not enter.

5. Submissions will be accepted until **January 31, 1989.** The winning artist will be contacted and the winning submission will be published in *Windspeaker* sometime in February 1989.

6. Any person who is qualified to enter may make more than one submission.

7. All submissions become the property of T.A.R.R. and will not be returned. Judges will be made up of the staff of T.A.R.R. and their decision is final.

Send your entries to:

**T.A.R.R.
11630 Kingsway Avenue
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If you have any questions or require further information, contact Edna Deranger or Murray Marshall at 452-4330.

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Successful candidate will be a self-motivated well-organized individual possessing strong supervisory skills and a good working knowledge of band administrative policies.

A post secondary education supplemented with several years progressive experience in financial management, public relations and program funding including municipal planning is essential. The ability to work in a prerequisite.

Term - two years

Salary - Negotiable within \$30,000 plus range and housing.

Submission Deadline - Jan. 20, 1989.

Please forward resume to:

**Chief and Council
Fort McMurray Band
P.O. Box 8217
Clearwater Station
Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 4J1**



Chief Executive Officer

Settlement Investment Corporation is a financial institution owned by the Metis settlements of Alberta. The corporation is involved in the development and support of new business initiatives that stimulate the economic growth of the settlements.

The Board of Directors of Settlement Investment Corporation is currently seeking the services of a Chief Executive Officer. Reporting to the Board, our new Chief Executive Officer will be responsible for: overseeing the maintenance of financial management systems on a day to day basis, the planning and evaluation of major business opportunities and investment strategies and the preparation of operational policies and ensuring their implementation.

The successful candidate will have demonstrated ability in the areas of financial management and economic development. This individual will have appropriate post-secondary training or equivalent experience. Strong oral and written communication skills are also prerequisites for this position.

Finally, our new C.E.O. will be a strong team player who enjoys the challenge of working in a dynamic and innovative environment.

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Please send cover letter, resumes and references to:

**Mr. Harold Cardinal
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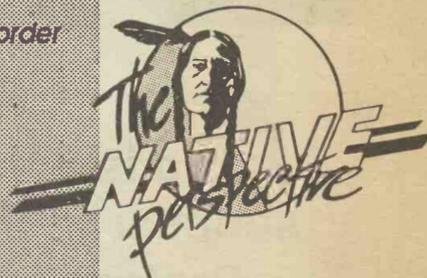
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