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Controversy rages over sheep slaughter

By Lesley Crossingham

A Calgary biologist is calling for the restriction of Treaty hunting rights after the slaughter of a herd of big sheep near Rocky Mountain House in September.

Brian Horejsi, a biologist with the Alberta Wilderness Association, a conservation group, says Treaty Indians have abused their right to hunt.

Treaty Indians "should abide by the same hunting regulations as the rest of society," Horejsi points out that when the treaties were signed a hundred years ago little thought was given to conservation.

However, Gregg Smith, president of the Indian Association says Horejsi is reacting to an incident that has been blamed on Indian people.

"According to reports

the slaughter was carried out by Indians from Morley...but why haven't there been any charges laid? It is not proven that we have abused our rights." According to a report by Red Deer lawyer and newspaper columnist Bob Scammell, the slaughter took place "on or around Sept. 21 or 23" at a lodge near a point where the Panther River joins the Red Deer River.

"A group of Indians drove onto lodge property and opened fire on animals...when the lodge occupants protested, the Indians just moved upstream and continued the barrage from the road. Most of the shooting was done by kids, encouraged by laughing old men," writes Scammell.

The report adds that about 24 animals were taken by the men and that these people have identified

themselves as Stoney Indians from Morley.

But Smith says that if this incident happened as Scammell reports several laws were contravened.

"There were supposed to be young boys shooting guns, that would clearly be illegal...also using a firearm in a dangerous manner that might harm people at the lodge would also be illegal...again why have no charges been laid?"

Chief John Snow of the Stoney band says he has investigated the incident and denies that Stoney Indians were involved in the incident.

Ron Hanson, Native Liaison officer with Alberta Forestry, Lands and Wildlife agrees with Smith saying that although Treaty Indians can hunt at any time on unoccupied crown land, and do not need licences to shoot most animals, they must still adhere to basic safety regulations.

"Just like the general public they cannot shoot from a car on the highway and they cannot use a firearm in an unsafe manner," he said.

Hanson agreed that the slaughter incident appeared too contravene several restrictions, however, he added he had "no idea" why no charges have been pressed.

Smith has met with Horejsi and told the biologist that the real issue is wildlife management.

"The great European hunter brings American hunters up here for big trophy animals and the government condones that...yet one isolated incident and these people are calling for an end to our rights," he said.

Smith would like to see more control over wildlife by Aboriginal people that could lead to economic

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Louis Bull band builds highway rest stop

By D. Schreiber

Weary travellers driving along highway 2 south of Wetaskiwin will be able to stop for something to eat and fuel up at any hour thanks to a new rest facility built by Ksputinow Holdings Ltd owned by the Louis Bull band.

Greg Berry, general

manager, says the first phase of the development will include a gas station, a 150 seat restaurant, and a grocery store which will sell fresh vegetables and meat and will also house a bakery.

The first phase, one of a four phase highway development will open on April 1 of this year.

The project has been in the planning stages for the past seven years but construction only began last spring, he said.

"We haven't worked out what phase two is but we do know that it will have 100 campsites," said Berry. As for phase three and four Berry says the plans are still, "really vague."

"We're interested in having an operation that makes money for the band but at the same time we're as concerned about providing services for the band

The development site is located approximately 45 kilometres south of Edmonton on the east side of highway 2.



BERT CROWFOOT - Windspeaker

TYKES IN A TUSSLE

Little Johnny Windyboy looks like he just might be losing the tussle for a scarf with his older sister at a recent powwow held at the Ma-Me-O Beach

Recreation Centre (south of Edmonton) on Dec. 29 and 30. The two youngsters came up from Rocky Boy, Montana to participate in the powwow, which

featured about 120 dancers. The rec centre was packed as dancers kicked up a storm on the second night of the event. Results are on Page 10.

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National

AFN sees language as step to self-gov't

By Lesley Crossingham

A move to enshrine Aboriginal languages as Canadian founding languages is being undertaken by the Assembly of First Nations in the hope that a revival of indigenous languages will have far reaching consequences on Native self-determination.

The co-ordinator of a language conference to be held in Ottawa Jan. 19 to 21 says the assembly is taking its cue from the province of Quebec which encouraged the official use of French in schools, street signs, advertising and in government.

This resurgence of the French language and pride

in their ancestry led to the formation of the Parti Quebecois, which demanded self-determination and independence.

"Now Quebec's right as a distinct society has been enshrined in the Constitution," says coordinator Brian Luckes. "And no one denies that Quebecers are a distinct society."

"The basic idea of self-government has got to be more than an Indian card," he added, saying the language and culture have to be emphasised.

Currently only English and French share the status of founding languages. Other languages such as Gaelic (Scottish) Ukrainian, Cree and Blackfoot are considered heritage languages. Luckes and others say that Aboriginal languages should enjoy the same status as English and French.

As founding languages English and French are used in government and court proceedings whereas heritage languages are only used for cultural activities.

Luckes would like to change all that as well as look into the jurisdiction of

Aboriginal languages. Currently funding for language programs is negotiated with the Department of Indian Affairs, but if Aboriginal languages become founding languages they would be under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State.

Luckes is also concerned over a recent report from Ottawa's museum of civilization that states only three Aboriginal languages (Cree, Ojibwa and Inuktitut) will be in active use in ten years time.

According to the report eight are facing extinction as they each have less than ten speakers, 29 are in rapid deterioration due to fewer younger speakers and 13 are moderately endangered.

"That is really scary," he says. "Try to imagine no Slavey, no Chipewyan, no Blackfoot. We have to do something now so our grandchildren can learn our languages — we have to get people thinking about this."

The assembly conference will look into practical ways for continued language research and retention and it will provide a forum to

express views on proposed government language policies. Luckes says the assembly's position is that Aboriginal language preservation is "not an option or privilege, but a fundamental and inalienable collective right that ought to be granted constitutional protection."

During the conference an Alberta delegation will conduct the opening ceremonies during the second day. According to Buff Parry, administration director of the Dr. Anne Anderson Native Heritage and Cultural Centre, the details have not been finalized but the opening prayers will be performed in Cree by Dr. Anderson and in Chipewyan by Ernestine Gibot. Shannon McConnell, a 14 year old student of both Elders, will then address the conference in both languages. Shinokta or Wekimasikun, a natural fungus found at the base of the willow tree will then be burned.

Parry says he will be addressing the conference on what he called the Sequoyak principal. Sequoyah was a Cherokee

chief who is attributed by many as the inventor of the Cherokee alphabet. Sequoyah's secret society and was revealed to the whole tribe so they could have their own confidential communication system that no white man was to learn.

"The same is said of the Rev. James Evans who many think invented the Cree Syllabics. We know Evans did not invent the script but yet it is often accepted that he did...we have to deal with the obstructions that prevent accurate history from emerging," he said.

Parry is recommending that the assembly look into the problem of inaccurate written history with an eye to re-writing the history books where necessary.

Other Albertans who will be attending the conference include Ermineskin primary school principal Grace Buffalo and Pearl Ducharme of the Prince Charles elementary school in Edmonton.

The conference will take place in Ottawa's Skyline Hotel.

National Briefs

Fire destroys office, \$3 million in damage

FISHER RIVER, Man. — A weekend fire gutted the Fisher River Indian band's community centre causing an estimated \$3 million damage to the centre located on the reserve 240 km north of Winnipeg.

The fire destroyed an arena, a cafeteria and the band offices.

A meeting will be held on the reserve to decide how to deal with the loss of the centre described by Chief Wesley Hart as the mainstay of the 1,000 member band.

Bands back to customs

LAKE BROCHET, Man. — The caribou recovery from near extinction in northern Manitoba has meant isolated Indian communities are returning to their traditional way of life.

Officials estimate that at least 50,000 barren-ground caribou have moved into Manitoba from the Northwest Territories.

Chief Jerome Denechezhe, chief of the Northlands Indian band at Lake Brochet, says the return of the herd has been welcomed by his band members as the mysterious disappearance of the herd in 1974 had dealt a heavy blow to the community because many people did not know how to adopt to a new lifestyle.

A spokesman for the provincial Natural Resources Development says this year's harvest of caribou is expected to provide about \$20 million worth of meat to the 15 Native communities in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories.

Agreement upsets Inuit

IQUALUIT, NWT. — Many Inuit say they are unhappy over an agreement Canada and the United States will sign on the movement of marine traffic in the High Arctic because it does not ensure Canadian sovereignty.

The Inuit have also complained over their lack of involvement in the negotiation process saying it was ironic that the Canadian Government sent Inuit from northern Quebec to Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord in the early 1950s to assert sovereignty, but would not allow Inuit to sit in on the talks with the United States.

The new agreement requires that U.S. vessels must seek permission from the government before using waters claimed by Canada. However, the agreement does not cover sub-surface vessels such as U.S. submarines.

Iola Metug, a former member of the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut - a political organization, says the government has made a mistake by not using the Inuit to assert sovereignty.

"No one has to tell us who this area belongs to," he said. "We're already here for a long time protecting this land and water for Canada by living on it."

AFN urges bands to demonstrate

By Lesley Crossingham

The Assembly of First Nations is supporting the Lubicon Lake band's boycott of the Calgary Winter Olympic Games and is urging all Indian nations to participate in demonstrations when the Olympic torch passes through or near their reserves.

The assembly says 44 reserves will be crossed by the torch bearers and in a Nov. 18 letter Georges Erasmus, grand chief, gives some advice on how to peacefully demonstrate support for the northern Alberta Cree band.

"The media may ignore you or fail to transmit your message unless it is, in their view, sufficiently newsworthy. Unfortunately, the main criterion for newsworthiness is controversy. If a First Nation's message or the matter it employs to attract the media's attention along the torch run is uninteresting, it will be ignored," says Erasmus.

Erasmus says he has received numerous suggestions on how to attract media attention, including greeting the torch with placards, leaflets or "first nation citizens can run alongside or just ahead or behind the runners displaying symbols of oppression (mouths gagged, hands

tied, legs shackled.)"

Also suggested is the holding of an eagle feather in one hand and the torch in the other, or displaying a short message on clothing. "I am sure that you and your people can generate your own creative approaches," says Erasmus.

He is careful to remind Indian nations that neither he, nor the Lubicon band, suggest anyone "block, or stop the relay run, or that citizens of first nations be discouraged from participating in it. Such an approach would likely be counter-productive."

However, Erasmus is

aware that Indian people will be criticized for their support because many people think "sports and politics should not be mixed."

"It is a noble thought, but there is little in the current state of world affairs that is not related to politics. It was not so long ago that Alwyn Morris, an Olympic gold medalist and Mohawk from Kahnawake made a symbolic political and cultural gesture when he held an eagle feather high in the air as he stepped on the podium to accept his medal."

Lubicons still in limbo over claim

By Dorothy Schreiber

The federal and provincial government have failed to settle the Lubicon land claim despite a federal negotiator's announcement that an interim settlement could be reached, without input from the band before the new year.

Indian Affairs minister Bill McKnight met with Alberta Attorney General Jim Horsman before Christmas to review the situation says Barb Deters, senior communications officer for Horsman who says both governments still refuse to allow former justice minister E. Davie

Fulton to become involved in the negotiations.

But Lubicon chief Bernard Ominayak is refusing to negotiate with governments unless Fulton is allowed to act as mediator and report to the parliamentary Standing Committee on Aboriginal Rights.

The Cree chief says he wants Fulton involved as a neutral body to "keep the talks on track and honest."

The committee supports the Lubicon position and unanimously passed a motion requesting "E. Davie Fulton report to the committee on the matters affecting land rights, negotiations and conduct

Erasmus encloses a list of towns where the torch run is scheduled to pass, as well as a map of the route. In Alberta the torch will pass from the British Columbia border and arrive at Brocket in the Peigan reserve Feb. 5 and then move on to Lethbridge.

From there the run moves to Medicine Hat, Feb. 7; Lloydminster and Fort McMurray, Feb. 8; Fort Vermilion and Grande Prairie, Feb. 9; Namao and Wetaskiwin, Feb. 10; Red Deer, Feb. 11, Airdrie, Feb. 12 and, finally, Calgary, Feb. 13.

of such negotiations regarding Lubicon Lake band."

Federal negotiator Brian Malone says the government will not allow Fulton to report to the committee because statements made during negotiations could be used against the government in future court proceedings.

However, Lubicon lawyer James O'Reilly says "that's nonsense" and advises Malone that any reports "which Fulton might make would not be used in the courts."

At present negotiations are "virtually at a standstill," says Deters.

Provincial

Olympic events aimed at public awareness

By Dorothy Schreiber

Visitors to the Calgary Olympics will have the opportunity to discover much about the past, present and future of southern Alberta's Aboriginal people as a package event of Native programs unfolds throughout the Winter games.

Co-ordinator of Native programming Sykes Powderface says the total Native program called *A Culture in Transition* is geared to giving the general public a greater awareness of who Indian people are today and to break down stereotypes about Native people.

The Native programs will include the Treaty 7 Cultural Exhibition and trade show, a two-phase powwow, a fashion show and a youth symposium.

The chiefs of Treaty 7 want the Native programs to fulfill two objectives. First, to generate a greater public awareness of southern Alberta Indians

and their way of life, and secondly to take advantage of marketing opportunities during the games, says Powderface.

The Calgary Olympics will provide a means to "market our goods, our community, and our people...this will be the long term legacy in economic and social benefit to the community. We want our past, present and future, presented with distinct cultural values maintained."

The major program is the Treaty 7 Cultural Exhibition which Powderface says will feature the sale of Native arts and crafts and a trade show which will introduce visitors to reserve life through multi-media presentations.

The exhibition will take place at Rainbow Lodge Arts and Crafts store which recently opened for business in the Performing Arts Centre in Calgary.

The exhibit has received

\$150,000 from the Olympic Committee Olympique (OCO), \$292,812 from Native Economic Development Program, and \$15,000 from the Department of Indian Affairs.

The store will display, sell and market authentic Native products produced by members of the Treaty 7 bands as well as Aboriginal peoples from other parts of the province.

The multi-media productions will show the general public that the Indian community is "not sitting still and that they're (reserves) making every effort toward self sufficiency."

The Olympic powwow will showcase Treaty 7 dancers for visitors and will also give Native people an opportunity to celebrate the Olympics in their own way said Powderface.

The first phase of the powwow, which is a performing arts production, will take place on Feb. 16 and 17 at Lindsay Park.

Each of the Treaty 7 tribes will participate in the performance which will be narrated to help audience members understand the meaning and symbolism of the dances.

The Calgary powwow is being organized by the Treaty 7 Development Corporation which signed a \$70,000 contract with OCO on Jan. 4 for the event.

The powwow was originally being organized by the Blackfoot band under former chief Leo Youngman. Due to planning problems and the decision by the Treaty 7 chiefs to have two

powwows instead of just one in Calgary, the contract was given to Treaty Development Corporation, explained Powderface.

When asked his opinion of the decision, Youngman declined comment.

The second phase of the powwow, a North American open competition, will be held in Morley at the Good Stoney Arena Feb. 19, 20, and 21. The Morley powwow received \$35,000 from OCO.

The Alberta Aboriginal Womens' Association, a newly formed group, whose objective is to promote Native women particularly in the fashion industry, is coordinating an Aboriginal fashion show. OCO has contributed \$30,000 toward the fashion event said Powderface.

Sheila Furs International from Montreal will be the featured designer along with the other Native fashion designers from southern Alberta.

The main fashion show -- a \$20.00 ticket event -- will be held Feb. 24 at the Calgary Convention Centre, but a free showing will be held earlier on Feb. 16 and 19 at the Devonian Gardens in downtown Toronto Dominion Square.

A private showing for the wives of Olympic dignitaries is also planned and will take place at the Palliser Hotel.

For the past few months ten Indian models from the Calgary area have been involved in a training and cultural enrichment program to prepare them for the Olympic shows. "It's more than just a show, it's geared

toward career development for the models," said Powderface.

One of the models has signed a contract with the Leather Ranch and was recently in Los Angeles to model for the company, he said.

Aboriginal youth from across Canada will also be given special recognition during the Olympic Winter games. Wind Sport Association received \$289,000 from National Health and Welfare Canada to organize a youth conference geared toward encouraging Metis, Indian and Inuit youth to attain higher achievements and goals. A total of 55 youth between the ages of 14 and 18 have been selected out of approximately 600 applicants to attend the conference which will be held at the Southland Leisure Centre in southwest Calgary on Feb. 17 to 22.

The focus of the conference is the development of the "whole being, body, spirit and mind," said Powderface.

The conference content is based on the ACE development concept which stands for Athletics, Culture, and Education he explained.

The honorary conference chairman will be Juan Antonio Samaranch the president of international Olympic organization. That's quite an honor for the organizers and the delegates," said Powderface.

During the conference the youth will be able to "mingle with role models" such as NHL player John Chabot, and Olympians Ken Read and Alwyn Morris.

The youth will also visit various Olympic venues and will attend the powwow at the Good Stoney Arena near Calgary.

"We didn't want a conference that will just keep them in a room and harp away on the consequences of drugs and alcohol. We'd rather point them in a new direction, (give them) a challenge that they can't ignore," said Powderface.

Sheep slaughter

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development of wildlife. He feels Indian people are often better qualified for this work than non-Native people as the traditions of wildlife management are still strong in the Indian community.

"We may use 4X4 trucks, we may use modern rifles, but on the whole Indian people still stick to the old rules of hunting and do not kill pregnant females, or young animals," he said.

Hanson agrees with Smith and says on the whole he is very pleased with the way Indian hunters exercise their treaty rights. He says incidents such as the big sheep slaughter are "isolated" and that the slaughter was "out of character" for Indian hunters.

"We do work closely with the bands," he says. "We hold workshops on hunting and try to get wildlife knowledge across to the band members."

Currently the Alberta government is conducting wildlife management programs which are attended by Native people. Hanson says there are about ten Native people enrolled in the program, including two Stoney Indians.

"We hope that these people will go back to the reserve and pass these wildlife management skills on to others on the reserve."

However, Horesji says he will continue to meet with government to have

some restriction placed on Indian hunting rights.

"I have met with government officials and I will be meeting with them again," he said, adding that there is evidence that Indian people do not conserve wildlife on their own reserves.

"The example I use is the Peigan reserve, which is ideal for deer, yet there are no animals at all on these reserves," he said.

Horesji is also concerned over the opening of Highway 40 which leads to Kananaskis country. The highway goes through an important elk-wintering ground and is usually closed each winter, but has been opened this year to allow visitors to access the Olympic events at Mount Allan. "This is the traditional territory of the elk and we feel that as many as ten per cent of the herd could be lost because of hunters moving into the area," he said.

At press time the entrails of three slaughtered elk, two of which were pregnant females, had been found along Highway 40. When asked by a CBC reporter about the incident, and whether he thought the killings had any connection with Indian hunters, Gregg Smith claimed the incident was a set-up to further implicate Native people as irresponsible hunters.

Meanwhile, the Alberta Fish and Game Association and the Alberta Wilderness Association are seeking a court injunction to close Highway 40.

Museum buys cartoon

By Lesley Crossingham

A controversial cartoon labeled "racist" by the Alberta Press Council has been purchased by the Glenbow Museum archives.

The cartoon, published in an October edition of the Calgary Herald and drawn by Vance Rodewalt depicted a Lubicon "camp fire" scene where an Elder was instructing a youngster. The cartoon included references to the sacred pipe, fermented blueberries and "white consultants" who manipulate Native people.

However, Glenbow's chief archivist Anthony Reese says the ruling had no affect on the museum's decision to purchase the original pen and ink drawing.

"We bought the drawing before the press council decision," he said in an interview from his Calgary office. "We felt it expressed

a point of view."

However, Reese will not say how much the museum paid for the piece saying the cartoon was purchased with privately donated funds from the Glenbow Acquisitions Society.

Assistant director of finance, Joe Conrad confirmed that the acquisitions society is a separate corporation that raises funds through bingos and donations from the private sector.

However, Reese says if the public hopes to see the cartoon on display in the museum they will be disappointed as the artwork will be kept in the archives.

"We collect things that we think will be of interest to the public in a hundred years time," he said. "Right now we have it in our files."

Acquisitions chairman, Calgary lawyer John Armstrong was unavailable for comment at press time.

Provincial Briefs

Work continues on dam as court date is set

The Alberta government will be going to court Feb. 8 to appeal a ruling that provincial regulations were broken in the approval of the Oldman River dam construction.

Lawyers for the government and the Friends of the Oldman River will argue whether or not Environment Minister Ken Kowalski ignored the need for public notice before approving the controversial \$349-million project.

Despite a court decision in December saying the government broke the rules, construction continues at the Three Rivers site as the province was granted a stay order.

Zone 4 sues former exec

The Zone 4 Regional Council of the Metis Association of Alberta is suing its former vice president and director for alleged removal of documents.

In a statement of claim, the zone asks \$28,337.13 in damages from former vice president Ben Courtrille, former director Ron LaRocque and former bookkeeper Marjorie Freidel.

Contacted in his Edmonton office, Larocque said he would be defending the action.

Power back at Fox Lake

Power has been returned to the small community of Fox Lake after residents were forced to rely on kerosene lamps and candles Jan. 3 and 4.

An armed forces Hercules aircraft flew to Peace River Jan. 4 to pick up two huge generators and delivered them to the community located 650 km north of Edmonton.



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NCC(A) prez questions CRTC ruling

By D. Schreiber

The president of the Alberta branch of the Native Council of Canada (NCC(A) Doris Ronnenberg says she is seeking a meeting with the prime minister to express opposition to the awarding of a 24-hour news channel to CBC.

Ronnenberg said the Native Council of Canada and its provincial and

territorial affiliates passed a resolution last June during a Toronto board meeting to support Edmonton Allarcom Ltd. in its bid for the all-news channel.

The NCC(A) president says she is extremely disappointed with the CRTC decision and is supporting Allarcom Ltd in its appeal to have the decision overturned.

"The Canadian tax payer is paying enough for the six

basic national networks that CBC now owns and operates. The private sector, in this case Allarcom, can do as well if not a better job at no cost to the tax payer," she said.

In addition Ronnenberg says she is concerned that the CBC all-news network would limit opportunities for Native people in the area of broadcast journalism.

According to Ronnen-

berg, in its proposal to the CRTC, Allarcom Ltd was "prepared to give jobs and program slots to aboriginal people."

The Alberta president has written to the 12 provincial and territorial affiliates asking them to write to the prime minister and members of parliament to have the CRTC decision set aside.

The federal cabinet has until Jan. 29 to set aside the ruling of the CRTC.

Snowmobile accident kills Duffield youths

By Terry Lusty

A weekend accident on the Duffield Indian Reserve claimed the lives of three teenage boys.

The youths were passengers on a snowmobile which attempted to cross a reserve road and collided

with a half-ton truck. The accident claimed Perry Rain 13, Dwayne Bull 15 and Clyde Rain 16.

According to Joanne Abram, administrator at the Medical Examiner's office, death was caused by "head and multiple injuries

due to blunt force trauma." Their deaths "were instantaneous."

At press time, it had not yet been established who might have been at fault or whether there will be an inquiry. The RCMP report states no charges have been laid and the possibility

of an inquiry will not be known for at least a week.

Abram said that reports from the medical examiner and the police will be forwarded to the fatality board next month when a decision regarding an inquiry will be made.

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**By Robbi
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Hi everyone. So what did you think of our first column? Speaking for myself... "not bad, not bad at all." Seriously, in our first column I wrote about the youth column and how it came about. Then I wrote about myself. So this article will be on the question I asked in the first issue. "What do you, the reader, expect from this youth column and youth reporter?"

If you have noticed I refer to the column as our column, not the youth column but our column. I guess what I'm trying to say is "the" sounds impersonal, like faceless people out there. Where as "our" sounds like yours and mine. I want this article/column to just as much your as it is mine.

Sometime ago when plans for the column were being developed, Dianne Meili and myself both decided that our column would appear monthly on a trial basis. Giving everyone a chance to read our column (also a chance for the youth to start sending in letters). Once we have regular letters coming in we hope to have the column in every issue of Windspeaker.

I've asked another question for myself "What will this youth column be geared towards?" Well, as I see it, nowadays the youth are involved with society's problems. The youth have their own concerns and problems and I'm here to help ease and give some advice when they feel they have no one to talk to. This column is nothing like Dear Abby, it's about real life concerns.

What I would like to do is when I receive a letter I would first write a personal letter to the sender then write up an article in the paper in case others may be having the same concerns.

Artists wanted to create logo

One thing I would like our column to have is honesty. Honesty on my part and your part, to really work I want to give my own honest opinion and answer. Depending on how you the reader takes my answer really depends on you. My answers will mainly be based on my own experiences.

You know, anything that I write is not always going to be right. Matter of fact it's not always going to be wrong either. For everyone, everything is different and I know my advice will help in some way or another.

As I have stated in the last issue, I know what it is like to be a youth. I know what kind of peer pressures and problems are out there. I was there too!

I care so much for the youth, especially since I work with youth. I'm willing and able to listen to you and your concerns. Sometimes I may go to out side resources like Elders, Doctors and Priests etc.

I'm not going to make huge promises to anyone, the

only two promises I will make are I will always be here willing to listen and care as long as you want. And finally I will always be honest with you.

Before I end off for this issue I would like the attention of all you artists (youth age). This column is looking for a logo to represent the youth of this province.

If any of you have any ideas, please send them in to Windspeaker at 15001 - 112 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5M 2V6. There'll be a prize for the winner! For more details stay tuned in our next issue. Hi to all the youth in Assumption.

Til the Wind blows again.

DROPPIN' IN

This week our Droppin' In reporter is on the road in the High Level/Assumption area gathering news for our community pages. Mark will be back next week to bring you the Droppin' In column.



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Feisty Metis university professor wins fight against forced retirement

By Lesley Crossingham

Some call her a rebel, some say she's a trouble maker, but they all agree that history professor Olive Dickason is a feisty woman who knows how to fight for her rights.

Recently Dickason, who teaches Aboriginal history at the University of Alberta, made headlines for her fight against the university's mandatory retirement laws.

Dickason has won two rulings, one from Alberta Human Rights and another from an arbitrator, that say the university should reinstate the 67-year-old. However, the university is now appealing the last ruling and has applied for a stay of judgement while negotiations continue.

But Dickason is far from downhearted by the university's action, saying she feels confident that further judgements will go her way.

"If the next round goes in my favor they (the university) would be foolish to appeal again. But if necessary I will take it to the Alberta court of appeal and even the Supreme Court," she says vehemently.

Despite the ongoing battle between Dickason and the university she still retains her campus office complete with walls of books, catalogues and papers which tower over her five foot frame.

Pushing aside a mountain of paperwork, Dickason explains that fighting is not new to her. She recollects her first fight which took place in a Saskatchewan school yard when another student accused her of being Indian.

"In those days we just did not talk about it," she says. "But when that child teased

me it struck a cord and I fought back."

Dickason's family never talked about their Metis heritage and it was only as she grew older and began to delve into the family history that Dickason confirmed her Aboriginal heritage.

"According to oral family history, our family is related to Gabriel Dumont's wife who was a Wilkie, but that's just about all I know. When I get enough time I'll sit down and try to work it all out," she says, smiling.

Dickason was "raised in the bush" of Saskatchewan and took school by correspondence. But, thanks to a kindly priest who saw her talents, she was later able to take university education at the Notre Dame school in Saskatchewan.

Shortly after graduating with a bachelor of arts in French and philosophy, she "accidentally" began a career as a newspaper reporter.

"I was looking for work and some friends took me down to the Regina Leader Post where I got my first job. I later joined the Winnipeg Free Press, and the Globe and Mail," she says.

However, after several years of journalism, and three children, Dickason felt a need to change careers and do something completely different.

She again returned to school to take her master's degree in history. But even that wasn't enough; Dickason decided to go on and get her doctorate in history. "I then did something very strange, at least according to my colleagues. I wanted to specialize in Indian history."

Dickason explains that in the late '60s and '70s when she was studying, the old-fashioned ideas of Indians

being "savages" still dominated even the minds of learned professors of history. Dickason decided to prove them wrong and became one of the first professors of history to specialize in Aboriginal peoples.

"I used to sit in classes and listen to these professors and find I was personally insulted by what they were teaching about Aboriginal people. It was then I decided to specialize in Native history and prove them wrong."

Dickason began to study history from an Indian point of view, but without "standing on a soap box because there's just too much of that these days," she adds.

"I wanted to see the other side of the story and I hope that in my small way I have made a difference."

During her studies Dickason found that, contrary to current thought, Indian societies were fully formed and the western idea of Indian "savages" was just a myth.

Shortly after her discovery Dickason published her most famous book *The Myth of the Savage* which debunked the old stereotypes and proved that Indian society could rival any other.

Her next book, called *Indian Arts in Canada*, was an art review book which treated Indian art as equal to famous western artists, rather than "cute Indian crafts."

"Some Indian art is as sophisticated as any art in the world," she says. "But so often it is not treated as such in Canada. Overseas, in places such as Germany, they love it and treat it with respect."

Dickason's other famous "fight" came in the early '70s when the Ottawa

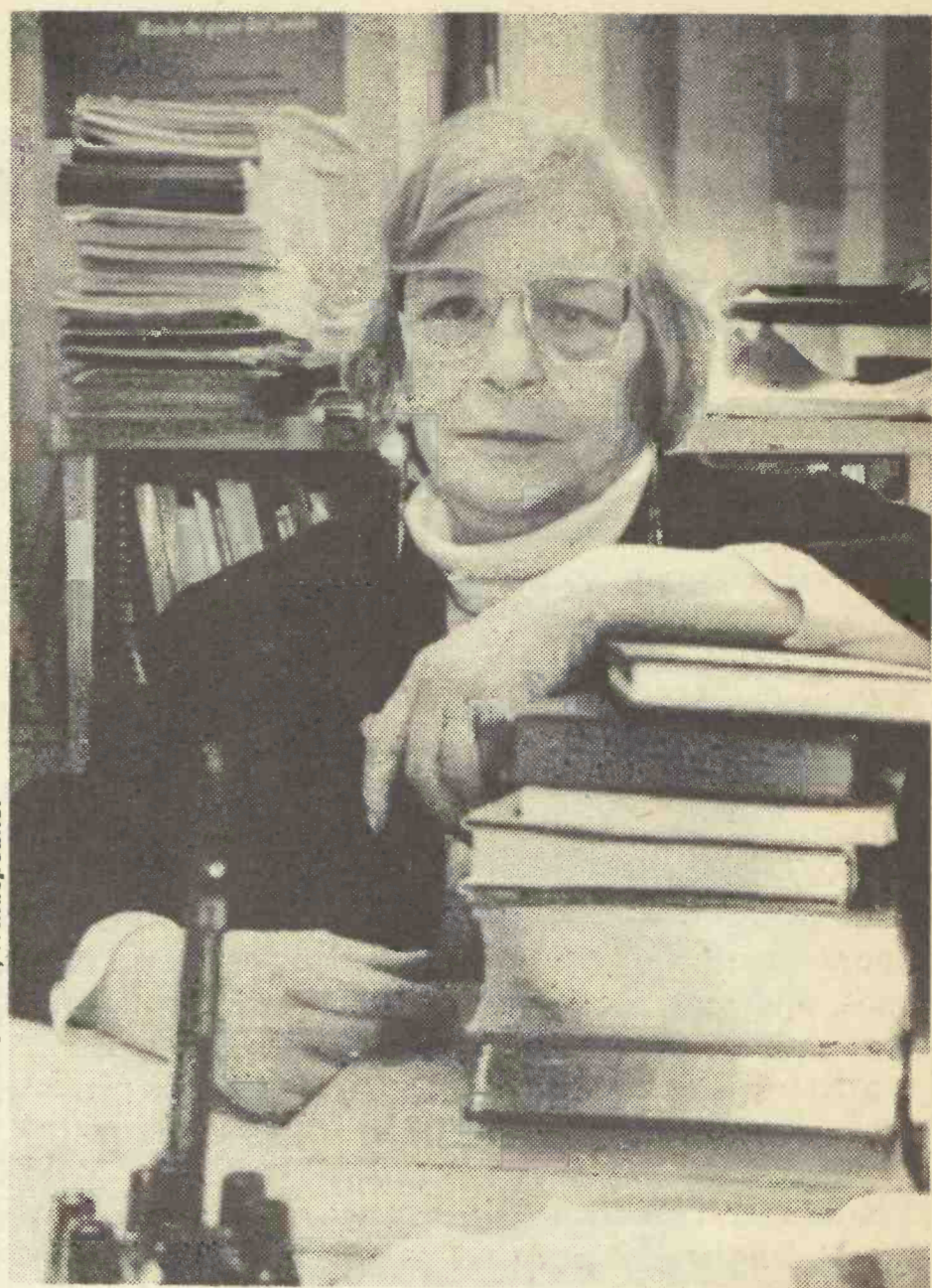
Museum of Man (now the Museum of Civilization) was compelled to display a contemporary exhibition of Indian art.

"The exhibition had just been viewed in Europe and was due to come to Canada, but the gallery where it was supposed to be exhibited was unable to put on the show, so the Ottawa museum was forced to hold the exhibition."

Museum officials "balked" at the idea of Indian art in the museum. Dickason, who worked in the gallery at the time, organized the exhibition and "just had a ball" watching their discomfort.

"They felt that Indian art had no place in the museum, but I thought it was great. I even tried to invite an Elder to open it, but they would not allow it," she smiles.

Generally, Dickason feels that the Canadian public ignores Indian and Inuit peoples "except when it comes time to publicize Canada overseas. Then they use Indian and Inuit art because it is easily recog-



LESLEY CROSSINGHAM, Windspeaker

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nizable as Canadian."

Dickason is now working on a book on Indian natural foods and says Indian diets were much more varied than is commonly believed.

"They knew all the plants, herbs and berries and I feel had a much more varied diet than they do today."

And, if writing a book, fighting a precedent-setting law case and teaching at university is not enough, Dickason has just been appointed to the advisory

board of the national museums. She will be working on the grants committee for museum assistance.

Meanwhile, in her crowded campus office, Dickason says she has to get back to work as she heaves a huge stack of paperwork onto her desk. "One of these days I'll get around to cleaning this paperwork up," she smiles, then sighs as the telephone rings.

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Rainbow program helps youth find tradition

By Dianne Meili

"This is a dream come true."

These were the words of Don Burnstick, Spirit of the Rainbow program worker, spoken as he watched about 300 young people holding hands in a round dance at the Enoch rec centre gym.

Burnstick was raised on the Alexander reserve and was overjoyed to help his people, especially young ones, find their roots and grow up in the Native tradition, instead of succumbing to drugs and alcohol, at a recent Yellowhead Tribal council Eagle Flight '87 youth conference.

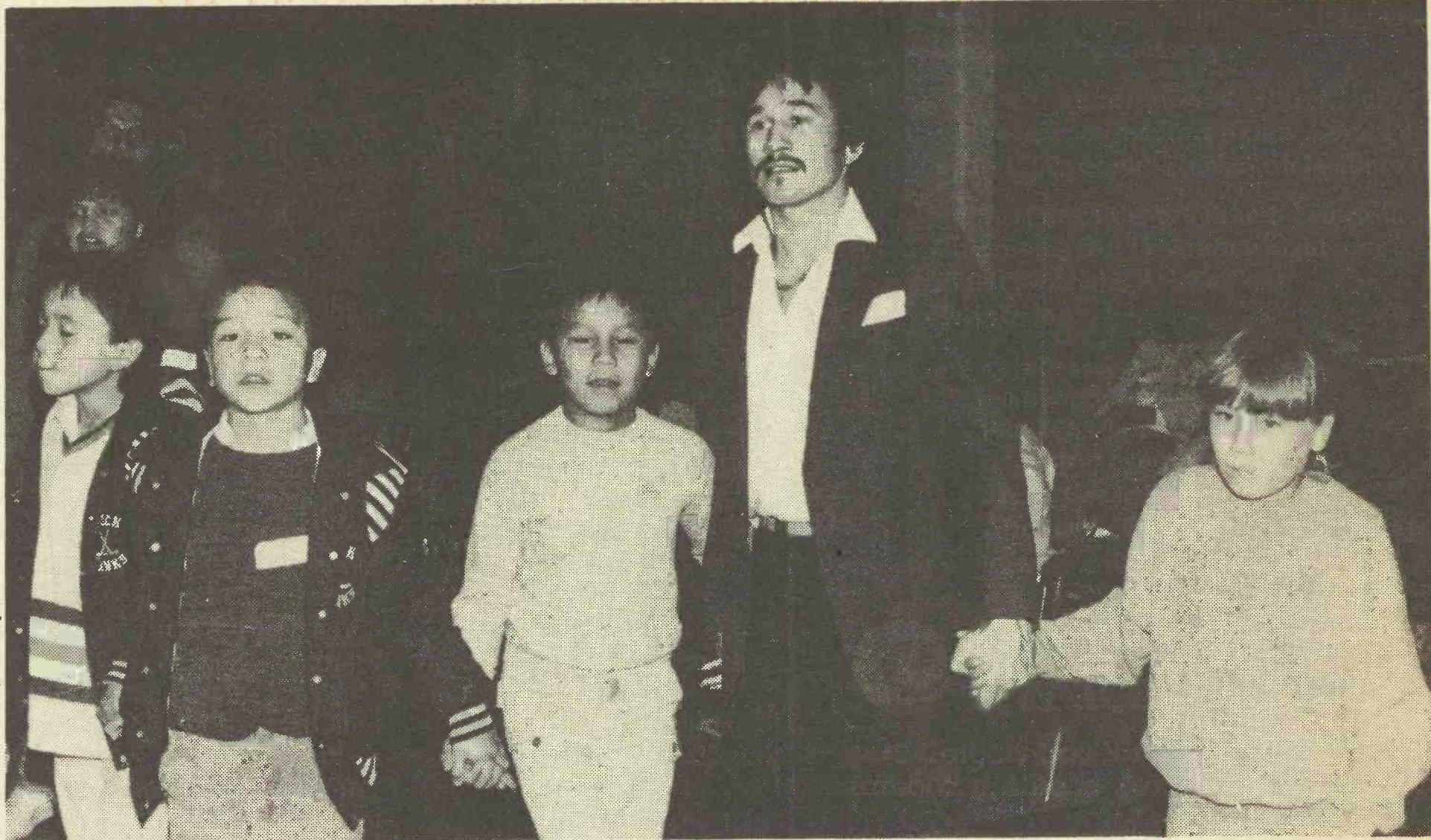
Leading young people through round dances; talking straight about sexuality, drugs and alcohol; and giving their Native identity back to them, are just three ways Spirit of the Rainbow leaders like Burnstick, are reaching out and healing the kids to help them break the cycle of addiction and oppression toward leading better lives.

Spirit of the Rainbow is a

program for young adults, which started up in British Columbia, and is now administered out of a Lethbridge office along with Four Worlds, another wholistic development program. The program is coordinated by Doreen Sterling, while Phil Johnson and Don Burnstick are facilitators who go out into the communities and work directly with youth. They have been to 50 communities across North America and have worked with about 3,500 kids.

"Awareness is prevention," says Burnstick, explaining it's his job to plant a seed in young people's minds to make them realize the consequences of destructive behavior. He talks bluntly to them about drugs, peer pressure and sexual promiscuity. But first, he makes friends with them and gains their trust.

"We offer them pure support. We get them to reach out in different ways through workshops and physical activities. And we try to set an example for them to follow...that's often



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the most powerful thing," says Burnstick.

"We show the kids it's OK to show affection. It's been ingrained in a lot of kids — don't talk, don't feel and don't love. Some of our kids, especially Indian men,

have a hard time touching." Burnstick also sees a "lot of hang-ups over sexual values" in the communities he works in. "These kids are supposed to be told about the facts of life at home by their parents...but

lots of parents don't know how to deal with (talking to their children) because they're hung up, too."

This confusion about sexuality has led to an alarmingly high rate of sexual abuse. "About 80 per cent of the kids have been sexually abused. Alcohol has contributed to this, too."

Burnstick also sees a lot of teen pregnancy. "So, we talk about these issues with them" and try to develop a sense of self-worth and Native pride so they'll be more responsible for their actions.

Spirit of the Rainbow workers need a week, or a minimum of three days, to work with young people in the communities they visit. It takes time to establish a relationship with the kids and the program is structured to slowly bring them out of their shells. Workers introduce traditional ceremonies, Native cultural videos, goal setting, drama, peer counselling, medicine wheels, drumming and games, and lectures about issues such as AIDS to reach the kids. They not only talk to the kids, they establish a bond of trust and a sense of unity amongst the workshop participants.

The kids report they enjoy the cultural activities of the program best. Said Jolene Alexander, of Alexander, after a workshop: "I feel a lot closer to my culture now. It makes me feel very proud to be Native."

The size of the group doesn't matter; Burnstick has worked with both small and large, like the one at Enoch which 300 young people attended. Large groups are split into groups for easier management.

Spirit of the Rainbow workers concentrate on the kids, but they also work with adults and parents "because they're a part of the circle, a very important part." Before workers leave a community they try to set up activities for the young people to keep active with on weekends. Hopefully, these activities will be adopted in the communities to prevent boredom and give the youth something constructive to do.

If you'd like to bring the Spirit of the Rainbow program into your community, call Doreen Sterling at 329-2184. Or write to Spirit of the Rainbow, c/o Four Worlds Development Project, University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Alberta, T1K 3M4.

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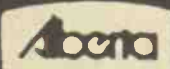
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Winterhawk's Nik Alexander Elder's advice prompts rocker to reach kids with music

By Dianne Meili

Nik Alexander, a Cree Indian, plays a raw, tough kind of music as leader of the American rock group Winterhawk. He talks just as tough when it comes to giving kids the hard facts about sex, drugs and growing up.

"So, if you see this guy and you think you'd kind of like to shack up with him just 'cause he's got a cool car...you better think twice. You might just end up married to him and maybe he starts to batter you around. Pretty soon you're back living at your parents' place and you're wondering what ever happened to this guy that you really thought you loved..." Alexander told the females in the audience gathered at the Yellowhead Tribal Council youth conference held last month in Enoch.

Strutting in the middle of a large circle and flanked by about 100 young people from all around Alberta, he told them how he had been sober for the last ten years and had been married to his wife, Darlene, for eight years.

"And I don't fool around on her, you know. I love

her. I really respect her. She made the banners for our rock group that you see on stage. She gave birth to my child. Do you guys realize how strong a woman has to be to give birth to a baby? It ain't an easy thing to do, you know," he explained.

Alexander captured his audience's attention as he talked straight about issues that could ruin their lives. He impressed upon them that if "you feel good about yourself, you can stand up to the pressures friends might put on you to try drugs and drink.

"Look at me. I'm into rock music. I've played with Van Halen...and you better believe I've had lots of chances to do drugs," Alexander stated, adding "my heart is pure...and I don't need that stuff. I've survived a lot better than others."

Alexander has been playing music since 1975 and has "always had a musical bent." His life took a turning point when he began to meet "powerful medicine people" and wonder if he could use his music as a medium to reach kids and try to better their lives.

Eight years ago he was

invited to the Saddle Lake Reserve by Eugene Steinhauer, a great native leader who passed away last September. In a ceremony he asked the Creator if it was all right to use his music to convey messages to youth.

"We sang about four traditional songs I'd never heard before. But, suddenly I knew the words. I was singing in their (Cree) language. It was fantastic." Alexander took this occurrence as a sign from above that he should use a rock and roll act, combined with straight talk, to put himself on a level with kids.

"Anything can be a powerful innovator if it's used the right way. I've been blessed by the elders to reach kids my way," Alexander explains, adding that he also answers letters from young people who write to him with problems.

"We can't just run away from our problems. I know we have the answers inside us...they just have to be brought out. If I can make a difference in someone's life, then I'm happy," he concludes.

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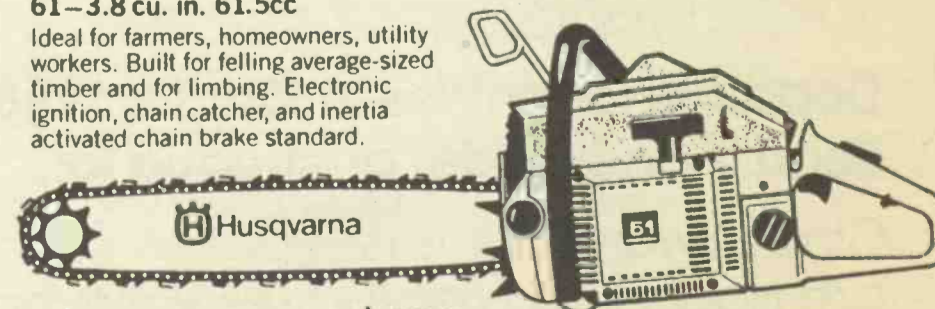
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By Mark McCallum

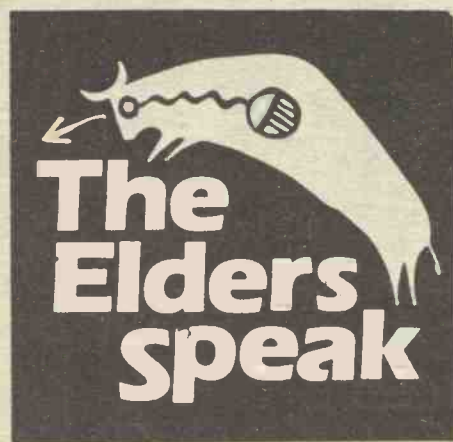
Faust Elder Rose Auger believes people need a strong link with their cultural roots to succeed in life.

But, Auger is concerned that Natives are losing their cultural identity. "Most Indian people have lots of desire and want to help our people. But, they need more than compassion for their people — they need to know about their ancestry," stresses the 48-year-old Elder.

Auger believes traditional ways were suppressed when non-Natives intervened in Native life, but says Indian people share the blame "for allowing spirit and culture to grow weak."

Auger is trying to rekindle a cultural identity in those around her by helping them discover their proud past. She asks "How many Indian people know what tribe they're from or what their Indian name is?"

If you don't have the resources to find this information, Auger explains ceremonies such as the sweatlodge ritual can give people peace within themselves and confidence. "We need to acknowledge our spirit, body and mind as



one, to find a peaceful way of life," she says.

To create cultural pride and identity, Auger feels that parents must shoulder the responsibility of teaching their children to have a positive image of their Native ancestry. She encourages her own children to pursue their goals and take advantage of opportunities.

"Education is necessary because it means survival today," she explains, adding that some of her children attend university.

"You don't have to live in a tipi to follow the Indian cultural ways," reasons Auger. "Culture does not mean you have to separate yourself from the rest of the world. It enriches your life. Once you have that you can go out into the world and be anything you want."

"Indian people have been keepers of this land for thousands of years. But, now they have been down



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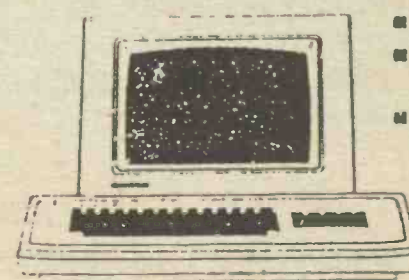
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Sports

Hockey and round dances make for successful combination

By Kim McLain

GOODFISH LAKE -- The newly elected Goodfish Lake band council pulled off a successful hockey tournament, attracting eight teams despite the event being scheduled for workdays last Dec. 29 and 30.

The band's recreation director, Rene Houle, was pleased with the number of entries even through they had wanted 12, not eight, teams. He added that the tournament was the first big recreation function undertaken by the newly formed committees under the administration of chief Ernie Houle.

Another first, said Rene Houle, was the new twist of holding round dances in conjunction with the tournament. By day, hockey action took place at the band's Lakeside arena, and by night, crowds gathered

at Pakan school for round dancing. "They were dancing until four and five in the morning," said Houle.

It was fast paced hockey action in the final showdown between Enoch and Saddle Lake, but when it was all over, Enoch took home the \$1,000 prize, defeating the Bearcats 9-7. The Bearcats still got a good return on their \$300 entry fee, getting \$700 for second.

Over on the "B" side, the newly formed Edmonton Ootenow Warriors edged out the Kikino Nighthawks 7-5. The win was a first for the Warriors so naturally that and the \$600 prize was reason for celebration. But the team's winning spirit was dampened by a theft of the team's equipment. The ten hockey bags, valued at \$5,000, was stolen from the back of the equipment manager's truck halfway between Goodfish Lake

and Edmonton.

Despite the theft, Ootenow coach Metro Cardinal says the team is desperately outfitting themselves in time for this weekend's Saddle Lake tournament. Cardinal says his players are rolling on the momentum of their consolation win and are optimistic that they'll place high at Saddle Lake. "We'll be playing pretty well the same teams," said a confident Cardinal.

To add to the Warriors good feeling their goalie, Brian Borque, 25, of Caslan, won the best goalie award. Warrior Winston Manossa, 22, of Wabasca, won the award for best right winger.

Then, recreation director Rene Houle added to the individual award winners list stating that the Most Valuable Player award went to Enoch's goal tender Dean Alexander.

Bobbie Houle, also from Enoch, shot his way to the high scorer honor. Best leftwing went to the Saddle Lake Bearcat Buddy McGilvery and best center award went to Enoch's Dan Jackson.

Kikino Nighthawk Wesley House won the best right defenseman's award while Bearcat Bob Hitchcock picked up the left defenseman's award.

Recreation director Rene Houle said plans will be confirmed for a massive recreational function this February. All details remain unclear, but Houle did say that it would involve a hockey tournament, winter carnival, and television's Stampede wrestling all at the same time.

Both Rene Houle and new chief, Ernie Houle, were trained at the University of Lethbridge -- Rene in recreational programming and Ernie in recreational administration.

MEET THE HAWKS



**Barry Jackson
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Sports Roundup Special Feature

Barry Jackson, the 20-year-old Thompson Indian from the B.C. interior thinks his job as the Hobbema Hawks right defenseman extends beyond a narrow strip of ice along the right side of the rink. He says he's responsible for the youth at his hometown of Merritt, B.C., who follow his career with hope and anticipation of what could be.

Jackson says that he and his brother Stuart, also a hawk, are helping "the younger kids back in B.C." by "clearing the passage" for hockey careers here in Alberta. Jackson says that the hockey here "is faster, tougher, and skilled."

Off the ice, Jackson is enrolled at the Wetaskiwin Composite high school. Other than having his room and board payed for by the Hobbema Hawks, he's like any other high school student.

"I like to visit friends, go for walks, take in a few movies," says Jackson.

Jackson says that he doesn't see himself in a full-time hockey career in the future -- he's surprized he's even made it this far.

As of Jan. 7, the Hawks were third in the North Division of the Alberta Junior Hockey League. The team has 14 wins, 21 losses and no ties. Add to that 152 goals for and 190 goals against. They have 28 points, one point behind the Fort Saskatchewan team, but a long way from the leading St. Albert team, who have 56 points.



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SHARON (left) AND SHIRLEY FIRTH
...avid skiers appointed to the Order of Canada

Firths awarded Order of Canada honor

By John Fletcher

Sharon and Shirley Firth, Canada's premiere female cross-country skiers were appointed the Order of Canada on the 1988 Governor General's New Year's list.

This award is to honor Canadians for outstanding achievement and service to their country or humanity at large. No more than 40 appointments can be made

annually and the total number of Canadians in the Order cannot exceed 150.

The Firths come from a family of 12 from the Loucheux Band of the Dene Nation and have worked hard to promote and stimulate cross country skiing in Canada. Both Inuvik women skied at national and international levels longer than any other American or Canadian female skiers in alpine free

style or cross country events. Each has skied for 17 years and each competed for Canada in four Winter Olympics. (1972, 1976, 1980, 1984)

Today Sharon Firth is living in Yellowknife where she works for the NWT Government and Shirley is married in St. Etienne De Crosse, France.

The Order of Canada was formed by Prime

Minister Lester B. Pearson on the centennial of Canadian Confederation July 1, 1967.

Other Native recipients of the Order are Frank Calder of Victoria B.C. who is named Officer of the Order in Canada and Chief Dave Courchene Sr. of Pine Falls, Man. who was also named as a member of the order of Canada.



SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

Things are looking up for the 24-year-old Thunder Bay, Ont. Native Steve Collins world class ski jumper. You might remember Collins back in the 1976 Olympic games, only 16 years old and competing against the world's best ski jumpers. Then, after those games, Collins dropped out of action for personal reasons until this year.

Collins' first good news this year was that he impressed the Canadian national coach so much that he's now back on the national team.

Hot on the comeback trail, Collins recently placed fourth in a world competition at Sapporo, Japan.

Even though Collins has earned himself a place on the national team, it has not yet been confirmed that he will participate in the 1988 Olympics in Calgary, but if the momentum of his recent performances keeps up, he might just get a chance at the gold.

At one time, Collins pulled off a stunning double victory, winning both the World Cup and the World Junior Championships. He still holds the record for the longest jump ever made by a Canadian. He was 17 then.

Collins will find out if he's going to the Olympics Jan. 17.

SADDLE LAKE: The Saddle Lake Bearcats hosted a commercial hockey tournament last Dec. 19 and 20 at the reserve's Manitou Kihew Arena where they won over 11 visiting teams.

The Bearcats met a St. Paul team in the final game to win the "A" side battle and \$1,000. The St. Paul team still got a return on their \$300 entry fee, winning \$800 for second place.

The Kehewin Redwings defeated the Goodfish Lake Kings in "B" side action, winning themselves \$500. The Kings broke even, winning \$300 for second.

Saddle Lake's Jimmy Cardinal won the MVP and best goalie award. Best centre went to Bearcat Robbie Cardinal. Frankie Moosewah won the best left winger award and Doug Wheeler was the most sportsmanlike player. Saddle Lake's recreation director Ken Kekeesim provided me with this info. He was quick to point out that individual awards went to St. Paul players and Goodfish Lake, too, but he couldn't remember the players' names.

Teams that didn't make the money were Cold Lake, Vilna, Hobbema, Kikino, two from Frog Lake and two more from Onion Lake.

Dennis Moosewah was the tournament organizer.

Another commercial tourney will be held at the arena this weekend, this time by the Saddle Lake Maulers. Twelve teams are expected to show.

Also in Saddle Lake, the hockey tournament that was set to go last Dec. 26 was cancelled due to a lack of entries.

OOTENOW WARRIORS: The Ootenow Warriors, the Edmonton hockey team, must be torn with emotion.

On one hand, they must have been feeling triumphant with their victory last weekend at Goodfish Lake's B side finals. It was the club's first win.

On the other hand, they must be steaming about the thief who made off with all their hockey equipment, estimated at a \$5,000 value. Story has it that equipment

Steve Collins on comeback trail, Olympic hopeful

manager Harold Delorme's truck broke down near Radway on the way back from the tournament. Delorme had to go get help and when he got back to the truck the ten bags of equipment that were in the back were gone.

The Ootenow Recreation Society president, Joe Blyan, is appealing to the public and says he "hopes Santa is still hanging around."

Blyan says the "big problem is that the hockey season is still on, we belong to the Treaty 6 league, we're invited to tournaments," but none of that will happen without equipment.

The society would appreciate any kind of help you could offer. They're where politicians and nerds fear to tread, upstairs at Edmonton's Cromdale Hotel. That's 8119 - 118 Avenue. If you'd rather phone, ask for Joe or Metro at 477-3576.

EDMONTON STRIKERS: Oh Lord, it's hard to be humble, especially when the Edmonton Strikers men's volleyball team win so often.

"But we don't let our heads swell up," says coach Robert George with another first place finish in the bag. George says that in order for his team to maintain a sportsmanlike conduct, they must "remember to win as a club, not as individuals."

Their latest victory was at a Prince Albert, Sask. tourney last Dec. 18-20. The Strikers out-wrestled the Broadview Spiritwrestlers to win the \$800 first place prize. The Ille La Crosse Huskies won third place. Finishing fourth was the Stanley Mission, Sask. team. Out of the standings were Prince Albert and a team called Moosamin.

The Strikers will try their skills at Frog Lake this Jan. 8-10 weekend.

SARCEE: Couple of hockey tournaments at the Sarcee arena during the holiday season to report on.

If you were over 30 years old, from Sarcee, and playing at the 4th Annual Old-timers Hockey Tournament last Dec. 18 you were probably feeling pretty content.

Alvin Big Crow sure was. He's Sarcee's rec director and he played right wing on Sarcee's team against five other teams. The Sarcee team emerged on top beating the team from Brockett in the final showdown 10-5. Placing third at the tournament was Alexander. Also present was Alexis and two teams from Morley.

Sarcee's Pat Wolfe won the MVP award while Francis Water Chief, also of Sarcee, won the best goalie award.

Big Crow says the tourney is an annual thing for "guys with nothing to do over the holidays, nothing too serious." He said the games were no-contact and no slapshots. Although there was no prize money given out, winning teams took home sweaters, bags and trophies. "And a free meal," added Big Crow.

The next day, Dec. 27, the old guys moved out and the young guys moved in. Six bantam teams met in a double knock-out tourney that saw the team from Enoch win top spot. Second was a team from Morley and third was the Blackfoot entry. Out of the standings were teams from Kainai, Sarcee and a second Morley team.

"They got a free meal too," concluded Big Crow.

That's all for this week. But in the meantime if you know of a team or individual athlete that deserves mention here, give me a collect call Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays at 455-2700. Catchya' later.

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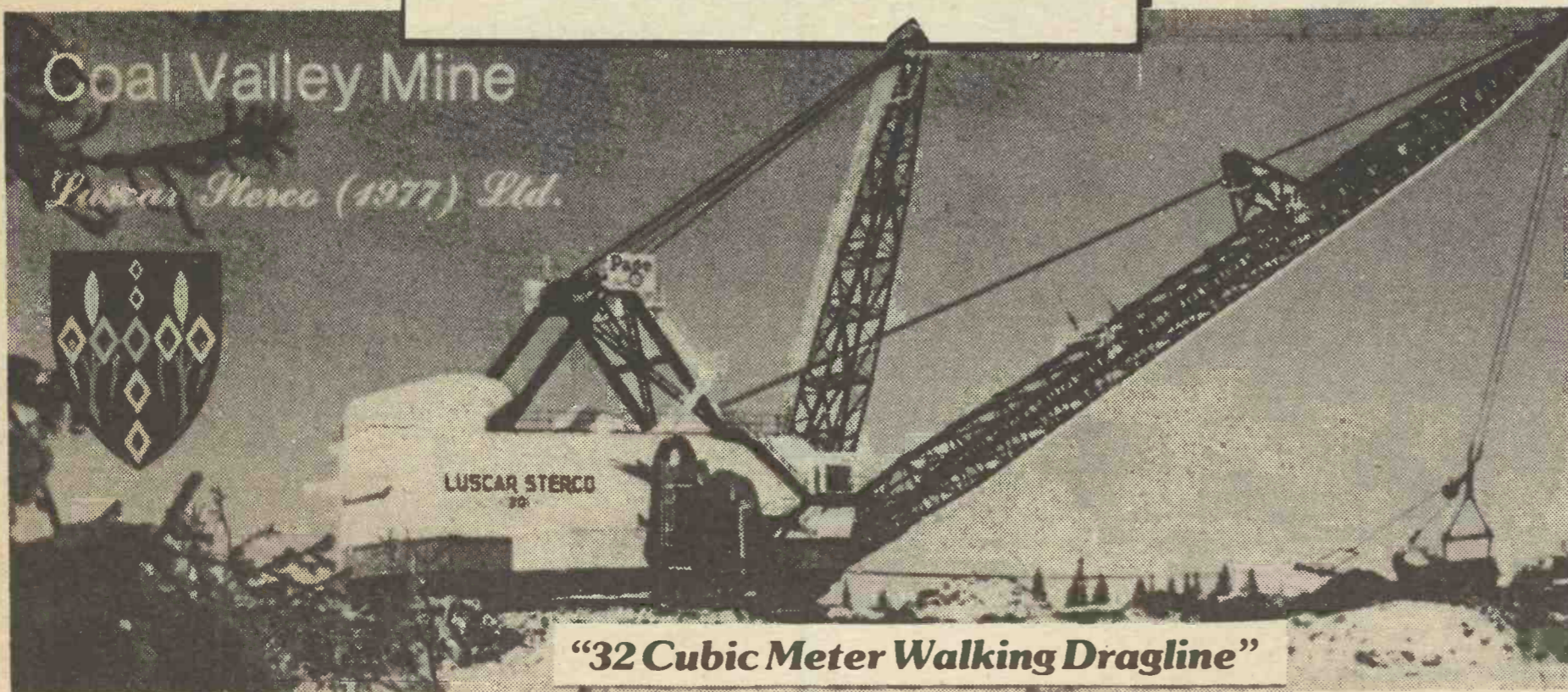


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All interested members of the public are invited to observe, and to gain an understanding of their Board operations.

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

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Secretary-Treasurer
Northland School Division No. 61



Northland SCHOOL DIVISION No. 61

**Top hockey teams clash
in Elk Point tourney**

By Diane Parenteau

Elk Point -- The Kehewin Redwings fourth annual Christmas hockey tournament was held Dec. 27 to 29 at the Elk Point AG Ross agricenter.

For three days, 12 teams played no hit hockey vying for top spot in the two divisions.

Teams came from local communities, reserves and settlements with one team from Saskatchewan and one from Edmonton.

Although the hosting Redwings team do not belong to a league, they managed to get most of their ice time from exhibition games and open tournaments and average 50 games a year.

"The tournament is improving every year", said Rolland Dion, tournament organizer and Kehewin Redwings coach. "The calibre of hockey is pleasing to the fans."

"B" side finals started on Tuesday as the Onion Lake Selects and Frog Lake T-Birds provided an entertaining game -- a short shot in the corner of the net from the Selects.

Despite the Frog Lake goalie coming in and an extra man on the ice, Frog Lake was unable to score.

For their winning 7-6 effort, the Onion Lake Selects received \$600. Second place Frog Lake T

Birds were presented with \$400.

A side finals followed with Heinsburg and Cold Lake Hawks competing for top place. The game remained close throughout and then with 12 minutes in the game it was 4-4. Cold Lake scored midway in the third to lead the game.

Heinsburg scored two more before the time was up with the tie breaker coming with a minute left in regulation time.

Heinsburg took home the \$900 top prize for their first place finish. Second runner up was Onion Lake winning a \$700 purse and third place in the "A" side went to the Saddle Lake Bear Cats who received \$400. Each winning team also received a trophy.

Tourney most valuable player was presented to Troy Lorensen of the Heinsburg squad. Best Goalie was awarded to Phil Hogue also from Heinsburg and Onion Lake Selects received the trophy for most sportmanlike team.

The tournament was billed a success by club organizers, participating teams and spectators. According to Dion, its success is attributed to many individuals.

"We'd like to thank the Kehewin Chief and council for their support," said Dion. "And we can't forget our fans and all our

sponsors."

Norman Amahoose, Redwings assistant coach was also involved in the tournament planning.

"We'd like to thank our helpers in the hockey tournament," said Amahoose, adding that a

handful of people could not

have done it on their own.

The tournament has been a club fundraiser helping the team with travel expenses. This year the team has their sites set on playing in Salmon Arm B.C. in the spring.

**Enoch hosts
minor hockey
tournament**

By Kim McLain

ENOCH -- More than a hundred children were brought together in hockey action at the Enoch arena for Enoch's Minor Hockey Week during the Christmas holidays Dec. 26 to 30.

Tournament organizers juggled 13 teams in three age groups over the five day period. They had scheduled playoffs in four age groups but a lack of teams forced them to cancel the bantam division.

In a telephone interview, Enoch's recreation director Lorraine Alexander reported that the seven and under age group had the biggest turnout of teams. That age group, known as the "rockets" division, was won by the Saddle Lake team. The hometown team came second and Alexis won third place. Other "rockets" were from

Hobbema, Alexander and Spruce Grove. The playoffs for the rockets took two days to play through, Dec. 27 and 28.

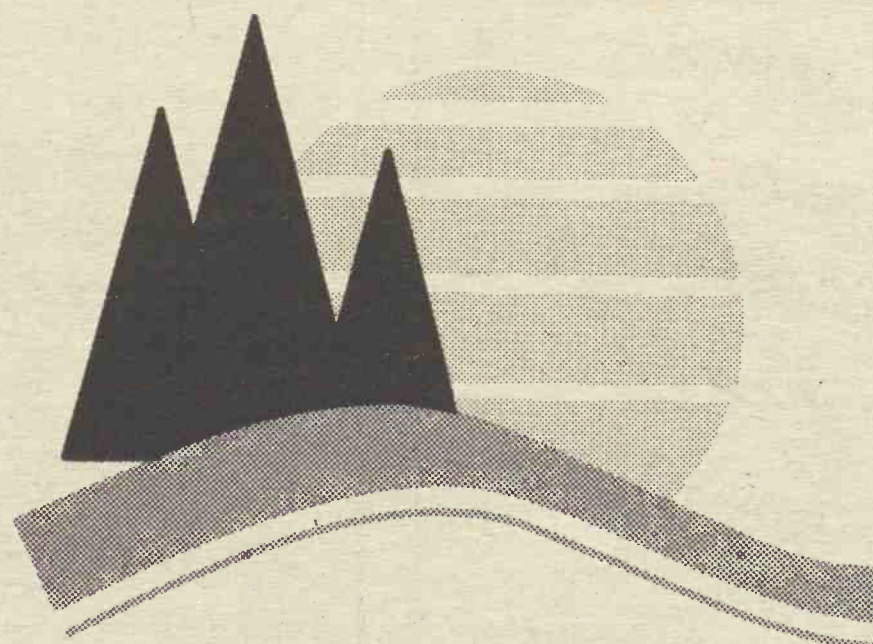
Dec. 29 and 30 saw the eight and nine years old take over the ice. Categorized as the novice division, it was Enoch winning the final game over New Serepta. An Edmonton team, called BB Blazer, placed third. The fourth and final competitors were from Saddle Lake.

At press time, the results for the atoms division were unavailable. However Alexander did say that she knew four teams played off in that age group. The teams and the results will be reported in next week's sports column, Sports Roundup.

As for individual awards, Alexander said none were given out.

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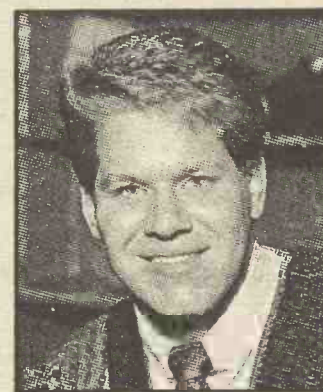
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Handgame teams compete for honor and prize money

By Kim McLain

FROG LAKE -- The corridors of the Frog Lake band hall echoed with the sound of singing and drumming as eight handgame teams rallied for prestige and prizes last Dec. 26 and 27.

Some games lasted four hours, but when it was all over, it was Saddle Lake's Vick Makokis' team that out-guessed the Ray Cardinal team, also from Saddle Lake, winning the tournament plus \$1,000 cash. The Cardinal team made a profit, winning \$500

for their \$150 entry fee.

Hometowners captained by Charlie Quinney won the "B" side final defeating the Peter Trotter team from Kehewin in a best out of three situation. The Frog Lake team won \$500 while the Kehewin team pocketed \$240.

Playing up to two and three in the morning with a steady flow of spectators made for a classic competition, said a pleased Roland Quinney, tournament organizer.

Except for a team from Thunderchild, Sask., all

competitors were from Alberta, including five Saddle Lake teams headed by Moses Cardinal, Ray Cardinal, Ben Houle, Vick Makokis and George Bretton. Frog Lake was represented by Charlie Quinney, Kehewin by Peter Trotter. The Saskatchewan team was headed by Charlie Wapass.

Organizer Roland Quinney, himself an avid handgame player, said the tournament "was a warm-up." The big competition is scheduled for this summer concluded Quinney.

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