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MAA assembly set for early July

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EDMONTON

This year the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) has scheduled its annual assembly a month earlier than usual, the date coinciding with two cultural events at Lac La Biche.

The earlier dates, July 6-9, are something of an experiment according to Clint Buehler, executive assistant to MAA President Larry Desmeules. Generally, the weather is better and there is not as much conflict with people on holidays, comments Buehler. In addition, organizers of the annual Friends in Sports athletic competitions, as well as the 200th anniversary of the Lac La Biche mission have all sorts of cultural activities scheduled. The anniversary events are slated to run July 1-3.

The cultural aspect of previous assemblies was not a truly dominant factor. "There is nothing to counter-balance that in the past," explains Buehler.

Culturally, the assembly will host fiddle and jigging, Mr. and Mrs. Metis contest, the annual Miss Metis of Alberta pageant, and square dance demonstrations. The Fourth Generation band from Edmonton will be the house band.

The Cultural Rendezvous and Friends in Sports "recognize youth and encourage participation," Buehler adds. The first day or two of the assembly will involve workshops which will provide information and give MAA delegates the opportunity to find out what the organization is doing.

Camping for delegates is at the Lac La Biche mission grounds and there will be beer bashes and bingo to occupy peoples' spare time. □

Fire damage assessed

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Negotiations between Indian and Northern Affairs (INAC) and the Sunchild and O'Chiese bands for retribution for the amount of reserve lands burnt during a fire which raged through the Rocky Mountain House area and destroyed 8,300 hectares of land has started.

According to Sunchild band administrator Gerry Laslo "whatever assets the band lost or were reduced in value, such as roads, fencing, pump house" will be included on a damage assessment done by the Sunchild band. "There was smoke damage to few of the houses which had open windows. Because of power outages food was contaminated and people lost amounts of food."

Laslo also said the meeting to discuss damages to band property would be taking place on June 14. Representing the Sunchild band will be chief and council, Laslo and a consultant who will be writing up their damage assessment.

According to forestry spokesman Rick Stewart, "Roughly 40 per cent of the fire was on the reserves (Sunchild and O'Chiese)." He added the cause of the fire was "classed as man-caused." However, he noted the term "man-caused" could be something like a tree falling over a power line and that no significance should be

attributed to the classification.

Emergency Preparedness Officer for INAC Jerry Tighe said, "The bills are starting to come in from motels and hotels. The town of Rocky Mountain House will start sending in bills soon." Rocky Mountain House took over the emergency operations for the stranded residents of Sunchild and O'Chiese reserves. The town looked after the housing needs of the Natives and negotiated a flat rate for the Natives

who were put up at the local motels and hotels. They also fed the evacuees at the local ice rink using volunteers from the town.

On the issue of payment for the land that was destroyed by the fire Tighe said, "INAC pays forestry a flat rate per acre to fight forest fires on reserve — it is an agreement which is negotiated between the federal and provincial governments."

An assessment of the damages of the fires will be done by the bands and

INAC and settlement will be negotiated between the two parties over the next couple of weeks. Negotiating on behalf of INAC will be acting director of Indian Services Jim Fleury.

A representative for the O'Chiese band would not comment on their upcoming negotiations with INAC.

The fire started on the reserve but according to the local RCMP detachment the cause of the fire is still under investigation. □



FEELING AT HOME...A LONG WAY FROM HOME

Waseskuan Bellerose, 3, gets to sit on the lap of famous movie star Audrey Hepburn while exchanging greetings with Turkish Prime Minister Uzal. The little grass dancer from the Driftpile reserve in Alberta is a member of the White Braid Society, a dance troupe which toured Turkey last month during an International Childrens Festival.

— Photo Courtesy of Canadian Embassy, Ankara, Turkey

Peigans to sue province over dam

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PEIGAN RESERVE

The Peigans are expected to be in court soon to settle a landmark Indian water rights case between the band and the Alberta government over the aboriginal title and rights of the controversial Oldman River, says Chief Peter Yellowhorn.

A copy of the claim obtained by *Windspeaker* states the Peigan Nation is suing the province, arguing they have aboriginal title and rights of the river bed of the Oldman River which flows through their reserve. As well, the Peigans want the courts to order an injunction to halt construction of the Three Rivers Dam approved by the government a year ago. The claim further states that if the Three Rivers Dam is constructed, it will violate the property interests of the Peigans in their water rights claims and will "cause irreparable damage to the reserve."

The band also wants the government to recognize Peigan Indian Bylaw No. 1 as legitimate and binding legislation paramount to any provincial laws relating to the use of that water. Further, the band does not want the province to "interfere with or prevent the flow of the Oldman River in such a manner as to impair the bed of the river and present water quality and flow characteristics of the river passing through the reserve.

First In Canada: The eight-page claim, filed a year ago in the Court of Queen's Bench in Calgary, is a landmark Indian water rights case. American Indian tribes, including the Blackfeet in Montana, have won court battles in water rights cases; however, there have been no Canadian Indian tribes who have filed a water rights case yet.

Chief Yellowhorn, in an interview, said the band had no choice but to file a lawsuit despite years of trying to reach an agreement with the province. The

province, said Chief Yellowhorn, has even developed irrigation expansion priorities in the Oldman River "while failing to consider the water rights and title of the Peigan Nation."

The contentious issue came to a head when the Peigans blockaded the headgates of a diversion weir and canal running through the reserve in May, 1978. The Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District (LNID) argued the weir was on crown land while the Peigans claimed it (the weir) was on reserve land which they had not ceded their aboriginal rights and title of the Oldman River.

The action affected 113,000 acres of land, and domestic water for about 900 farm families and the towns of Picture Butte, Barons, Nobleford, Iron Springs and Turin.

Temporary settlement: After talks failed in result in an agreement with then chief Nelson Small Legs Sr., the blockade continued for several months and cul-

minated in a temporary settlement. The provincial government agreed to pay \$435,000 for two years of reserve access to LNID. Prior to that, LNID never obtained a permit from band officials for access to the headgates, nor were fees levied by the Peigans for use of the headgates.

Although the Peigan in 1981 had entered into an agreement with the province to allow LNID to improve, enlarge, relocate, replace and reconstruct its water diversion and conveyancing system located upon the reserve, it did not settle the issue of water rights and title of the Oldman River.

Chief Yellowhorn said their claim is different from various environmental groups who have gone to court to stop construction of the Three Rivers Dam, located three miles upstream from the western boundary of the reserve.

Spiritual source: But he did say they are just as concerned about the environmental, social and cultural impact of the Three Rivers Dam

project. He said the Oldman River sustains the spiritual practices of the Peigan Nation and that the river provides habitat and water for domestic purposes, and supports the fish and wildlife resources and the agricultural and husbandry practices upon which the Peigan Nation relies for food and clothing.

Peigan councillor, Albert Yellowhorn has been researching the Oldman River claim for years with his assistant Dale Smith. They were successful in reaching a settlement with the LNID in 1981 and most recently last year when the Peigans received \$11 million in a 1909 land claim from the federal government.

The Peigans are now represented by well-known activist lawyer Thomas Berger and Native lawyer, Louise Mandell — of the law firm, Mandell, Pinder, and Ostrove in Vancouver. □

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ACROSS OUR LAND

National language institute rejected
in favor of community programsBY LESLEY CROSSINGHAM
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EDMONTON

The retention of aboriginal languages in the community is both complex and simple as it appears to rely on the language being used by the family, but yet is reinforced by modern technology such as the Native media.

So says a study released at the Assembly of First Nation's annual conference held in Edmonton May 30 to June 2. The aboriginal languages committee rejected a call for the establishment of a national aboriginal languages institute in favor of local and community controlled retention programs, announced coordinator Dolly Jacob McDonald.

"Our study shows that only through the direct participation of the community and family can we stop the erosion of our languages," she said.

McDonald points to the fact that only three languages — Cree, Ojibway and Inuktitut have a strong change of survival. Eight languages face extinction; 29 are deteriorating rapidly due to few young speakers and 13 languages are moderately endangered, according to a Museum of Man study released in 1982.

One of the ways of combating the erosion of languages is through the direct participation of the family and the community, says the study, as well as other more modern forms of language use.

Jeff Bear, executive director of the National Aboriginal Communications Society (NACS) agrees and points out that it is hardly a coincidence that the strongest languages have strong Native communications in radio, newspaper or television.

"Right here in Alberta, the Native Perspective broadcasts in Cree and English every day. In Ontario, Sioux Lookout broadcasts in the Ojibway language and the communications in the north is even stronger."

Bear would like to see even more communication

WINDSPEAKER PHOTOFILE



Jeff Bear

in aboriginal languages so eventually every part of the country would be served by an aboriginal radio, television and newspaper.

"We are currently negotiating to amend the broadcast act so our languages can be side by side with English and French."

Bear produced and directed a video called *Beyond the Robin's Song* about the plight of aboriginal languages.

"We have lost so many of our languages," he says. "Right now in the Yukon there are two old people in their 80s who are the only ones left who speak the Hahn languages. When they go the language will die with them."

Because of the death of so many languages, the

assembly held a language conference in Ottawa last January and a study committee was formed to look into the possibility of a national language institution. However, the study does not recommend an institute because of the many, varied languages.

"It's just not feasible," said McDonald in an interview after the discussion. "Local first nations have to take the initiative locally,"

However, McDonald does feel a national clearing house, where books, teaching materials and teaching methods could be coordinated, might work, but again this suggestion has to be investigated.

During the Ottawa conference then Secretary of State, David Crombie pledged more than \$1 million would be set aside for the maintenance of aboriginal languages. However, McDonald points out the feasibility study.

"We also have a new minister and we will have to see how that goes with him," she added.

Currently the committee is working on a cabinet document on language recommendations which will be introduced to the Conservative government cabinet in the fall.

McDonald is also hopeful that now Alberta has selected a vice-chief that a delegate from Alberta will be appointed to the committee.

The committee is made up of Marie Batiste, Dorothy Lazore, Amos Key, Daniel Tlen, Dennis Alphone, Ruth Northon, Ethel Blonden-Townsend, Margaret Labilois, Jack Sark and Lise Bastien.

The committee is planning another conference for either fall or early in the new year. □



Performing for the world: White Braid dancers

Dance troupe 'storms' Turkey

BY LESLEY CROSSINGHAM
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EDMONTON

Since an Edmonton dance troupe "invaded" Turkey last month the Middle East country has not been the same.

When the colorful and dynamic White Braid Society performed at the international children's festival there last month, many of Turkey's people got their first look at traditional Native dancing and singing.

The performers garnered headlines and photographs each day in the daily newspapers and drew huge crowds during their dance exhibitions in Turkey's capital city of Ankara.

"They called us 'red' Indians," laughs president Martha Campiou-Zarutsky in an interview from her Edmonton office this week. "We were representing Canada, and we were the first Native group to tour their country."

During the whirl-wind tour which began April 23, Zarutsky and other members of the troupe were able to take a close look at Turkey accompanied by their guide and interpreter Muyase Bulbul whom the group soon dubbed "Miyason" or perfect one in Cree.

"In fact her name sounded so much like miyason and it even means something like the meaning in Cree...it was uncanny," says Zarutsky.

The group found other similarities. Each morning they were awakened by the call to prayer at a nearby mosque, which takes place just before sunrise.

"The people there prayed each morning just as we do here," she said. "And I found other similarities particularly between Metis culture and the Turkish culture."

And because the Turkish people only knew of Native people through television and movies, the dancers found they were very popular.

"We had huge audiences and they were always taking photographs. At one celebration the people showered us with roses and other flowers...and people were always giving us gifts."

One dancer who received much applause was 3-year-old Waseskuan Bellerose from Driftpile, who although a little peeved at being mistakenly called a girl by the Turkish media, managed to sit on the lap of movie star Audrey Hepburn as well as receive a hug from Turkish Prime Minister Uzal.

The group were also invited to several receptions at the Canadian Embassy and even addressed the Turkish Parliament.

More than 1,500 children from all over the world attended the festival and the society has been invited back next year. However, Zarutsky stresses it will depend upon finances.

The only dark cloud for Zarutsky was the oppressive poverty of the older Turkish people. "I stayed in a five-star hotel so I only saw the good side...but on the poor side of town I saw elders living on the streets with no money, nothing," she said.

However, Zarutsky and the troupe will be travelling to the Middle East again next year as they have been invited to Jordan to attend the Queen's Theatre Festival.

Currently, the group is touring northern Alberta including High Level, Fort Vermilion and the Dene Tha' Nation's assembly. They will also be travelling to California in July for a huge powwow.

Until then Zarutsky and other members of the troupe will continue their bingos and fund raising as the Turkish trip left them with a \$12,000 deficit.

The dancers and drummers who toured Turkey were: Stony Whiskeyjack, 17; Craig Auger, 17; Rita Bellerose, 17; Rhonda Cardinal, 16; Michelle Lafleur, 14; Christine Auger, 12; Mariah Longmore, 12; Bobby Hunter, 10; Mark McKennitt, 10; Ian Bradley, 9 and Waseskuan Bellerose, 4.

Leaders who attended were: Martha Campiou-Zarutsky, Christine Daniels, Lloyd Auger, Marguerite Auger, Morris Crier, Frank Morin, Theresa Bellerose and Nick Boudreau. □

Unification needed to fight education cutbacks

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EDMONTON

Indian people must get together and organize protests in order to try to turn around cutbacks and capping of education dollars by the federal government, say aboriginal leaders who attended a general meeting of the Assembly of First Nations from May 31 - June 2.

The federal government has capped funds for post-secondary students and federally-run schools will not receive any new increases in funding.

"There'll be demonstrations and there'll be rallies because we've tried just about everything in the last two years to prevent these cutbacks. We've done everything reasonable...so now it's no longer the time to be nice about things. It's time to take action," said Joe Norton, chief of the Kahnawake reserve in Quebec.

The four schools on Norton's reserve are facing a \$70,000 cutback this year which may increase to \$150,000 next year and close to \$500,000 the following year.

Norton is concerned about how the cutbacks will

affect the type of programs delivered to 1,000 students in Kahnawake who attend school on reserve.

"It means the deterioration of education...say you want to start a language program within your community, you'll have to make a choice which is more important...do you sacrifice the academics for the language?"

Grand chief of the Grand Council of the Cree from Quebec Matthew Coon-Come expressed concern over the future of Indian people across the country due to capping of funds for post-secondary students.

He believes attaining self-

government for Indian people will hinge upon a new generation of educated, sophisticated and articulate leaders who can speak "the same bureaucratic language and terminology in defending our rights."

"And what better way for the government to control that than to cap the funding for our education."

He says Native people must come to grips with how they are going to respond to the cutbacks. "I think there needs to be a unity in demonstrations, rallies, and trying to get students who are directly affected to stage protests and to send letters to the

prime minister and opposition parties."

During the assembly a \$6 million AFN study, a national review of first nations education was unveiled.

The study, which took four years to complete, indicates Indian education is an aboriginal right and should be given protection in the Canadian constitution under self-government.

The report which contains 54 recommendations says control of education must be put back into the hands of Indian people "with the federal government retaining only its role as a funding source."

Although Norton says he is pleased with the report because it brings education to the forefront and makes it a priority amongst chiefs in Canada, he adds the federal government has already launched plans to "undermine and undercut" the direction of the report.

"On the one hand, we're out here going through this whole study, travelling across the country to get an idea about what the Indian people want and here you have the government already predetermining what you're going to do," says Norton, referring to government cutbacks in education. □

CLOSE TO HOME

Northern band's homes 'bare bones' until land claim is resolved

BY TERRY LUSTY
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FORT FITZGERALD, Alta.

While most Alberta communities bask in the luxuries of modern conveniences, the living standards in northern Alberta's Fort Fitzgerald are bare bones.

The community consists, basically, of Dene people (Cree and Chipewyan Indians and Metis) who would like to see their quality of living improved through the installation of some general, yet basic services conducive to comfort and convenience.

Over the decades the hamlet has endured using wood stoves, kerosene lamps and candles, and water barrels containing rain or river water. Household furnishings are sparse, simple and often handmade, but practical.

Peoples' homes are mostly built of logs fashioned from local timber but do not share the same kinds of conveniences which prevail in the majority of Canadian homes where electricity, running water, sewage and central heating are taken for granted. Residents hope such services will someday be their dream come true, and place their faith in the local leadership to guide them into the reality of 20th century lifestyles.

Bad water: One resident, Peter Bourke, voices particular concern about the condition of local water which comes from the Slave River. When the river is low, it is fairly clear and "not too bad." However, adds Bourke, "most people haul water from town (Fort Smith)."

Bourke says he would like to see at least one water well installed for the use of the community. Even one

would be better than none for the several families here, he states.

Infrastructures like wells or a school for the children who are bused 21 km for classes in Fort Smith are of priority locally but fail to draw the attention of Indian Affairs or other government services, he says.

Meanwhile, the community is expanding. Three more houses are under construction. Two of these are for existing residents of the community; the other is for Oliver Bourke's family which will be moving down from Fort Smith once it is completed.

Two others waiting for homes are Jerry Paulette and Magloire Paulette. When constructed, the community will then have 11 homes which would make them eligible for postal service as well. Mail is now picked up from Fort Smith.

Bourke says all the Native residents of the community trap for a livelihood. During the off-season, they fight fires and take on other seasonal work he explains. Otherwise, they survive on unemployment insurance or welfare.

Bourke admitted he did not know the area was ever reserve land. The land his house is on, he says, belongs to realtor Arthur Porier of St. Paul. "He lets me stay on it for nothing," Bourke says, adding that it would be nice if people had their own control and ownership.

Better conditions: Bourke's wishes just might come true if local leaders Chief Jerry Paulette and his brother, Francois, are successful in their pursuits. The two are determined to better

existing conditions at Fitz and are waging war with the authorities in Indian Affairs. They have embarked on a campaign pressing for recognition of the band and what it claims is original reserve land.

However, there are two opposing camps disputing the issue. On the one hand are the Paulettes who maintain that the area is original reserve which even had a reserve number as is the case with the rest of Canada's reserves. They have a copy of a 1910 map to substantiate their allegation, say the Paulettes.

Francois says he showed the map to Indian Affairs acting regional director Fred Jobin who acted "kinda surprised." He adds that, "the band never ceded the land; it's never been surrendered." He also claims to have found reference to the band in both the past and present schedules of Indian lands while doing research through files in Ottawa.

On the other hand, Jobin who met with the Paulettes last month says, "Our records indicate that there never was any reserve land...just "federal lots" set aside for the use of Indians, and not as actual reserve land. An analogy, he explains, could be made of the Fort McKay reserve north of Fort McMurray which is not designated reserve but simply an area set aside for the band's use.

National support: The Assembly of First Nations chief, Georges Erasmus, sides with the Fitzgerald community according to the Paulettes. "He's giving us all his support," claims Francois. As well, a May 16 front page story in Yellowknife's News North newspaper quotes Erasmus

as saying, "In 1977 when I was president of Dene Nation, we recognized the (Fitzgerald) community and the band had rights in Alberta and in Smith. We negotiated the (land) claims like that from day one." The article also expressed his commitment to assist the community in trying to get an audience with Indian Minister Bill McKnight.

According to Francois, another group that has given support to their cause is the South Slave Tribal Council which "recognized the Fitzgerald area as reserve and that it's part of the tribal council."

Not legal: But, Indian Affairs does not recognize the Fitzgerald band's status since it split from the Smith-Fitzgerald band, says Jobin. He says the issue did not go through a referendum and was, therefore, not legally constituted. He does admit that the minister can recognize new bands but not unless policy and proper procedure are followed. Such procedure, he charges, has not been followed. Chief Paulette could not be reached for comment.

"I offered to coordinate a follow-up meeting with senior department officials," Jobin says. The offer was declined and the Paulettes say they'll deal directly with the minister himself, explains Jobin.

Next week, the Paulettes hope to have a resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Assembly of First Nations in support of their cause says Francois. He also thinks they just may have to take their case before the courts because, "government (Indian Affairs) keep denying that it (Fort Fitzgerald) is a reserve." □

Lack of funds could force halt to annual Batoche festival

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BATOCHÉ, Sask.

The annual trek to Batoche may grind to a complete halt this year unless some very drastic changes occur quickly.

The event is in jeopardy this year due to lack of funds according to Ron Rivard, the executive director for the Metis National Council (MNC) offices in Saskatoon.

Generally held in the

latter part of July, the Back to Batoche festivities have been a mecca for Canada's Metis peoples since its inception in 1971. Located about 72 km north of Saskatoon, Batoche attracts thousands of Metis each summer.

The problem, explains Rivard, is that the financial situation of Saskatchewan's Metis has been severely affected due to the budget freezes. Batoche monies come from the Secretary of State (SOS).

"The MNC has grave

concerns about Batoche. We saw there was a void here," says Rivard in relation to the fact that financial assistance is not forthcoming at this time and MNC would be more than happy to help out wherever and however it can.

Funding from SOS is dependent upon ministerial approval and "they weren't too encouraging. Reading between the lines they probably won't help Batoche."

MNC offered to take over the event this year and has the support of B.C., Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario, says Rivard. It will be a "real shame" if the people were let down because the event couldn't transpire this year, he concedes. "This is the true culture and heritage of the Metis and there are no winners in this issue if the program can't be executed."

The heritage days at Batoche are tentatively scheduled for July 29-31. □

PROVINCIAL BRIEFS

Alberta's answer to Lubicon issue called unworkable by McKnight

Alberta's proposal to set up a tribunal to resolve the Lubicon land claim has been called unworkable by Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight who also says he was never formally advised of the tribunal by the province.

However, Getty and Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Jim Horsman contend that they had spoken with the minister about the issue.

The three member tribunal was to be composed of a government representative, a band representative and a third member to be chosen by the two. Members were to act in an advisory capacity to help find a solution to the land claim which has been outstanding for the past 48 years.

But McKnight says his understanding of the tribunal was it would be binding and that Canada could not be bound by it.

The federal government launched a lawsuit against both the province and the band close to a month ago to try to force a settlement.

A hearing for the court case began on Friday June 10 in Calgary.

In the meantime Premier Getty has said he is not giving up the possibility that the matter can be resolved out of court. □

Premier requests meeting with Bloods over suspicious deaths

BLOOD RESERVE — Premier Don Getty has requested a meeting with Blood Indian chief Roy Fox to go over a provincial report dealing with a police investigation into suspicious deaths of band members.

The premier called for the report April 25 following complaints by Fox and other band members who charged that the police had done an inadequate job of investigating the deaths of four band members in the last five years.

One band members claimed a "gang" of whites was killing Indians and the RCMP had not done a thorough investigation into the deaths.

RCMP recently laid murder charges against two non-Natives in the death of Bernard Tallman Jr., 23, but ruled out foul play in the other three cases.

Tallman Jr. was found shot in the head in a ditch 10 km south east of Lethbridge in March.

Gary Chief Moon was found at the bottom of a bridge. The band claims he was pushed but the police called it suicide.

Travis Many Grey Horse's body was found in a river. Foul play was ruled out by medical examiners and police, but the band believes he was murdered.

In the case of Colin Black Plume, a pedestrian fatality, charges were laid against a motorist. The driver was convicted and jailed. The band claims a murder charge should have been laid.

Getty wants to meet with the chief as soon as possible.

Southern Stoney band slammed for placing billboards on reserve

MORLEY RESERVE — Environmentalists and Alberta Transportation are angry with a southern Indian band for allowing advertising billboards to be put up which block the panoramic view of the Rocky Mountains.

The Stoney Indians have leased space on their reserve to Far West Signs Ltd., a Calgary company which has erected about a dozen billboard signs.

A provincial act says that no advertisements are allowed within 300 metres of a ditch owned by the Alberta government. However, the law also states that the legislation does not apply to Indian land.

The billboards which have been set up for a few weeks and are being wired for lighting have prompted angry phone calls to the Alberta Minister of Transportation Al Adair as well as to Alberta Wilderness Association, the province's major environmental group.

People have expressed concern that the signs detract from the landscape as they are large and are placed in spots where people would stop to look at the mountains.

The provincial minister of transportation has written to the band asking them to reconsider their decision to allow the signs to be put up but has received no response.

Kananaskis Village Resort Association which receives funds from the province is one of the billboard advertisers.

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Reader offers explanation of culture

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a writing of my understanding of what our culture is.

I am very fortunate to come from a background where all cultures worked together to make the world a better place. Here is my story:

What is our culture? It is the extension of our well being illuminated by the light of our Creator to make us all unique. We each have the color of skin He gave us. We each possess a brain to reason and think. We each have freedom of tongue and the beauty of our language. We each have free will to make choices good or bad. We each have ancestors who are part of history and we should stand proud. We each have the responsibility to discipline our young. We each owe it to ourselves and others to prepare our young for the future, not dwelling too much in the past but being realistic.

Support and guide our young so they in turn can be productive and give of themselves unconditionally. We all belong to one body and if one part is hurting we all hurt.

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M. Savage
Trout Lake

Indians never stop saying what they want

Edmonton Sun Letter to the Editor

Our Native Indians never stop telling us what they want and will do in their tradition, and what they won't do or endure according to their tradition. They say they are the natural conservationists and preservers of nature and its animals, birds, forests and streams. So they sabotage and

harass oil and lumber companies and hunters and farmers who, they say, do nothing but pollute and destroy and over-fish and over-hunt — something Indians never do in this vast country, all of which is rightfully theirs. Yet Indians pollute all their reserves, overfish, and think nothing of shooting 20 deer, mostly females, and leaving them. I should think

the least Indians could do in return for the great cost and trouble they engender is responsibility and proudly guard, by themselves, all the forests from fires, seeing this surely would be right up their tradition. Instead, they seem to be sitting in the houses they couldn't even build for themselves.

R. Horne

Discrimination is for people with no class

Dear Editor:

This is in response to Mr. R. Horne's letter in the Edmonton Sun dated June 2, 1988.

In our society today, discrimination is for people who have no class, but possess a lot of jealousy and hatred to their fellowman.

Instead of thinking of what not only the Indians have lost, but also white people within the

forest fires — homes, trapping, fishing, logging...he still proceeds to call down only the Indians as if he is the only one who can see that it is the Indians at fault.

I am in my early thirties and I was brought up to work beside everyone whether they were red, black, yellow, etc. — not against them because of the color of their skin.

I was also brought up to believe

that if you didn't have anything good to say about someone or something then keep your opinions and remarks to yourself.

As the saying goes Mr. R. Horne — "No one will ever understand our traditions and way of life until they have walked a mile in our moccasins."

A Proud Metis,
Holly Courtorielle
Slave Lake

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Dear Editor:

We are two teenagers who started reading your newspaper a few months ago. We find it very informative and interesting. It lets us know what's happening in reserves close and far away from us.

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newspaper because it tells me when all the powwow's are taking place, and of other activities I like to go to. So we would both like to thank you, for just having this paper.

Thank you,
Joyce Dumais
Sharryn McCarthy

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Change is the fabric of the universe

Alone in that country where there are no poems. It's a familiar landscape. You're guided here by that shadow-self which wants to disbelieve everything you've managed to learn. That weaker self that complains so bitterly when life performs its cartwheels. That fiercely independent self which tries to vainly to assert itself against the very state of change which life itself is all about.

Because there are always the nice moments at the edges of a hurt. Those shining incandescent moments that keep us coming back time and time again. It's almost as if you believed that fingering the ache could get you past it. As though the pain itself could heal you.

So you begin to find yourself prowling over familiar ground. Like you expected some sort of salvation in the glassy atmospheres of remembered places and times. Because at the end of the cartwheel you stand dazed and believing that you can find relief by living again in those nice moments before the bruises formed.

Acceptance. In this country of no poems acceptance is a forgotten commodity. You'd still really rather tough it out in fantasy than to risk dealing with the situation because it doesn't hurt as much. You want to convince yourself that you can still control things. That fingering the ache can heal you. But that reawakened self you've been living in for a while now keeps screaming in the back room of your mind that acceptance is the key.

Change. The very fabric and substance of the universe. The very stuff of life. You remember now the old one telling you that everything is in a state of constant motion. You remember that even tumultuous moments of chaos are under the patient, guiding and loving hand of the Creator of all things. You simply have to try to retain your humanity through them. To seek the lessons and move on.

The landscape is shifting. Poems become possible. It's not so strange that fingering the ache is so addictive. Everyone of us wants to believe that given the right set of circumstances those shining



TOUCHING THE CIRCLE

By Richard Wagamese

moments which draw us so irresistibly back again and again may have shone forever. We all want to believe in our power.

But it is in the acceptance of our very powerlessness over people, places and things that we begin to achieve our personal power. When we achieve the ability to avoid that country where there are no poems. When we become able to transcend difficulty and stay human. When we enter again the process of becoming. When we grow. When we touch the circle.

I remember learning all of this when I made the decision to lay down the bottle and the needle. When I made the decision to live. But there are always moments in my life when troubles and tough circumstances threaten to send me back to those unhealthy attitudes. To those old behaviors. It's then that the fabric and substance of my life is in total disarray. It's then that I really need to remember my humanity and my powerlessness. Then that I need to return to the circle to learn, accept and grow. Than that I need to tell someone where I'm at.

This particular column is written during one of those times and simply in the telling — life becomes a poem again. Thanks for listening. Until next time then, Meegwetch.

YOUR WORDS

AFN delegates respond to national leader's warning

If Indians are not listened to and if their needs and aspirations are not met, there exists the potential for violence warn Canada's Indian leaders.

At last week's annual meeting of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) in Edmonton, in his election speech to assembled delegates, Grand Chief Georges Erasmus cautioned society that dishonoring their treaties and ignoring the needs of Indians could possibly lead to violence. The message was given at the same time that an armed barricade of Indians at Kahnawake, Quebec, was taking place which was caused by a 200-man RCMP raid on their community. The raid has been the centre of controversy because police allege that the

local Mohawk Indians are illegally marketing cigarettes smuggled in from the United States.

Support for the Mohawk situation was also voiced by several chiefs from various parts of the country:

Huron Grand Chief, Max Gros-Louis from Quebec, says nothing has been achieved in 300 years despite all the talks with government. "We're getting less and less (money and programs from the federal government) all the time and I really feel the younger people won't wait (another) 300 years...to get what they want," he claims. If it takes violence to get results, he adds, they'll go that route.

In light of what's happening in Quebec says the AFN's northern

vice-president, Harry Allan from Whitehorse, "Other first nations will be available to (physically) support these first nations that are experiencing difficulty."

From B.C.'s Bridge River band, Chief Saul Terry charges that government is deliberately disregarding the aspirations of Indian people. As far as he is concerned, the non-Native society contributes to its own unpopularity due to its mistreatment of Indians.

A surprising faction that is siding with the AFN on the violence debate are some of the Alberta chiefs who, along with Saskatchewan and several Manitoba bands, severed relations with the organization in 1984.

One chief, Eugene Steinhauer of Saddle Lake, thinks a return to the era of the late 1960s may be in order as negotiations have not seemed to have much effect. He is quick to cite incidences of neglect in areas such as housing and education.

Pauline Big George, of the Big Island band in Ontario and Ann Smith of the Kwanlin Dun band at Whitehorse, agree that conditions for Indians remain far inferior to those of the general public. They do not believe that such conditions should be tolerated in this day and age.

However, a couple of Indian observers at the conference who did not want their names publicized that the reality is that most Indians are so darn "complacent and apathetic" that they would not involve themselves in physical confrontation.

Although he is not a chief, or even an Indian for that matter, the words of James O'Reilly are not to be taken lightly. As the lawyer who negotiated the James Bay Agreement for the Indians and is now representing the interests of Alberta's Lubicon Indians, O'Reilly has been in the "Indian business" for some 22 years.

O'Reilly challenges non-Native people to look at the government's past 20 years of performance so they "could realize how little they've done and how much they have become the enemy and an obstacle to development of Native peoples."

He accuses government by ignoring the basic costs that would "bring Native people up to a level of standard of living like the average Canadian." He further claims that there is no long-range planning for Indians, and McKnight has been put there to say 'no' to the Indians and to stay within budget.

"There's no short term solution...there are so many Native problems...and there is no system set up on the other side to deal with that reality," he says of government. Until an equitable situation comes about for Indians, they are wholly justified to use violence failing all else, he concludes. And, he is right behind them as are most members of the Canadian Bar Association, he states. □

IN OUR OPINION

Prisoner appeals for help but none can be found

There is a young man in a prison outside of Calgary who is starving, but he is not starving for food. He is starving for justice.

Ron Penko was recently convicted of extortion and assault causing bodily harm. But Penko isn't questioning the handling of his trial or even the sentencing he received. What he is questioning is the handling he says he has received while in prison.

Penko is a Metis who believes he along with others like him are being unfairly treated because of that.

But whether Penko's charges of mistreatment are legitimate or not is irrelevant. The point here is what everybody seems to be doing, or rather not doing, about his charges.

Penko says he followed prison procedures filing appeals with the prison director about his claims of unfair treatment he says he received while at the Calgary Remand Centre awaiting his trial.

In all instances, his appeals were deemed unfounded.

And when Penko turned to the Alberta Ombudsman, he too found Penko's complaints unfounded, as did Native Counselling, a government organization set up to provide counselling for Natives in prison.

Penko admits he is in a vulnerable position. After all, when it is the word of a convicted criminal to that of a prison guard, whose word is more likely to carry clout?

So, Penko turned to the Native organizations of Alberta looking for a last source of help. His search, like ours, proved fruitless.

Most people contacted by Windspeaker would only speak "off the record" and what they said was either it wasn't their organization's responsibility, they didn't have the funding to set up a program to deal with this type of complaint, or if they did interfere they feared their government funding would be affected.

This may be all true, and Penko's complaints may be all unfounded. But, what if they are not? What if Penko is being treated unfairly? What if he is experiencing prejudice because he is a Native?

If this is the case then there are numerous Indian organizations protecting their funding and doing their job, while a young Metis sits in a prison wondering where justice is and what are the Indian organizations doing for him.

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GRASSROOTS

Outstanding effort rewarded at Elk Point graduation

BY DIANE PARENTEAU
Community Correspondent
FISHING LAKE AREA

The 1987/88 Alberta Vocational Centre upgrading class held their graduation luncheon in Elk Point on Saturday May 14.

Instructor Caralee Beaulieu said the class was the most "adult" class she has ever taught. She called them both mature and motivated.

Lifeskills instructor Kay Klopstock thanked the class for their interesting individual projects. She

said she learned a lot from the students.

Every year there is an award given out to someone deserving. Virginia Lajimodiere received a plaque in honor of her outstanding efforts throughout the year. Beaulieu said she just keeps getting better and better and it's obvious from the way she worked that everyday was an outstanding effort.

Other adults enrolled were Judy Wallace, Betty Daignault, Grace Durocher, Lorna Gladue, Leona Cardinal and Dave Randall.

The school fund raising auction sale held on April 27 was an overwhelming success. Intended to raise \$300 - \$400 to supplement the costs of a school trip, the evening sale brought in over \$1,500 together with the concession sales.

According to school councillor-aid Viola Dumont, who did a lot of the footwork, items were donated by Elk Point merchants but most of the contributions came from community members. Some of those she said didn't even have children in

the school.

Mary Deschamps who donated a lovely hand made quilt said her kids who are now grown, didn't go on trips when they were in school so she wanted to do something to help the children today.

Auctioneering services were donated by Skolarchuk Auctions of Heinsburg.

The local J.F. Dion school board has a new member on its five member team. Rodney Laboucan was the only candidate to file nomination intentions before the noon deadline on May 4. He joins chairman Bruce Desjarlais and members Ross Daniels, Ann Gladue and Shirley Gladue for a three year term.

There has been two big bingo winners in as many weeks. Velma Atchynum won \$1,045 at the nearby Heinsburg bingo and Shirley Parenteau bingoed three games in Edmonton's Northland Bingo for \$914. Neither one would reveal how much they spend on bingo but one indicated they almost broke even.

Dan and Mabel Aulotte recently celebrated their 35th anniversary. They were married here in Fishing Lake April 27, 1953 and have lived their entire married life on the settlement. □

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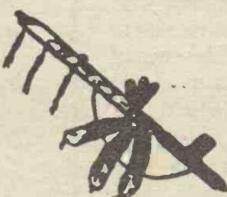
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GRASSROOTS

Museum presents Ft. Chip exhibit

BY LESLEY CROSSINGHAM
Windspeaker Correspondent

FORT CHIPEWYAN

How would you like to visit historic Fort Chipewyan without becoming road-weary on the long trek north?

Come Sept. 23, you'll be able to experience the flavour of the fort by visiting Edmonton's Provincial Museum and taking in a special exhibition of ancient and contemporary artifacts commemorating the community's 200th birthday.

The special exhibit is being created by Curator of Ethnology, Dr Patricia McCormack, who helped collect much of the display material.

The exhibit will consist of a walk through the old Fort Chip gateway back through time to the days when the first settlers established the area as part of the old

Northwest Company fur trading territory.

McCormack explains the new fort was rebuilt periodically because it was made of wood. The originator of Fort Chip, Peter Pond, opened his first fur post in 1778 about 30 miles up-river from Lake Athabasca. Then in 1788 Roderick McKenzie was directed to build a fort on the lake's south shore, now known as Old Fort Point, near the Chipewyan reserve.

"Of course the history of Aboriginal peoples goes back thousands of years but this exhibit will focus on the development of the fur trade and how it affected all the people living there, be they Indian, Metis or the new traders," says McCormack.

Fort Chip was the central point of trade for western Canada, points out McCormack, who adds

that trade goods from the fort have been found as far away as Scotland, New York, Iowa and Yale.

"People come to the fort as it was a major centre for a lot of people who wanted to buy Fort Chip articles. We can't always find out who made the goods but we can often make calculated guesses."

During the years the Fort was owned by the Northwest Company, which eventually amalgamated with the Hudson's Bay Company in 1821, work contracts between migrant workers and the company were signed. McCormack feels it is important for people to understand that wage labor was part of the community, even in the earliest days of settlement.

"We even have a contract signed by an Orkney (islands located off the coast of Scotland) man for

wage labor. We even managed to find a hand made Fort Chip shirt in a Scottish museum which will be loaned to us for the exhibit."

McCormack has also collected contemporary items such as a fishing skiff recently purchased from a local man. "We also have fishing nets and buoys," she adds.

Older artifacts are not so easily found as moccasins, birchbark baskets or hides do not last down the years. The only ancient objects found have been stone tools.

The exhibit will also include some religious artifacts, not only from the missionaries but also from the Indian people of that region. However, McCormack has spoken with Fort Chip Elders over the handling of a recent shaman's bundle the museum found in an auction.

"No one knows where the bundle has come from so I spoke with Elders who suggested the bundle not be opened but be surrounded by shaman's tools such as the rattle and the whistle."

The exhibit will come to a close with a display of contemporary life in the fort. This will include an exhibition of well-known Fort Chipewyan artist, Jane Ash-Poitras.

In search of old Fort Vermilion

BY LESLEY CROSSINGHAM
Windspeaker Correspondent

FORT VERMILION

Trying to find the original Fort Vermilion is like looking for a needle in a haystack, says Alberta Survey archaeologist Heinz Pyszczyk, who spent last summer searching through the thick overgrown bush for the illusive fort.

Pyszczyk uncovered one fort last summer, however, because there are six forts all built within a few miles of each other, Pyszczyk is not sure which fort has been found.

"The oldest fort in the area is Fort Boyer built in

1787 or 1788. The others are Aspen House built in 1792, Fort Vermilion number 1, built in 1798, Fort Liard built in 1800 and Mansfield House. We know where Fort Vermilion Number 2 is -- it's still in the town of Fort Vermilion," he said.

Pyszczyk will be returning to the area this summer where further excavation of this fort will take place.

"We might find we really have found Fort Boyer," he said. "We cannot tell until further investigation is carried out."

One of the main problems is the fact that the forts were made of wood and now, after almost 200 years, there are few remains.

"We have to look for old cellar depressions and chimneys and in the thick bush it can be very difficult to locate these old forts."

Pyszczyk's survey team will be heading up to the Fort Vermilion area within the next few weeks and hope after locating all five of the missing forts, that the original Fort Vermilion will finally be pinpointed.

Alberta Survey has no plans to create a museum in the area as yet, however, Pyszczyk says this decision can only be made after all the forts are uncovered and the sites fully excavated. This, he says, may take several years of heavy investigation and research.

Calendar of Events

- "NO XYA" (Our Footprints), June 16, play developed in conjunction with Native group in Hazelton, B.C. Medicine Hat College Theatre.
- Treaty Days '88, June 17-19, Heart Lake Reserve. (Traditional dances, games children's events, fish derby.)
- Treaty Days & Halfway House Opening, June 18, Frog Lake.
- Annual Memorial Fastball Tournament, June 18 & 19, Louis Bull. Call Bill at 585-4075 for further information.
- Rodeo, June 18 & 19, Paddle Prairie. Call 981-2266 for further information.
- Coed Slowpitch Tournament, June 18 & 19, Howard Buffalo. Call 985-3790 for more info.
- Myers Buffalo Golf Classic, June 18 & 19, Wolf Creek (10 minutes from Ponoka). For further information call 585-2648 (Hobbema).
- 1988 Music Festival, June 24-26, Midway Lake, N.W.T. For further information, call (403) 952-2330.
- Annual Powwow, June 24-26, Saddle Lake First Nations. Contact Henry P. Cardinal 726-2452 for more information.
- Fastball Tournament, June 24-26, Saddle Lake — hosted by Saddle Lake Warriors (during powwow). Call Victor Houle at 645-3315 for further information.
- Treaty Days & Office Opening of Multi-Complex, June 24-26, Fort McKay Band. For more information call 828-4220.
- Coed Slowpitch Tournament, June 25-26, Sarcee ball diamonds — hosted by Calgary Friendship Centre. Contact Danny Youngchief 264-1155 for more info.
- Jamboree & Slowpitch Tournament, June 30 & July 1-3, Prince Albert, Sask. Call the Indian & Metis Friendship Centre at 1-306-764-3431 for further information.
- Poundmaker/Nechi Powwow, July 1-3, St. Albert, AB. For further information, call Carl Quinn 458-1884.
- Competition Powwow, July 8-10, Paul Band (45 miles west of Edmonton). Call Kirby Bird at 428-0188 or 892-2922 for further information.
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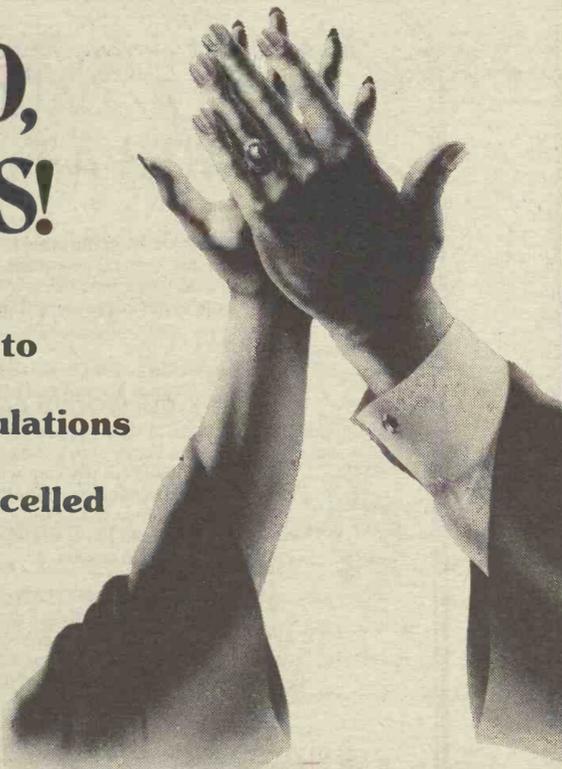
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OLD TIME WEDDING

Almost everyone in Wabasca turned out to help Carl William Yellowknee and Olga Guzman celebrate their wedding day on May 28. The bride, a native of Bolivia, arrived from South America on the day of the wedding. The couple will make their home in Wabasca.

DIANNE MEILI, Windspeaker

AVC grads part of 20th anniversary celebration

BY KEITH MATTHEW
Windspeaker Staff Writer

LAC LA BICHE

"The general public in Canada see us as drunkards, but you young people are going to change this." These were the words of Joe P. Cardinal, one of the guest speakers at the graduation ceremonies for the Alberta Vocational Centre in Lac La Biche.

The vocational centre celebrated its 20th anniversary this year and the graduation ceremony theme was "Twenty Years of New Beginnings." The ceremonies took place on June 4 with about 500 people in attendance.

The AVC ceremony saw a large number of Native people graduate from various programs which have an overall Native enrolment of about 45 per cent. The centre focuses on Native programming in such areas as adult basic education, human services, business careers, trapper education and Native cultural arts.

In the area of business careers Lorna Jackknife, Reno Larocque, Diane Belcourt and Maïlene Waskahat graduated from the certificate program and three out of four of them had jobs waiting upon graduation. The former students had reservations about graduating but former student Diane Belcourt said, "It is hard work but we are kind of sorry to see it end. We met a lot of good people."

AVC has set up a one year certificate program for community health representatives for Native communities. Graduates of the program who received certificates on May 25 are: Annie Kay, Fort McPherson, N.W.T.; Marian Knott, Duncans band; Lena Lameman, Beaver Lake; Bernice Mercredi, Fort Chipewyan; Annie Mercredi, Fort Chipewyan; Loretta Moberley, Sucker Creek; Doris Noskiye, Chipewyan Lakes; Mary Ellen Singer, Frog Lake; Edmund St. Arnault, Fox Lake; Maureen Thunder, Driftpile; Linda Tallman, Atikameg; Mary Willier, Enilda; Maxine Hamelin, Sturgeon Lake; Yvonne Boostrom, Beaver Lake.

Community health services is a two year diploma program with an option of people graduating from first year of leaving the program. First year Native graduates are Margaret Vermillion of Fort Chipewyan and Rose Logan of Kikino. Vermillion also received a Northlands scholarship worth \$200 for continuing her education next year if she decides to return.

"I enjoy working in treatment centres because I like working with Native people," Vermillion explained as the reason for her taking the course.

The Native organization Pe-Ta-Pun and NewStart were forerunners to the Alberta Vocational Centre. Pe-Ta-Pun was set up for Native people to get their adult basic upgrading in the Lac La Biche area.

William Erasmus was one of the people involved with Pe-Ta-Pun which was formed 20 years ago and survived for two years from 1970-72. According to Erasmus (then vice-president of the local Metis Association) "Pe-Ta-Pun was started to provide Native people with some sort of a trade." However, the organization ran up a deficit and was forced to fold as an organization.

Joe P. Cardinal of Saddle Lake reserve was one of the keynote speakers for the graduation ceremony and was one of the original founders of Pe-Ta-Pun.

Cardinal said in his address to the graduates and guests, "I have a good feeling this evening, to return to the place where I was 20 years ago. I see some people here today that had a sit-in 20 years ago — Native people wanted to take part in education. I am very happy to see young people here."

He added, "More and more Native people are being talked about and I see them fighting for themselves using education. Last February I went to the University of Alberta and there was over 200 Native students. We have to work together, I have a feeling we have to achieve something and we all have a future. We have all lost a lot of young people — suicides, alcohol, violent deaths. I landed in France during the war and I seen a lot of Native people killed during the war but I never seen as many casualties as I see today because of alcohol." ■

LEARNING

Yellowhead Tribal Council

Social Services grad reflects on challenges overcome to get diploma

BY LYLE DONALD
Windspeaker Correspondent
EDMONTON

The Yellowhead Tribal Council held its annual education award night May 26 at the Convention Inn South.

Opening prayers went out to the members of the Sunchild and O'Chiese bands who went through a bad experience with a forest fire raging through their reserves.

The main focus of the evening's awards was on the two year Social Services diploma course in co-ordination with Grant MacEwan Community College delivering the program at the Y.T.C. educational facilities at Spruce Grove.

Following through: The program coordinator Gino Restino said he was very proud of the students who 'stuck' it out all the way through. Most students in the program had families at home and had to make many major adjustments like trying to keep on top of their assignments and keep things together at home.

There was also a very emotional speech from Brenda Bigchild, from the O'Chiese band, telling how hard it was to move into the city leaving her husband and kids behind to take this

course.

Family support: She said she couldn't have finished without the full support her family gave her throughout the two year program. Her husband Jerry also reflected how hard it was for himself and the kids, but also how very proud they were of her graduating.

This family had a few hard times. As they were helping Bigchild settle in the city in 1986 and their house back on the reserve caught fire and they had to re-establish on the reserve.

Because of the travel back and forth to be together they wore out a couple cars in the process. Her husband also added that right now, he should be out on the fire with the rest of the people from the reserve, but this is the night they have been waiting for and tonight they will celebrate her diploma and tomorrow he will go back and help out with fighting the fire.

Indian time: Restino reflected on a comment made by the honor student of the program, Carolyn Peacock of the Enoch reserve. One of the non-Native instructors was coming to class late most of the time and Carolyn addressed him in class saying, "Mr. Instructor you are running on Indian time and cutting into my

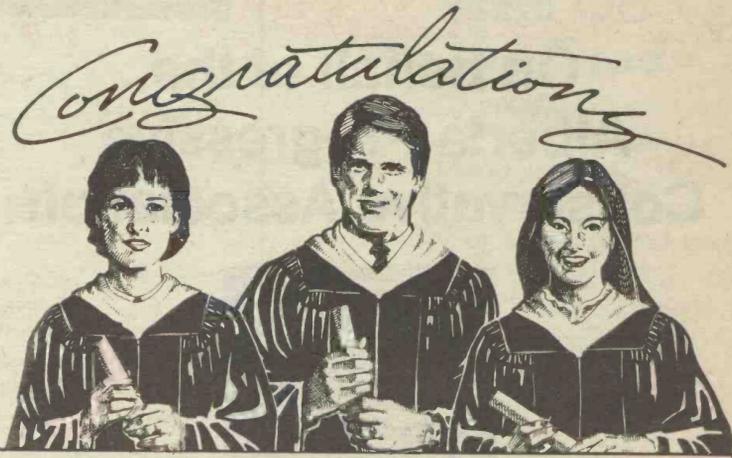
learning time." The instructor was never late again.

Out of 30 students that entered the program 19 made it through to their graduation.

Wise words: Special guest speaker and Elder Rufus Goodstriker expressed the importance of our Native people getting an education. And how much our people in the community look up to us and feel better about approaching us when they need help or advice.

Willie Littlechild also appeared as a guest speaker and said he knows of the struggles people have getting education and a degree. He reflected on the hard times he had in university with only a handful of Native people in university and also the prejudices he went through. He said that if anyone puts their mind to it, there is nothing they cannot accomplish.

Other awards went to: Post Secondary - Jerome "Max" Yellowdirt, Donald Morin, Marilyn Ward; University program - Cindy Laddoucer, Silvia Greenway, Lindy Burley; UCEP - Athmy Cardinal, Alice Kootenay, Rhonda McDonald; College enrichment - Josephine Brenner, Maxine Thomas and Germain Petawaysin. □



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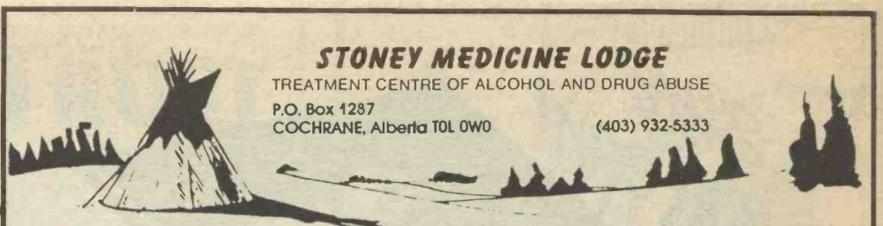
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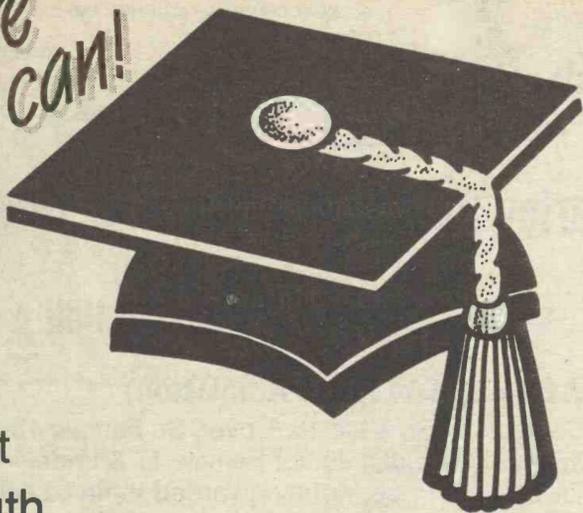
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LEARNING

On-campus university degrees now available in Fort McMurray

As of September, students in the Fort McMurray region will be able to earn university degrees through Athabasca University at the Keyano College campus, the Honourable Dave Russell, minister of Advanced Education, announced recently.

With the cooperation and support of Alberta Advanced Education, both the bachelor of administration and the bachelor of arts programs will be offered to Fort McMurray students. This major initiative springs from a

highly successful pilot project undertaken during the 1987-88 academic year.

Dr. Terry Morrison, president of Athabasca University, stated, "This is an exciting project for us. It illustrates the strong possibilities for cooperation between post-secondary institutions. I have nothing but respect for university and college faculty and staff who have made this possible. The most significant aspect of the arrangement for us, however, is that all instruction will be delivered on site. This initiative offers an

excellent opportunity to Fort McMurray students who wish to remain in their own community but want to study full-time and on campus. Now, Fort McMurray students will be able to start and finish either a BA or a B.Admin. without leaving their community."

Keyano College students will complete two years of work with the college and then enter the "capstone" program to finish their degree through Athabasca University — while remaining on the Keyano campus. "By working together, Keyano College and Athabasca University can better serve students in northeastern Alberta," says Judith Hughes, head of Tutorial Services and Athabasca University's College Capstone coordinator. "With two years of college work the student can opt to continue in the "capstone" degree program at the college, enter the work force, or complete a degree at a later date using the university credits they have earned." Kathy Baker, coordinator of Athabasca University's Fort McMurray office, noted, "We are gearing up to offer a full range of support for our students in this program."

Athabasca University and Keyano College are now jointly planning orientation sessions to be held early in June. Students interested in the program should contact Athabasca University's Fort McMurray office at 743-1846 or Keyano College.

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Books containing well-known legends help preserve language of Dene

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Although every band and every tribal language is unique, the Dene Tha' band is in a special position because unlike many bands the tribe has close to 100 per cent Dene language proficiency.

"Most people here speak and use their language everyday," says band manager Fred Didzena. "But we do need to introduce our language into the schools."

The band hired linguist Patrick Moore to work with the Dene elders in producing stories and legends suitable for Grade 1 curriculum.

"The Dene Tha' band is in many ways quite unique," says Moore in an interview from his Whitehorse office. "Just about everyone speaks it (Dene), even little kids."

Moore, who learned the Dene language when he first moved to the reserve in 1976, conducted a series of interviews with the tribal elders. The stories all revolve around well-known Dene legends such as the

story of the wolverine.

"One of the reasons the language is so strong here is the isolation," says Moore. "In other communities, such as in Fort Frank, the language has been lost because of the interaction between English speakers and band members."

However, Moore feels that with books such as the ones being prepared for the Dene Tha' band, that other Dene bands will be able to benefit.

"There are instances, such as the Hebrew language which was revived in Israel, where languages

can come back from nothing. The Israelis were successful, so there is no reason why aboriginal people can't be successful in reviving their languages."

Moore will be continuing his work next year and will be helping produce other school books on a variety of topics that would be of interest to children of all ages.

The school books will be produced in the United States this summer and will be available in the Dene schools by the fall semester. □

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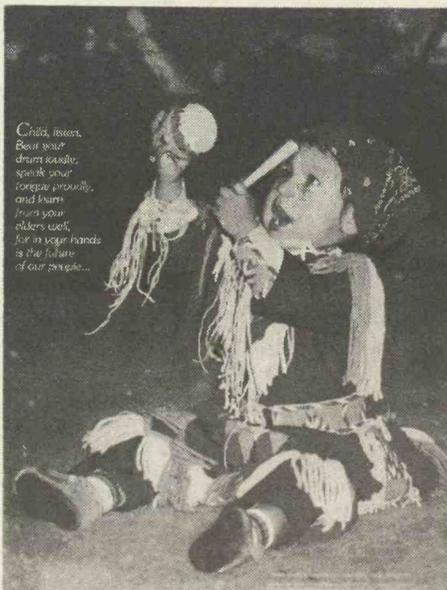
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Costume adjustments: Blackfoot dancers



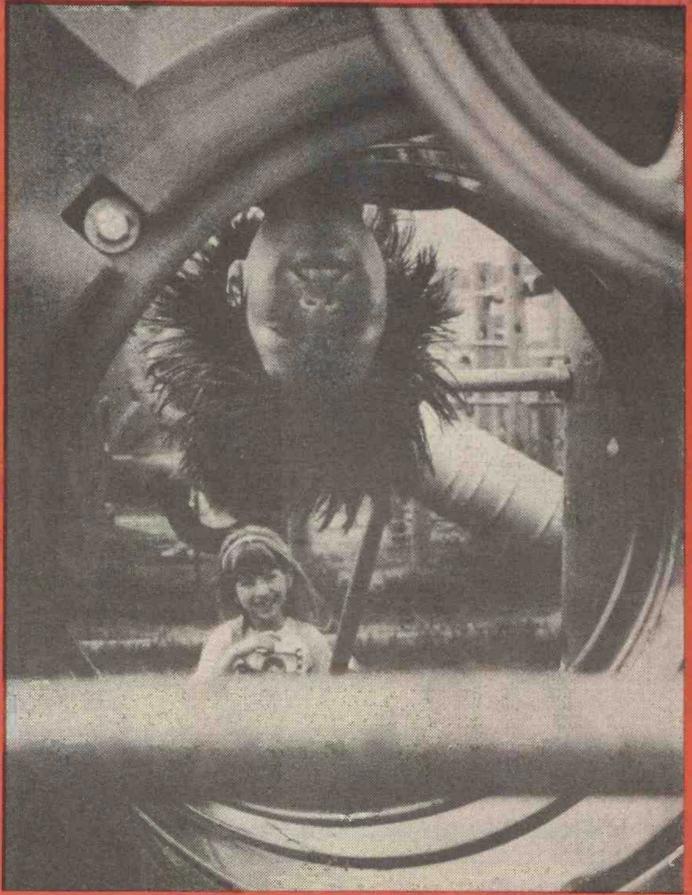
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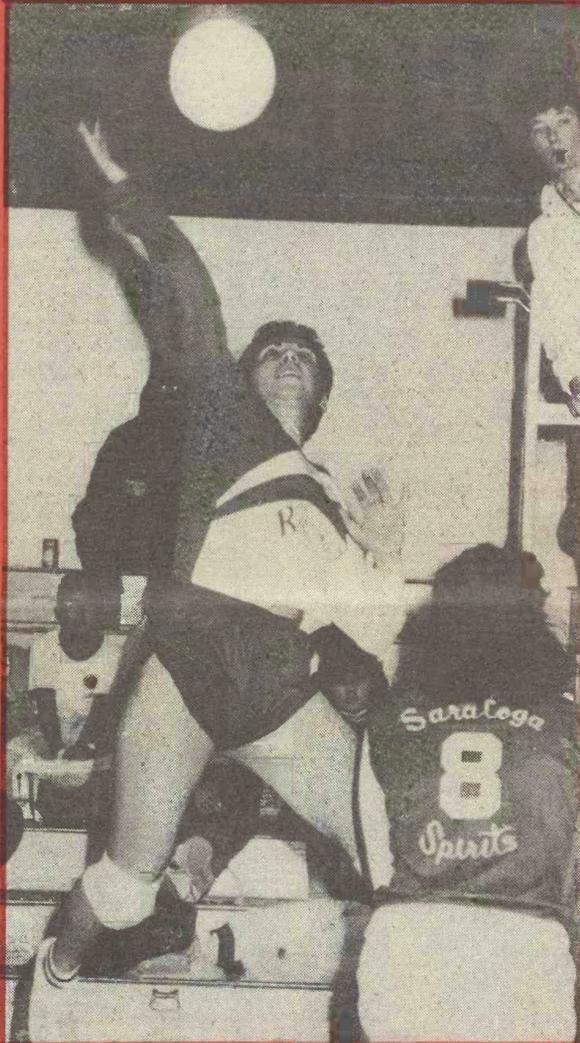
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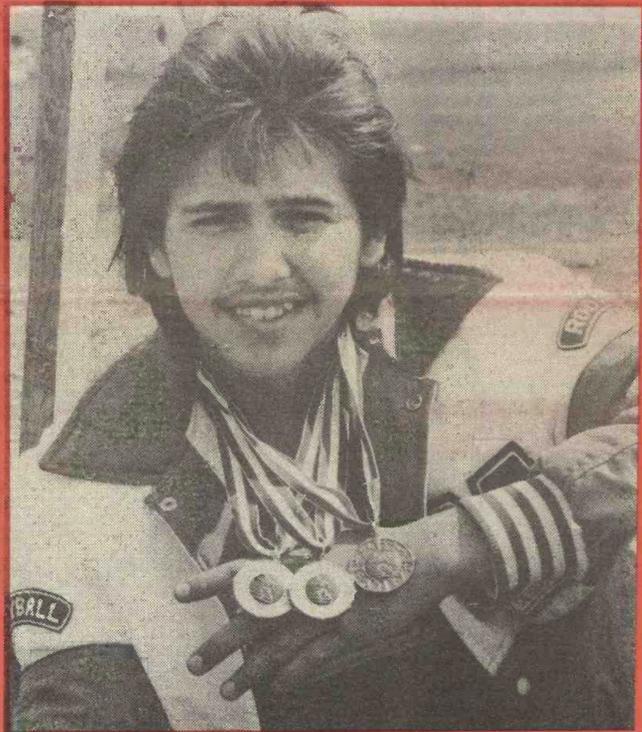
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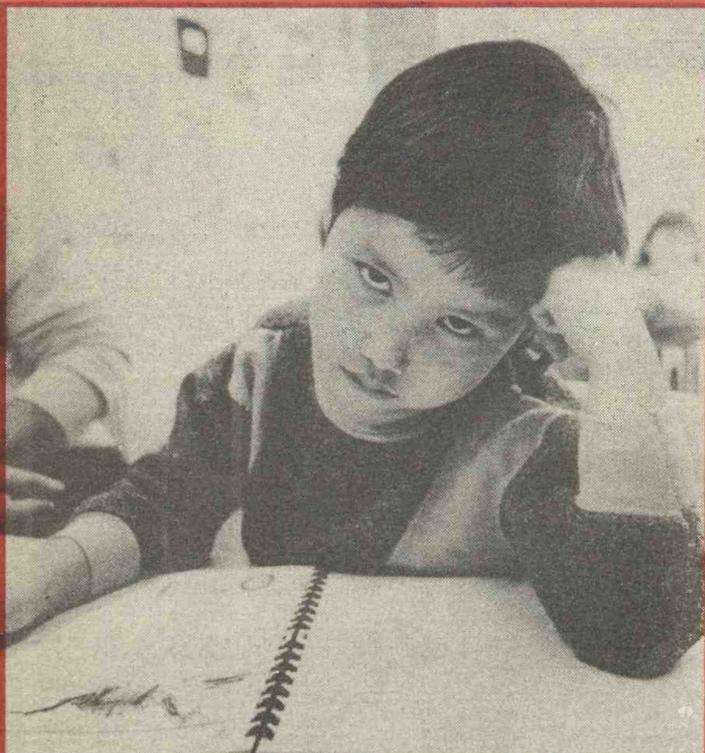
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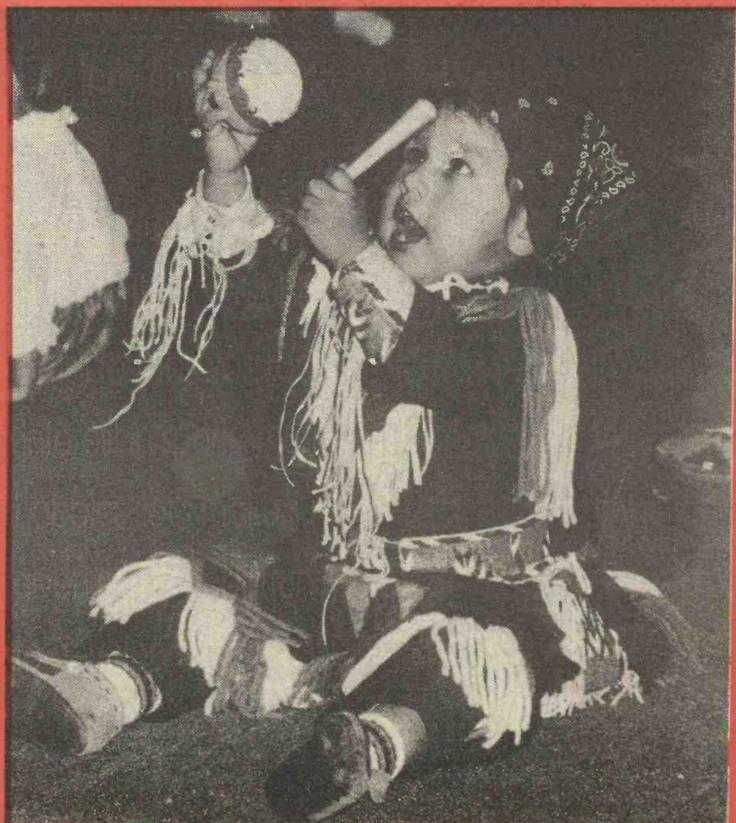
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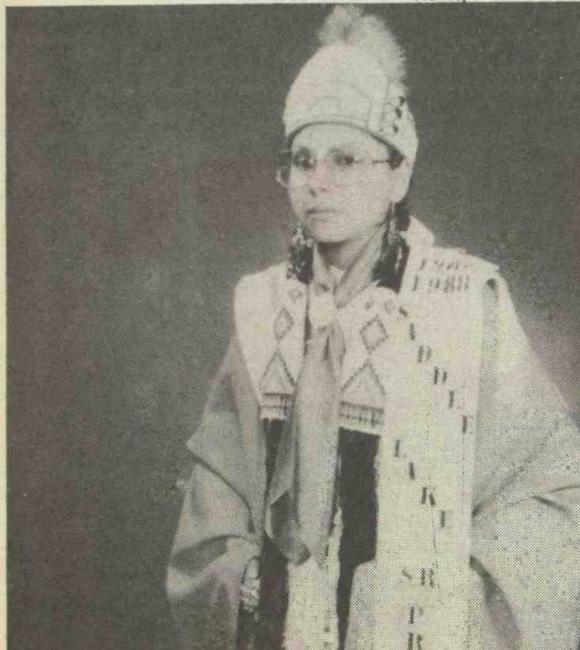


Little Grass Dancer: Drumkeeper Deschamps

OUR PEOPLE

Powwow princess named 'Silver Moon' at round dance

Courtesy of Ken Kakeesim



Bringing light to people: Patsy Anderson

BY DIANE PARENTEAU
Windspeaker Correspondent

SADDLE LAKE RESERVE,
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"Like the silver moon at night, she brings light and beauty back to the people, back to the land."

These words were spoken by Elder Joe P. Cardinal as he gave the Indian name, Silver Moon, to Saddle Lake's powwow princess Patsy Anderson during a ceremonial round dance held in her honor May 13 at the Onchaminahos school.

The 18-year-old Anderson represented Saddle Lake at the Miss Indian World Princess Pageant held in Albuquerque, New Mexico April 16 and 17. She placed third runner up in addition to receiving the Miss Congeniality Award.

"I was the only one from Canada who won," said Anderson. "Everyone told me that I shouldn't be too disappointed if I don't win, but I went...I tried...and I won."

The 17 contestants were judged on appearance, personality, public speaking, modeling, dance, costume and a personal interview with the judge panel which Anderson felt went in her favor.

"I'm not scared of people, I can talk to them and make them laugh over the silliest things," said Anderson. "I surprised the panel of judges. One of them told me I was out of the ordinary and never ceased to amaze her."

Irene Samson, who raised Anderson from a little girl, said she has a

wonderful attitude and talks openly, which showed in the competition.

"At first she was nervous about it, but when she was up there to make a speech, it was like there was no one else around."

The pageant was held in an arena before hundreds of dancers and thousands of spectators.

Many friends, family and community members have expressed best wishes and praise to Anderson for her recent achievements.

"A lot of people have congratulated me," said Anderson. "And I don't even know all of them."

People who do know the Grade 12 student say she is a warm and caring person. "She's outgoing and friendly," said Audrey Sampson, a sister-in-law to Anderson. "She's easy to laugh with. My daughter wants to learn how to dance (powwow) since she saw Patsy. She takes the time to teach her."

"I think it's a great accomplishment for someone from Saddle Lake to win in a competition such as that," said Martin Half, a community resident.

Saddle Lake councillor George Brertton expressed congratulations on behalf of the chief and council. "It was such an experience to have a wonderful person running (in the pageant) for this community," said Brertton. "I'm very proud that she represented our band."

"She's a model kids," said Gloria McGilvery, school vice-principal. "Other kids can look up to her for her dedication and her emotional expression. She's open, caring and sincere."

McGilvery encouraged Anderson to run for the local pageant back in June of last year and has travelled with her to powwows throughout Alberta, Saskatchewan and the United States where she represented her reserve.

"She did a wonderful job and a lot of good public relations work for Saddle Lake," concluded McGilvery.

Ceremony guest speaker Chief Al Lameman of Beaver Lake said Anderson's success was positive for young people in general. "It's a beautiful thing watching this young person," he said. "I like to see young people like this in a good way, going after things that are worthwhile, making a good impression."

Elder Cardinal, who chose Anderson's Indian name, saw her as a role model student who shows a good example to her peers. "I know she's trying hard in school, trying to make something of herself. She has a good attitude," said Cardinal. Her name, Silver Moon, says Cardinal will help guide her through life.

Anderson hopes to pursue a career in nursing, possibly working with handicapped or disabled people.

Miss Indian World Princess Pageant winners received trophies and flowers but Anderson said she brought back something even better. "I came back feeling like I'd done something good," said Anderson. "I wasn't there for the trophies, I was there for my reserve and for my people."

Saddle Lake will choose a new princess during their Indian Days June 24-26. □

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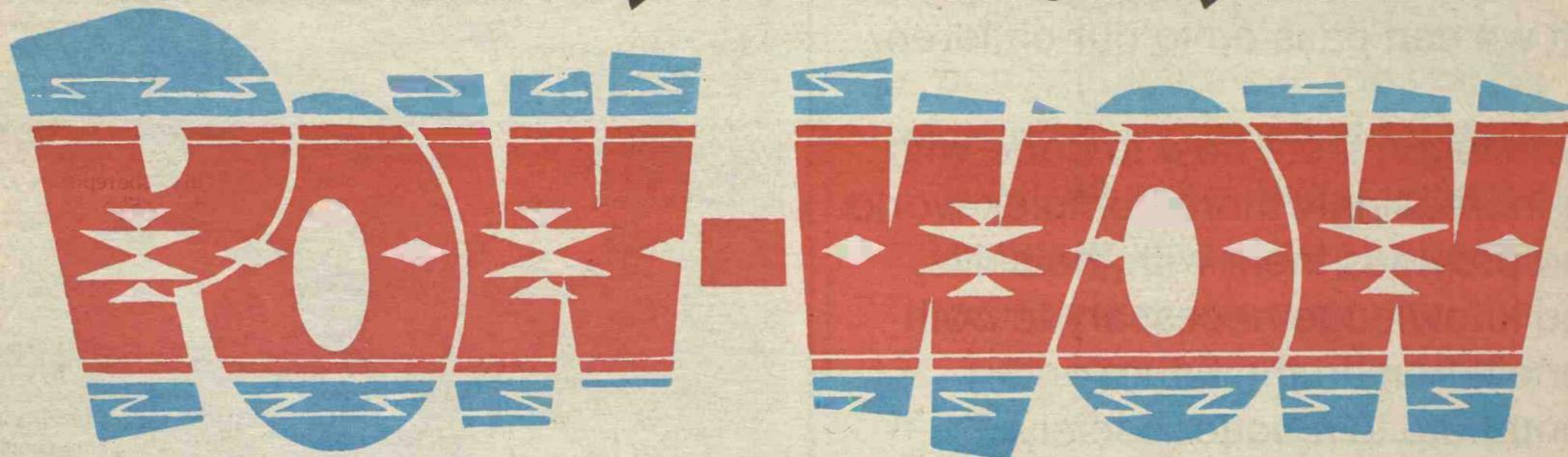
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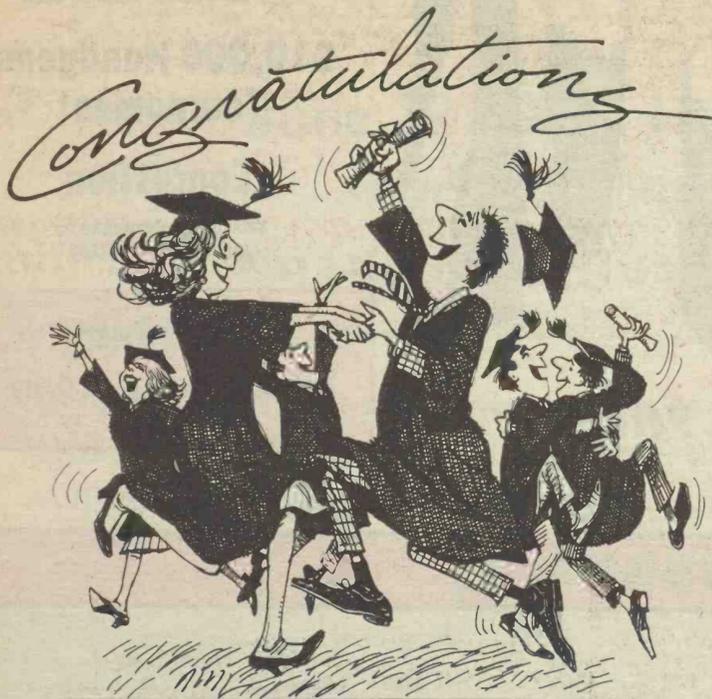
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The Alberta Achievement Award has been presented to two prominent Alberta Indians for their contributions to their people. Pauline Dempsey of Calgary was given the award for creating "a better understanding between Native and non-Native peoples," while Harry Chonkolay of High Level received the honor on "his 50th consecutive year as hereditary chief of the Dene Tha' band."

Both were presented with the awards by Premier Don Getty at ceremonies in Calgary recently.

Dempsey is a Blood Indian, the daughter of the late Senator and Mrs. James Gladstone. In 1959, she helped organize the Calumet Indian Club so that Native teenagers coming to Calgary for a higher education would have a place to meet.

The following year she became Recording Secretary of the Indian Association of Alberta. In 1963, she was a founding member and first treasurer of the Calgary Indian Friendship Centre, and in 1967 she became a member of the Indian Events Committee of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede.

Dempsey also served as a board member of Government House Foundation, Calgary, YWCA and Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter.

In 1966, she began a collection of Blackfoot dresses which she has exhibited extensively in Canada and the United States. Her presentation, known as "A Century of Style," traces the development of women's dresses and shows the innovativeness and creativity of Blackfoot women in designing their clothes.

In 1986, Dempsey was the first recipient of the Chief David Crowchild Memorial Award in Calgary. Harry Chonkolay was



Fifty years as chief: Harry Chonkolay

born at Upper Hay River in 1908 into a family of chiefs. He became leader in 1938 and has been a chief longer than anyone else in the province. When tuberculosis was rampant, he was known to have taken his people into Fort Vermilion by horse and wagon for X-rays.

He has participated in virtually every community activity and has attended official openings, special functions, and government

meetings on behalf of the Dene Tha' band.

He organized the first meetings between representatives from four area Indian bands and federal government officials. He also initiated a positive working relationship between the two parties.

With his wife, Elizabeth, he also helped establish the High Level hospital and "has displayed a genuine concern for humankind, enriching not only his people, but all Albertans." □

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Not always fast paced and glamorous: modelling

Modelling develops esteem

BY DAN DIBBELT
Windspeaker Correspondent
CALGARY

Most people think modelling is a fast-action, glamorous career. And while it is those things, it's so much more, says Yvonne Wuttunee, president of a Calgary model agency.

For Wuttunee, modelling is a way to develop self-esteem.

"When faced with a challenge, the easiest thing in the world to do is to walk away," says Wuttunee. "But I knew other people faced challenges, and decided I could too."

Wuttunee's challenge was presenting her daughter for her ballet exams in England. "I almost cancelled out," she says, "because I didn't know how to get her ready."

Fortunately, Allan Cozzubbo, of Cozzubbo Dancing Academy, overheard Wuttunee's plight and came to her rescue.

Since then Wuttunee has gone on to complete a modelling program and has set up Wuttunee Productions, a Native modelling agency.

"We have about 20 models, mostly women but there are also five men," she says. And with several large shows to Wuttunee's credit, she is developing a name for her agency.

The Ministers of Tourism, International Child Welfare Conference and the Chamber of Commerce Native Awareness fashion shows were all organized and performed by Wuttunee Productions.

But to her greatest credit was the show she staged for the Olympic athletes at the University of Calgary Athletes Village Feb. 15.

"It was really exciting and very successful," says Wuttunee. "I think also that the show was a good chance to present Natives on the international scene."

The show featured all Native designers, with fashions ranging from the traditional to ultra-modern.

Wuttunee likes to work with Native designers and Native models, but does not limit herself. If she likes the designs and if she thinks the person applying has the potential to be a model or to derive benefit from her course she gladly works with them.

Wuttunee's program runs five to six weeks long with courses usually running evenings and weekends.

"A lot of people are working or going to school and can't take the time off to come to the classes during the day," said Wuttunee. "By offering them in the evening and weekends they are available to more people."

The course includes classes in everything from hair and nail care, to make-

up application, to walking and even sitting. And all the classes are relevant to both sexes.

It is a thorough program developed over a relatively short period of time. Wuttunee Productions is still in its first year of operations. Wuttunee began her plans for a modelling agency a little more than a year ago when she took an entrepreneurial course offered by the Yellowhead Tribal Council.

The course was an intense six-week program on developing a business plan, budget and financial proposal.

Wuttunee used her plan to apply for funding to start her agency. She received \$10,000 grant and opened her doors in June of 1987.

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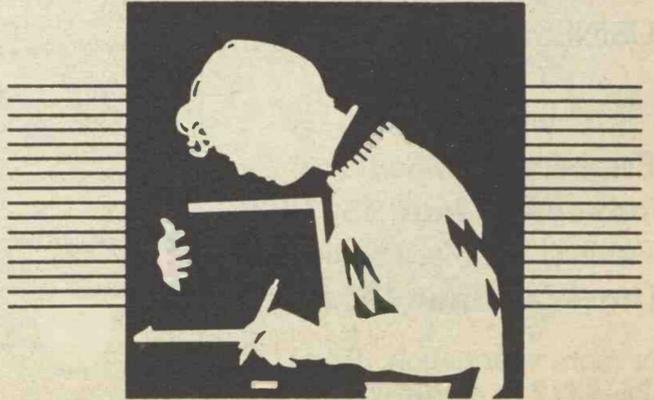
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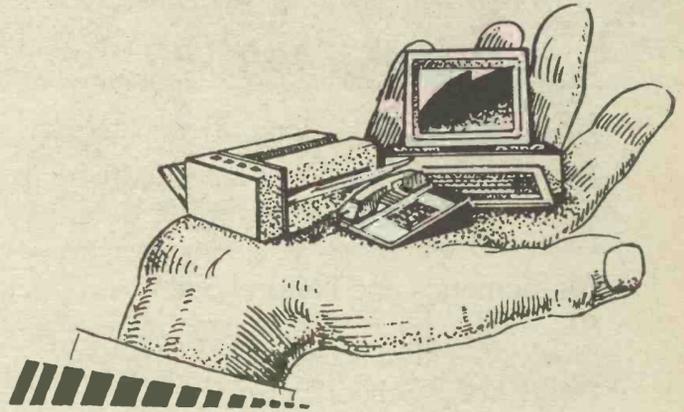
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LOOKING BACK

Tourists to glimpse Blackfoot history

BY DAN DIBBELT
Windspeaker Correspondent

BLACKFOOT RESERVE

In this issue Windspeaker presents the first in a series of three stories about

sacred or historic places in southern Alberta. This first article deals with the numerous sites of historical significance on the Blackfoot reserve which have the potential to become tourist

attractions.

It used to be the centre for education on the Blackfoot reserve. And though it has not been used for education in many years the efforts of ex-chief Leo Youngman along with the Blackfoot Historical Society may soon see the Crowfoot school a learning centre once again.

This time, however, it will not be just Blackfoot youth who will roam the halls in search of education; now all Blackfoot as well as the many tourists it is sure to attract as an interpretive centre to the Blackfoot reserve's historical sites.

"There are a total of 19 sites we would like to see named as historical sites," said Youngman. "The Crowfoot school is just one of them."

The location of the school, across the tracks from the village of Cluny, as well as the grandeur and size of the school make it ideal as an interpretive centre, he added.

Rich past: The centre will take the visitor on a detailed tour of the reserve, including a visit through its rich past, detailing the location and significance of each site.



"We would like to see tours arranged from the school to the different sites as well," said Youngman.

The majority of the sites are clustered within a short radius from the school and vary from the first Indian agency to Chief Crowfoot's grave.

"Two national historical sites already exist on the Blackfoot reserve," said Bill Yeo of Historical and Archeological Research for Parks Canada. "The Treaty 7 site and Earth Lodge village are both recognized."

Historic significance: The Treaty 7 site, or Blackfoot crossing holds significance for the signing of Treaty 7 at that location. Earth Lodge Village is, however, of greater archeological importance, said Yeo because it is "among this province's most significant historical sites."

Yeo explained that Earth Lodge Village was a settlement built by people of the

upper Missoria River — people who built subterranean villages. The area was settled about 140 years ago but for only a brief time.

"This is important because you have to question what these people were doing up there?" said Yeo.

Among the findings at Earth Lodge Village were the peoples' traditional useful pottery. Yeo explained the pottery was of a practical — not decorative purpose.

And it is believed the Blackfoot learned their pottery skills from these people.

Most important: While Earth Lodge Village is among the most important historical sites to be found on the reserve there are many more, though some not of national significance, said Yeo.

He added that does not stop the reserve from either reaching an agreement with the provincial government

or declaring the sites historical themselves.

Yeo explained that it is within the band's authority to declare their own historical sites. When the band reaches an agreement with either level of government they can often expect funding to help mark out, commemorate or preserve a site.

And while many of the 19 sites set out by the Blackfoot as historical may be of interest to either government, some may become the responsibility of the reserve itself.

Youngman and the Blackfoot Historical Society have been at work on their historical legacy for just under a year now. And though it may be a while yet before their work is finished many of the sites are already accessible to visitors and residents of the reserve.

For those interested in visiting the Blackfoot reserve and sharing in its heritage, a brochure outlining the proposed sites as well as many modern attractions is available at the band council office on the reserve near Gleichen. □



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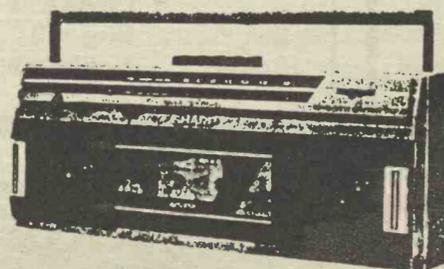
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SPORTS & LEISURE

TERRY LUSTY, Windspeaker

Hobbema boxers emerge as top sluggers in western bout

BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBBEEMA

"I can feel a champion from Hobbema" were the words of excited head coach Jim Gilio after watching his Samson Cree Nation boxing team slug its way to victory at the first Western Canadian Indian Championships at Hobbema June 4.

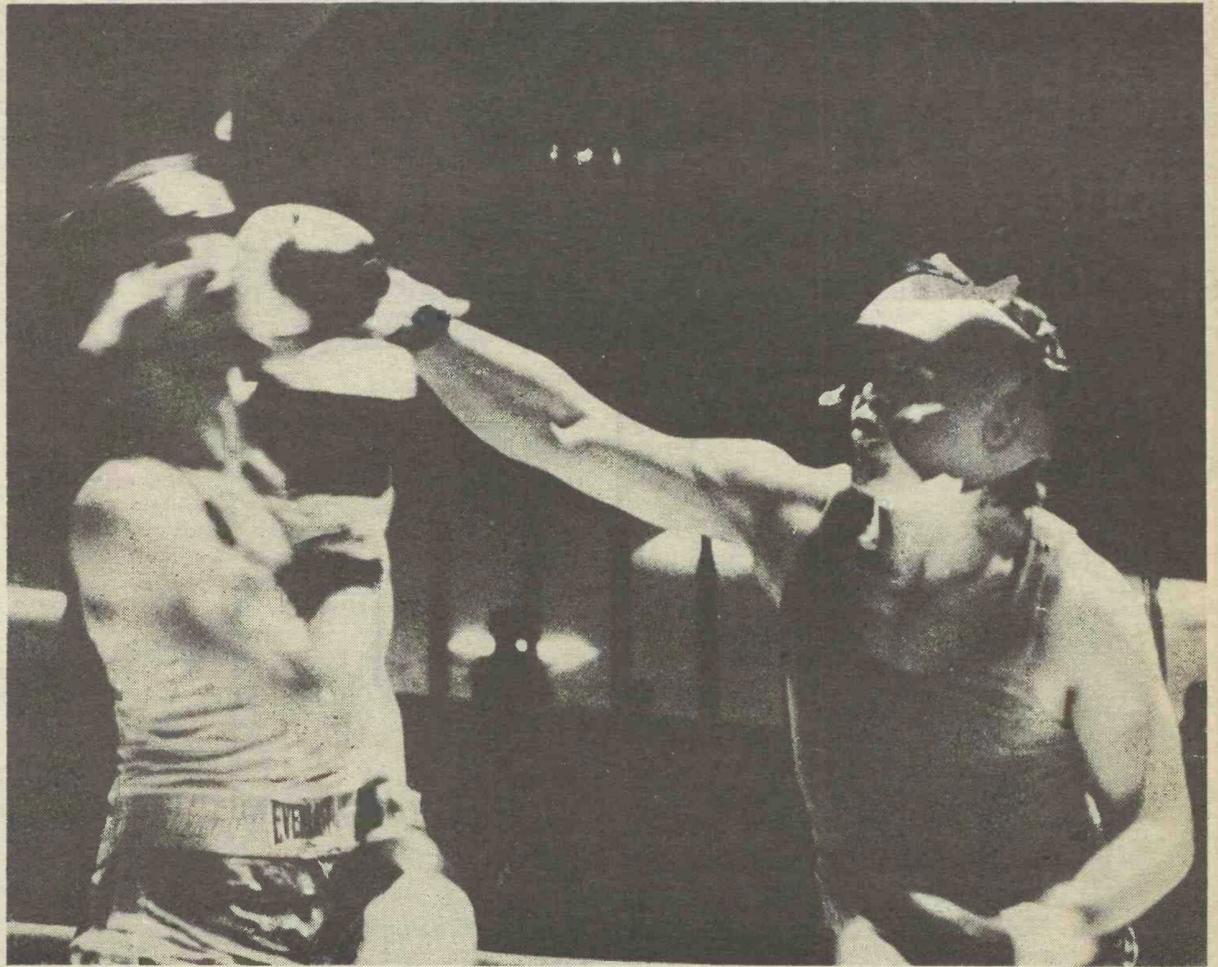
The fights, at the Howard Buffalo Memorial Arena, saw the participation of eight clubs from Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. And once the swingin' and sweatin' were over and done with, it was the Samson team that had the greatest cause for rejoicing.

An impressive 11 of 12 boxers under Gilio came out winners. "My heart swells up watching these young people win," he remarked.

Gilio and assistant Stanley Crane were ecstatic over the success of their young fighters. As Gilio had predicted the week before, "We'll be prepared to go out with our guns blazing."

And blaze they did. Five of the Samson boxers — Marty Soosay, Jason Yellowknee, Larron North-west, Keith Baptiste and Dennis Tylee — finished off their opponents before the clock ran out. Three opponents never even got to the second round.

Soosay at six wins and



Beating his opponent to the punch: Cree boxer

no losses and weighing 80 pounds, twice decked his opponent, Kenroy Bear from Punnichy, Sask., in the early going. The fight had to be stopped at 1:15 of the first.

The referee also had to put a stop to Yellowknee's beating of Punnichy's Craig Kashane between the first and second rounds after Yellowknee staggered Kashane with a solid,

straight right to his face.

In the final bout, a hard-hitting Dennis Tylee from Hobbema, floored Edmonton's Pat Paulson in the second. So severe were the blows that Paulson was

forced to submit halfway into the second.

Not only did the Samson club win 11 of its 12 fights, they also captured the three special awards best team, best junior (Jake Soosay), and best senior fighter (John Martinez).

Coach Gilio was especially impressed with 12-year-old Jake Soosay and 18-year-old Keith Baptiste who he thinks have the makings of future champions. Soosay, he says, shows good technique and Baptiste "found his target quick."

This fight card is the final one until the fall. For now, the youngsters will enjoy a break, then start training again in July. In August, he hopes to take some of the juniors to the United States "to meet some Los Angeles kids and see their boxing program there." □

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SPORTS & LEISURE

SPORTS
ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

Sports nightmare, part two

I don't want to talk about it. It's one more in a growing list of sports nightmares. It has to do with my boss Bert and a Windspeaker staff golf tourney.

Guess who won again? I can't believe it. That man has robbed us of sweet revenge three times in a row now. First by winning two consecutive hockey drafts and now this victory in a Texas Scramble. He was teamed up with our new copy editor Keith Matthew and receptionist Irene Willier.

At the same tourney, editor Dianne Meili and writer Dorothy Schreiber got the high score honors (worst performance, but don't tell them). And guess who else was on their team? Me, of course, and executive assistant to the director of finance and marketing (whew!) Susan St. Laurent.

Naturally, Bert and Keith, the Arnold Palmer clones as they call themselves won the best scorers award. Gwenn Thiele and I even got an award — the award for mediocrity. It was called the middle scorers award.

Here's some highlights:

It took about 30 strokes before boss lady Dianne Meili could sink the ball...half the time she'd actually hit the ball, too.

Reporter Mark McCallum was trying to convince us that he was an old pro until we noticed the price tag on his fashionable golf wear.

Susan St. Laurent started out wearing a jacket, overshirt, sweater and T-shirt, by the time we got to the ninth hole she was suntanning 75 per cent of her body, if you know what I mean. Thank goodness we didn't play another nine.

We lost two of our players. Our new temp, Sheryl Gendron, was last seen knocking the ball toward St. Albert. I think by now she's sliced and hooked her way into British Columbia.

We lost salesman Elvis Leigh, too. He loves the game so much he just didn't want to come back.

I don't blame him. Golf is a super game and I'm sure I'm speaking for everyone, except for Dorothy and Dianne, that we had a riot.

Our social club committee — Susan and Gwenn — they always plan such neat things. Commando games are next.

MORLEY: "They're painting everything down here," says Jess Beaver, a rec director. "They're even painting me white...I'm too dark to find when the power blacks out."

That Jess, such a crazy guy.

Jess is talking about the big renovations at the Morley hockey arena. He says they're upgrading all the boards, taking out the plexiglass and putting in tempered glass, and of course — repainting.

"There's going to be a major thing here next winter," says Jess, almost whispering, "but we're keeping it under our hats right now." He goes on to say that around September the band will let everybody know what's going on. And he promises that it's something that's never happened on a reserve before.

He's got me all full of suspense.

Also in Morley, this Wednesday is the first rodeo in the Stoney Rodeo Circuit. The circuit will have a rodeo every second Monday. Anybody in big, beautiful, Stoney country who wants to join can contact Frank Crawler or Delmar Holloway, "the sexy-tary," says Jess. Their number is 881-3910.

The really big rodeo is the July 1 weekend. That's an IRCA sanctioned event, one that has a long record of success — year after year.

One last thing. You remember last spring when Jess and the boys were supposed to go down to Las Vegas to play hockey? Well, they went.

"But we only had enough players for one line and one extra guy on the bench," says Jess. Naturally that's pretty hard on a team of oldtimers (no offence Jess). "So we lost three straight — we bombed."

Not only did they lose in hockey but: "I came back with only a dime and buttons...shirt buttons!"

Well, at least they had fun. Making the trip was Jess, Herbie Cecil, the Powderface twins Charlie and

Clifford, Gerald Powerface, Arthur Two Youngman, Sandy Rider and Lloyd Bearspaw.

Maybe next year, eh Jess?

"No way!"

THE MAX: Our boys in the Edmonton Max are having a fastball tourney July 22-23 and want some outside teams to enter.

"Last year we had three outside teams," says Reg, a rec man for the jail. The prisoners are offering jackets and trophies as prizes, free hot dogs for players and spectators, and of course, that good ole maximum hospitality. Naturally, there's an entry fee of \$100. Visitors will have to get clearance to go behind the walls of the prison but I hear that's no big deal, just birthdates and social insurance numbers are needed.

For more information contact Reg or Bob Vos at 472-6052, extension 333.

Even if your team can't make the tourney you can arrange a special day for fastball, baseball, slowpitch, whatever, with Reg or Bob.

"We just played a Millwoods team," says Reg. "And this Wednesday we're playing the John Howard Society in slowpitch."

BASEBALL TIPS: Here's a few batting tips I got from the technical manual of the National Coaching Certificate Program:

Hitting a ball hard depends more on bat speed than on bat weight, so players should use a bat they can swing easily and quickly. The most common problem of young players is using a bat that is too heavy, which distorts the swing, making it difficult to connect the ball. A good rule of thumb is to use the heaviest bat that can be swung easily.

Here's some facts about the grip:

There are three kinds of grips, with a long grip, the bat is held at the end of the bat with the hands touching. This grip gives the batter less control, but a more powerful swing.

The choke grip is where the hands are together, but held 3-5 inches from the end. This grip gives control but loses power.

With the split grip, the bottom hand is at the end of the bat while the upper hand is 2-5 inches from the bottom hand. The split grip gives the batter a quicker swing and is recommended for hitters who have difficulty making consistent contact with the ball.

Stay tuned for more tips in future editions of Sports Roundup, but for now, have a super weekend.

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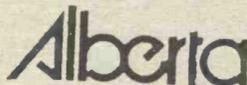
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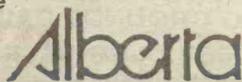
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