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Enoch suing Ottawa for \$450 million

Band wants Indian Affairs fired

By John Holman
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EDMONTON

The Enoch Cree Nation has launched a \$450-million lawsuit against Indian Affairs. The reserve is asking for \$400 million for lost revenue and an-



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Chief Jerome Morin: 'We can certainly do a hell of a lot more than the federal government'

other \$50 million as compensation for land turned over to the federal government.

The band accuses Indian Affairs of breach of trust, negligence, mismanagement of oil and gas revenues and wrongfully taking reserve land, Chief Jerome Morin said at a May 18

news conference in Edmonton.

He said Indian Affairs holds royalties in trust and puts them in general government revenues at long-term government bond rates, which averaged under 10 per cent from 1970-1988. The band maintains the royalties could have earned 16 to 17 per cent if a business trustee had been hired.

An additional \$50 million is being sought as compensation for oil-rich land taken by the federal government in 1908. The reserve surrendered 6,400 acres of land extending from Enoch reserve to Highway 16 after Ottawa threatened to withhold food and services if it did not give up the area.

The Indian Act says Indian Affairs must manage oil and gas resources and hold royalties in trust. But the reserve wants the department removed as trustee; the band wants to manage the royalties itself.

"We can certainly do a hell of a lot more than the federal government has," Morin declared.

Expressing support for Enoch was Hobbema's Samson Band Chief Victor Buffalo and Lubicon Lake Chief Bernard Ominayak.

The Samson Band is also suing the federal government for \$575 million for mismanagement of oil and gas resources. It filed suit last October after trying unsuccessfully for 10 years to get control of the royalties.

Ominayak said Indian Affairs must be fought with any tool suitable to the bands.

"One thing that is very clear is we have a common enemy — the federal government," he added.

Indian Affairs holds \$806 million on behalf of Indian bands across Canada and \$157 million for children.



Diane Parenteau

Lorraine Cardinal, 24, of Fishing Lake Metis Settlement is marching to the beat of her own drummer. She's not only a well maintenance worker with Husky Oil but a water treatment plant operator with the settlement. Her story is on page 9.

Provincial Museum to exhibit exquisite Blackfoot artifacts

By John Holman
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EDMONTON

A little known United States collection of 1,500 Blackfoot artifacts returned to Canada last October will soon be exhibited by Edmonton's Provincial Museum of Alberta.

The Scriver Blackfoot artifacts, named after owner Robert Scriver, a well-known sculptor in Browning, Montana, are to be exhibited June 8 to Sept. 4.

"The collection is exquisitely

preserved," said museum director Philip Stepney. "Artistically, they blow you away."

The \$1.1 million acquisition, which has a multi-million dollar value on the auction market where Indian artifacts are in high demand, contains a dizzying array of artifacts relating to almost all aspects of the last days of the Blackfoot Nation's buffalo/horse period.

The Scriver artifacts focus on the Blackfoot Confederacy. It includes Sun Dance necklaces, medicine pipe and ceremonial bundles, bonnets, moccasins,

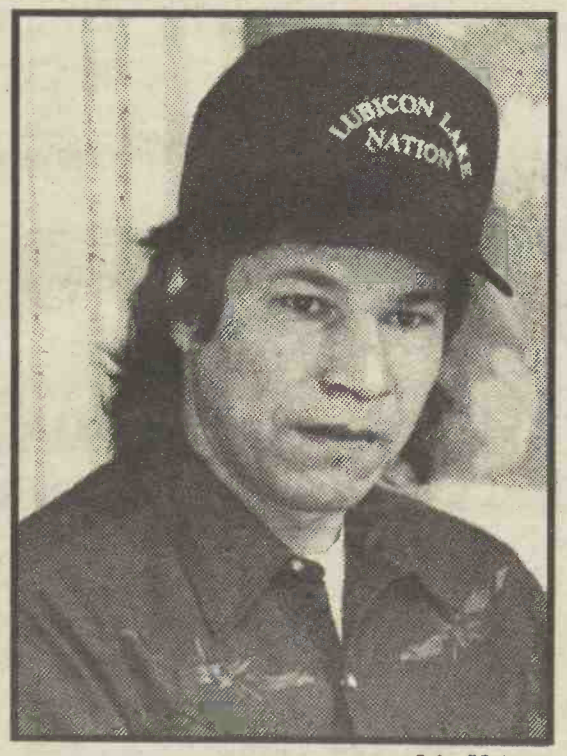
leggings, gauntlets, dresses, war shirts, vests, beaded capes, jackets, awl pouches, jewelry, capotes (long cloaks with hoods), toys, dolls, games, dance costumes, weapons, various tools, and even a horse travois.

"It is a beautiful collection. In terms of culture we've probably got the last piece of the pie," Stepney said, explaining many of the items are unique in Canada.

"There's a Bear Knife Bundle in this collection. It's the only one in Canada," he said.

Canadian museums are light

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Chief Bernard Ominayak: 'One thing is clear, we have a common enemy, the federal government'

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Native justice task force visits Drumheller institution

By Wayne Courchene
Windspeaker Correspondent

DRUMHELLER, ALTA.

Quietly a circle forms, hands hold hands and heads bow while advisor/elder Harley Crowchild says a prayer. Sweetgrass burns and an inmate uses a feather to send whiffs of smoke on the

praying participants.

The Native criminal justice task force was getting a firsthand insight into Native spirituality as part of a May 11 visit to Drumheller medium correctional institution to hear inmate's views on the workings of the criminal justice system.

The message to the task force headed by Mr. Justice Robert

Cawsey was clear — Native elements must be incorporated into as many areas of the justice system as possible.

In their presentations members of the Native Brotherhood covered many concerns including the environment, education, the child welfare system and the legal aid system.

Speaking generally of the child welfare system and in particular foster home programs, brotherhood secretary Riel Derosier called for a number of changes including an "in-depth selection process involving Native people in the placement of Native children."

According to Derosier many inmates experienced inadequate care in foster homes leading to

their imprisonment as adults. He called the penal system an industry where "the finished product (inmates) is sometimes worse than when they were first brought in."

Robert Alok spoke of his experience trying to assist an illiterate defendant. He felt racism in the courtroom prevented him from being trusted as an interpreter. There's also inadequate communication between lawyers and Native clients, he said.

"An attorney who does not investigate and present Native heritage and culture (in court) is deprived of the personal confidence of his representation in a fair trial."

Alok also called for sensitizing lawyers and judges to Native

culture and heritage. He recommended the screening of representation of Native people in court. Exposure to Native lifestyles is an important element in changing the penal system, he said.

Justice Cawsey challenged the view his task force is learning nothing new.

"I learned today cultural training within the institution should be controlled by Natives themselves."

He defended his task force saying he is approaching Native people on their own ground. "Very few (task forces) have been to institutions. None have visited reserves or people in the inner city like we have."

Volunteers desperately needed for indigenous games

By John Holman
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Hundreds of Native volunteers are desperately needed for the North American Indigenous Games to be held in Edmonton June 30-July 8.

With just five weeks to go about 2,500 to 3,000 people are needed to fill an array of positions from clerk-typists to receptionists, to drivers.

About 800 volunteers have been drawn from Edmonton's Chinese, Filipino and English-Canadian populations, said an exhausted Leonita Gutierrez, the volunteers' manager.

But many more are needed. "The main thing we need now is volunteers, especially Native volunteers, people to help out in any way they can," said an official who didn't want to be named.

Letters and requests soliciting volunteers have been sent to Native organizations but the games' office just can't wait for their response, said Gutierrez, so it has taken the pitch for volunteers to newspapers and radio and television stations.

Meanwhile, games' manager Harold Burden is scrambling to find \$650,000, a far cry from the original \$2.3 million budget, but he expects \$195,000 more from various groups.

"The city's (Edmonton) contribution has not been received yet. Also the Indian bands have not given us what they've committed," he said.

Paring the budget down meant participants in cultural events will have pay their own costs for travel, accommodations and meals. But Burden hopes to get government funding to ease their costs.

But despite the tight budget, operations are running smoothly, he insisted.

"It makes no sense how we can do it, but we're doing it." Staffed with 32 people, the games' office is buzzing with activity: there's a man practicing his lines for public radio announcements, there's a vigorous letter-writing campaign and a flurry of people speaking into phones booking hotels and planning the sports' and cultural events.

They may be running out of time, but the office is not running out of energy.

"The staff are working 10 or 12 hours a day now, but soon they'll have to work 12 or 14 hours a day, just like me," Burden said.

B.C. band locked in dispute

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

MCLEOD LAKE, B.C.

A small Treaty 8 Indian band in northern B.C. is locked in a land-claim dispute with the government similar to the one that has gripped the Lubicon Indians for more than 50 years.

Indians leaders of the McLeod Lake Band are now in a desperate search for members they believe are living in Alberta.

Band councillor Verne Solonas said the Tse Keh'ne Indians are fighting the province and the federal government for 40,000 square-acres of land, but they have to first prove they're part of Treaty 8.

"We have to be very accurate about the band membership so we don't get ripped off by the government," he said.

McLeod Lake, which is 85 km north of Prince George, B.C., has about 315 members; 100 live on the reserve.

Solonas said band lawyers will appear in provincial court in December to battle for land the Tse Keh'ne are entitled to under Treaty 8.

But he said they need to prove the band has enough members to fill the area.

Many of the band's members have moved away from the reserve and can be traced to outlying communities throughout the

province. But Solonas said there are "dozens" of people who can't be tracked down. He believes many of them may be living in Alberta.

"But we don't know who they are unless they contact us," he said.

Just like the Lubicon claim, Solonas said the type of land the Tse Keh'ne would be entitled to under Treaty 8 is determined by the band membership.

"It's the same as what the Lubicon have gone through," he said.

The Lubicon Lake Band has been at odds with the federal government for more than 50 years over the number of members it has and the rights they're entitled to under Treaty 8.

Solonas said the band stands a good chance of proving its claim if its members are found.

"If you look at the map, you can see we're clearly within the boundaries of Treaty 8," he said.

"(But) it's up to the court to decide."

Pat Cleary, director of research for the Treaty 8 Tribal Association in Fort St. John, B.C., said the McLeod Lake Band could force the provincial government to recognize it as a legitimate band under Treaty 8.

"Historically, they're well within their rights," he said.

For more information contact Solonas at (604) 750-4415



(Left to Right) Dave Bird, Perry Sayer and Harlon Michell

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News

Indians have no power in elections, commission told

By Wayne Courchene
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SIKSIKA NATION, ALTA.

"Indian people find themselves in a leaking canoe roaring down a churning river without paddles. The raging river represents the direction of society and the Canadian government and the lack of paddles represents the Indians' inability to exercise our federal franchise in any meaningful manner."

That analogy made to emphasize the powerlessness Indian people feel in federal elections was in a brief presented to the Royal Commission on Electoral Reform and Party Financing May 16 on Siksika Nation Reserve.

The commission was established in November last year to examine the principles, processes and rules that govern federal elections, including redistribution of riding boundaries, the registration system and election financing.

The commission's visit to Siksika Nation will be the first and only stop on a reserve to hear submissions on Native participation in federal elections.

The commission has heard six presentations from aboriginal people and groups including Senator Len Marchand, a Native from British Columbia, on the lack of representation of Native people in Parliament.

The formal Siksika presentation was made by Andrew Bear Robe, division manager of self-government, following an informal discussion between the chief and council and members of the commission on treaty rights and land claims.

Bear Robe described how the historical relationship between Siksika and Canada denied rep-

Highways are to be upgraded

Widening of Highway 2 and construction of an access road to the future hospital site in Slave Lake are included in a tender announced by Alberta Transportation and Utilities Minister Al "Boomer" Adair and Slave Lake MLA Pearl Calahasen.

The work, scheduled for completion this fall, will include paving of 21.9 kilometres on Highway 88 near Utikuma Lake. Highway 2 will be widened to provide for the safe flow of traffic at the new vehicle inspection station east of the junction of Highway 88.

"The Highway 88 final paving is part of the government of Alberta's program to provide a surfaced highway from Slave Lake north to Red Earth. This will be a benefit to the citizens of several northern communities, as well as the resource-related traffic in the area," said Adair.

Calahasen said she was "pleased part of this contract includes an arrangement with the town of Slave Lake to build a road to the future hospital site. This combined effort with Alberta transportation and utilities is cost-effective and ensures local priorities can be met while serving the broad interests of travellers throughout the province."



Fred Breaker and Andrew Bear Robe

Wayne Courchene

resentation of Indians in Parliament. He provided the commission with two options for change to the electoral process to increase aboriginal representation in Parliament.

"The first option would be to establish electoral districts based on treaty areas throughout Canada" in which only Indian or Metis candidates and voters could run or vote.

He cited Treaty 7 area as an example. The reserves share a common history, speak a common language — with the exception of the Sarcee and Stoney — face identical social problems and have similar political and economic aspirations. This model would ensure equitable representation in Parliament of Indian First Nations.

The second option would see a specified number of aboriginal representatives elected based upon the total aboriginal population of the province or territory.

Although this model may sound radical Bear Robe said, it has been used in New Zealand with some degree of success. In Norway, legislation was passed forming an aboriginal people's parliament which advises the Norwegian government on aboriginal affairs.

"The combined effects of environmental desecrations and disease epidemics coupled with policies of cultural and physical genocide," said Bear Robe, "left the Blackfoot impoverished and impotent."

He said the denial of Indians' right to vote in federal elections prior to 1960 was blatantly discriminatory.

"Indian people," he continued, "now have the right to vote in provincial and federal elections. However, their vote is powerless and in effective due to defects inherent in the system."

Bear Robe said the "greatest shortcoming of a liberal democracy is the subjugation of the minority interest to the tyranny of the majority."

He said that from an Indian perspective this notion is "tantamount to suicide."

The Meech Lake debate and Quebec's aspirations for cultural and political preservation was

used as an example of how the interests of a segment of society is inconsistent with the majority of the rest of Canadian society.

"Unlike Quebec, Indian First Nations have little or no impact upon the constitutional direction of Canada nor the business of Parliament," said Bear Robe.

Commission chairman Pierre Lortie said the Siksika presentation was the best he's heard on the subject.

Ottawa signs agreement with Inuit

By John Holman
Windspeaker Correspondent

IGLOOLIK, N.W.T.

The largest comprehensive land claim in Canada is a step closer to bringing over 350,000 square km of land — half the size of Saskatchewan — and \$580 million to 17,000 Inuit of the eastern Arctic.

The federal government and the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut signed the agreement-in-principle April 30 in Igloolik, Northwest Territories. The claim, scheduled for finalization in 18 months, gives the Inuit wildlife harvesting rights, participation in land and resource management and economic development in central and eastern Arctic.

"Today we are making history and resolving a major outstanding issue," said Indian and Northern Affairs Minister Tom Siddon. "Real progress in claims negotiations is being made."

Under a final agreement Inuit people will receive 50 per cent of the first \$2 million the federal government gets in resource royalties, then five per cent of all future royalties within the settlement area.

A Nunavut Wildlife Management Board with equal Inuit and public membership will overlook wildlife harvesting and there will be equal representation on boards responsible for land use and environmental reviews of land development.

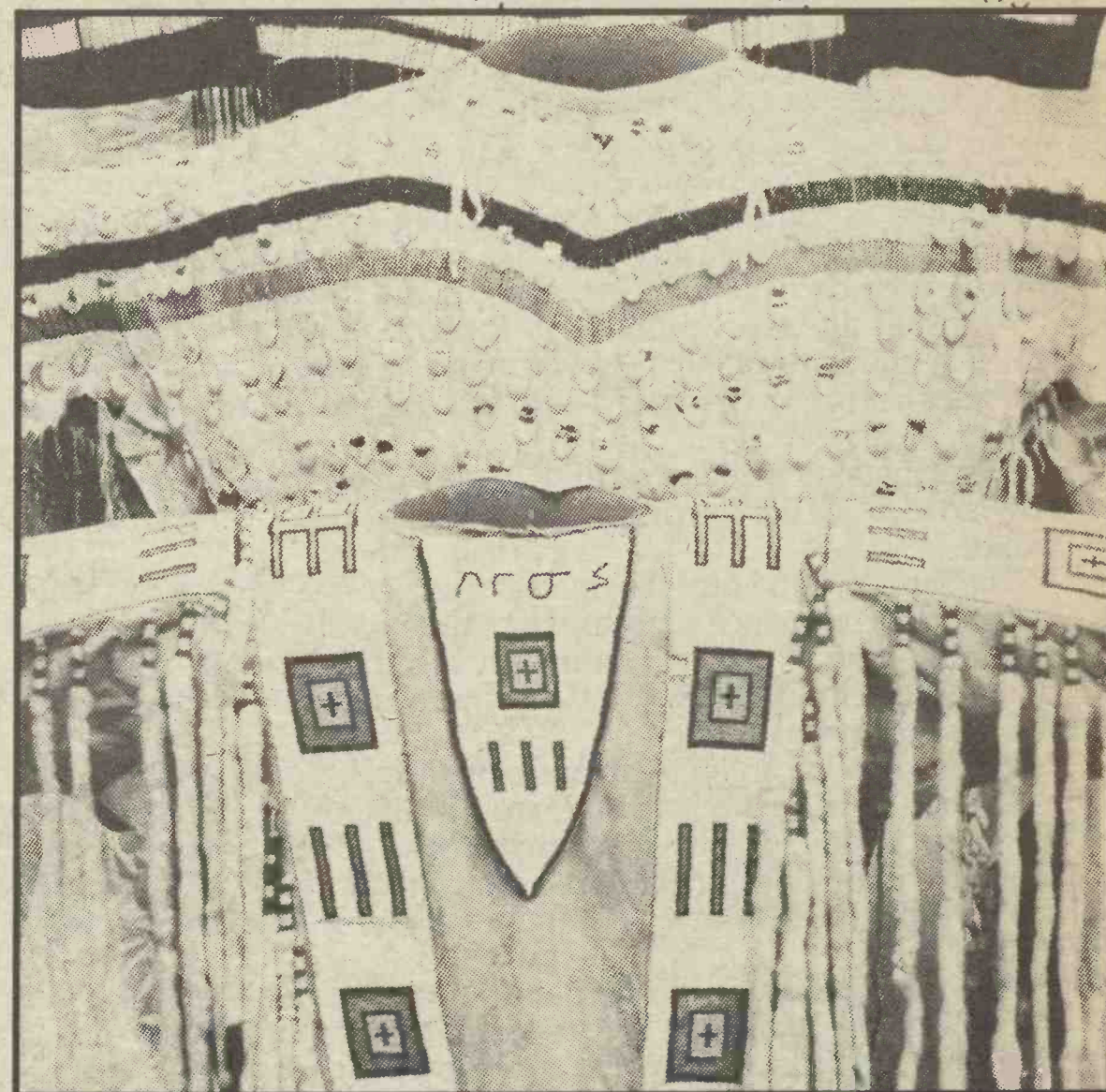
Chief Strater Crowfoot said he preferred option one but Lortie said that might require constitutional changes and the commission preferred as much as possible to avoid constitutional complications.

Lortie noted aboriginal representation in Parliament based on option two fits in well with the accepted principle of guaranteed representation for each province.

He said that with three per

cent of Canada's population aboriginal, about 11 aboriginal candidates could be elected as members of Parliament. Currently only three of the 295 MPs are Native. Two are from the Northwest Territories; the other is from Alberta.

The commissioners were treated to Blackfoot hospitality at Siksika resort before they resumed their travels to Vancouver for more public hearings.



Blackfoot Powwow shirts from the Scriver collection

John Holman

Provincial museum exhibit exquisite Blackfoot artifacts

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years behind the United States in aboriginal artifact collections because they weren't as active in the early 1900s, he said. As a result many artifacts went across the border.

In January elders from the Peigan Nation in Brocket — Joe and Josephine Crowshoe, Reg and Rose Crowshoe — and Chief Leonard Bastien spent three days at the museum traditionally purifying the medicine bundles and pipes. They also advised the museum on the text the religious material should be displayed in as well how to wrap and store the items.

"With the revival of Native spirituality we want (advice) on how to treat them (artifacts) respectfully," explained Stepney. He noted that next month a Thunder Medicine Pipe will be ceremonially opened at Brocket and in July its power will be transferred to another through a Sun Dance ceremony.

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Bert Crowfoot
General Manager

Enoch got tired of screaming

The \$450 million lawsuit launched recently by Enoch Nation against the federal government brings to mind a young newspaper carrier, who got up at 5:30 every morning to do his route.

After finishing an hour later, he would sit down to a nice family breakfast. Every week or so after he collected his money, he gave it to his father, who insisted on keeping it for him. But the paper carrier thought the money should be put in a bank.

The young boy worked from the fall through winter and into early summer until the annual family summer holiday when he decided to ask his father for the remainder of his paper-route money. He had been asking for a little money from time to time to buy things like a new hockey stick or some comics (which he felt his dad should have bought), but never more than that.

When summer came and he asked for the rest, he got much less than he remembered giving to his father. At first he just said, "Uh, Dad, I had a little more than this" — with his father promptly denied. The protests grew louder with each denial, until finally the two were yelling at each other.

This is very similar to the current battle between the Enoch Cree Nation and Indian affairs, which has behaved rather paternalistically towards all Indian bands like Enoch which earn resource revenue.

Ottawa has taken the 'Father knows best' attitude deciding it and it alone knows how to invest band money and how it should be spent.

Fed up with that rather outdated attitude, Enoch Nation launched a lawsuit this month against Ottawa alleging its resource revenues had been mismanaged and that reserve land had been wrongfully taken.

The Cree Nation lawsuit asks for \$400 million in lost revenue and \$50 million as compensation for land they were forced to give up. Ultimately Chief Jerome Morin and his band would also like to manage their own oil and gas resources and royalties.

As usual the main problem is the Ottawa-written Indian Act which requires the federal government to hold in trust resource revenues from reserves as well as to manage the oil and gas on those lands.

Indian nations are allowed to sit in the driver's seat but they're not allowed to touch the steering wheel or the gas pedal — much less the brakes.

The Samson Band of Hobbema reserve wants to remedy this. They will shortly commence a lawsuit demanding separate management of its trust fund. The band has already filed one lawsuit — it's similar to the Enoch suit — seeking compensation for poorly managed oil and gas resource revenues.

A six-year-old confidential memo by former Indian affairs' minister David Crombie predicted this would happen! Six years! That's a long time. Crombie, in his wisdom, foresaw the government would be seen as bumbling, ignorant, uncaring investors. It isn't surprising then Crombie didn't last long as Indian affairs' minister before being shuffled.

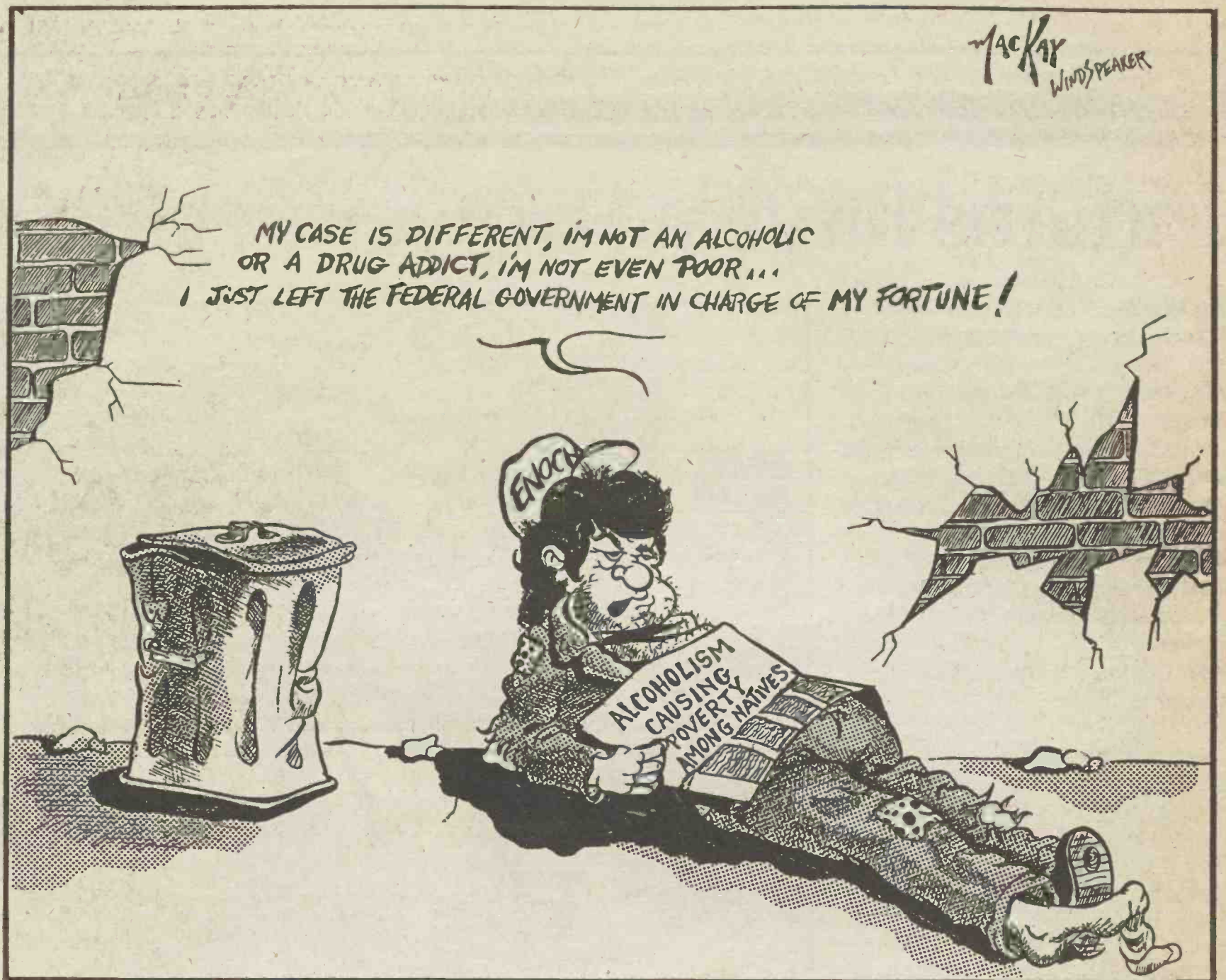
"(T)he trust accounts do not have returns which an informed and prudent trustee should be able to earn," his memorandum read. This supports Morin's claim the government has cost them virtually hundreds of millions of dollars because of the scanty returns — about 10 per cent — on their trust money which could otherwise earn 16-17 per cent interest.

It's sad Indian affairs is the trustee for resource revenues from all Canadian reserves, because the department does not invest monies like a business broker. Instead it shovels oil, gas and mineral revenue into government accounts to gather interest at low rates set by the government.

The government also forces bands like Enoch to pay for their own community services through the trust fund. Enoch gets a piddly \$1 million a year from the government to cover services for the reserve's population of 1,200 people. It's understandable reserves seem to have only dirt roads.

Then there is the matter of 6,400 acres of Enoch reserve land surrendered under duress. The federal government threatened to withhold food and services unless the reserve gave it the land. That prime land, between Enoch reserve and Highway 16, is now part of Edmonton and a number of oil pumps nod their heads on that land. The reason for Ottawa's land grab is now clear.

Oh, and what happened to the paper carrier? Well, most kids would have given up, but this boy had smarts. The cagey little tyke had socked away some of his paper-route money and took his dad to small claims' court. He won.



Feature Story

Every ship needs a rudder

By Michael Rice

KAHNAWA:KE, QUE.

It was a beautiful day on the river; it was sunny and the water was calm. In their canoe, Okwira:se and Tiorakwathe paddled at a quick pace in chase of a substantially larger and different vessel from theirs. After

much time and effort they paddled alongside and kept pace with the large vessel.

At the sight of the strangers, the people on the vessel rushed to see who they were and the head man spoke aloud: "Who are you?"

"We are messengers sent by the Creator," answered Okwira:se.

What other papers are saying

Canadians would never put themselves in the sorry company of nations that ignore international law and basic human rights. This isn't Iran, China or Guatemala, we tell ourselves smugly, this is a country with a conscience.

It's a conscience with some blind spots. There was barely a stir when the United Nations Human Rights Commission ruled the Canadian government had violated the Lubicon Lake Cree Band's rights under Article 27 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The Lubicon Band began its fight for a promised reserve in northern Alberta in the summer of 1939. For decades the band has doggedly pursued the case through the courts, negotiations and an appeal for public support. The elders are still waiting for a reserve.

Alberta agreed to set aside a 246-square-kilometre reserve

Native prisoners at Drumheller Institution make a good argument when they suggest some inmates should serve sentences in their own communities.

The Drumheller inmates outlined the idea to the Alberta task force on Native people and the justice system. They would like to see offenders paid minimum wages to work or go to school while serving time near home.

The most powerful force of rehabilitation is family pressure, Native Brotherhood leader Rick Yellowbird told the task force. If an offender could stay in his community, he could confront his problems with the help of people who care about him. His family wouldn't be torn apart, or deprived of income, by his incarceration.

The Drumheller prisoners' plan would work well for the

with full mineral rights in 1988, but the Lubicon claim is snagged on the amount of federal compensation. Premier Don Getty supports the band's contention Ottawa's offer is inadequate, but says the matter is "completely in the hands of the federal government."

The UN committee urged both sides to bargain again. But how? Federal Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon concedes the UN ruling highlights a "long-standing injustice," but his officials insist they've made their final offer. It isn't easy to negotiate with a brick wall.

And so the Lubicon Lake Cree wait as they have for half a century. Premier Getty waits. Albertans ashamed of the Lubicon stigma also wait.

Will it be another 50 years before this shameful episode is behind us?

Edmonton Journal/May 10, 1990

large group of offenders who commit theft or property crimes, without violence, under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Addictions' problems are tackled better in the community, or at treatment centres, than in prison cells.

Native inmates make up 25 per cent of the prison population at Drumheller Institution, although people of aboriginal ancestry comprise less than five per cent of Alberta's population.

The existing system is crying out for change and any alternative must be considered.

Canadians aren't accustomed to listening seriously to prison inmates. We certainly don't make a habit of taking their advice. Maybe it's time we started.

Edmonton Journal/14 May 1990

The people burst out in laughter and ridicule at his reply, but Okwira:se spoke to the people about the Great Law of Peace and why it was given to the Onkwehon:we people. How to live their lives in peace with one another and nature; how to help others and bring about peace amongst all nations.

Okwira:se spoke of how people should obey and give thanks to the Creator and respect his wishes. Next, he spoke of the importance of the ceremonies and how they, too, as part of creation, are involved in the cycle of life and the respect for it and others. Many simply paid no attention to his words; some ridiculed him and a few threw stones. Still others spat and cursed at him. And not one understood him.

When he had finished speaking, the head man stood up and replied, "We do not believe what you're saying is true. Why would the Creator send us two messengers in a canoe as small as yours? If it was the Creator who sent you, he would have given you a worthy boat such as ours. Go away, we wish to have nothing to do with imposters!"

Tiorakwathe stood up to reply but Okwira:se intervened, "It is no use to speak to them. We have given the message."

Suddenly, without warning, they came upon a set of rapids never before seen in the river. The current was too strong. The rush of water sounded like thunder — it was too late to avoid them. In a matter of seconds the large vessel was reduced to splinters and its passengers drowned by the turbulent waters. Miraculously, the canoe of Okwira:se and Tiorakwathe passed through unscathed.

When they returned to the land of the Creator, Tiorakwathe asked, "Creator, why did we not perish like the others in the large vessel? Our canoe was not as big and sturdy as theirs."

The Creator replied, "What good is a ship if there is no rudder to guide it?"

(Michael Rice, 21, is a Mohawk Indian from Kahnawa:ke, Que. He is a first-year social science student at Dawson College in Montreal.)

Your Letters

Inmates better off with workers on strike

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in regard to the correctional officers going on strike. I am a prisoner at the Fort Saskatchewan Correctional Centre and I strongly disagree with some of the comments I have been reading in the newspapers.

If the guards think things will get out of hand just because they're on strike, they are badly mistaken. Things are going just great in here despite what the public has been hearing.

Since the strike began the executive board of the Native Brotherhood Society has taken over the New Dawn program with the help of the special Native advisor of the solicitor general. It shows the guards and caseworkers they are not at all missed.

The New Dawn program, which is one of the alcohol and drug awareness programs inmates consider of great benefit, was being run by the Native co-ordinator before the strike.

We feel we are better qualified to instruct other inmates about alcoholism, impaired driving, families and violence, suicide prevention, teenage alcoholism, physical and emotional depend-

ency and child abuse.

We can do without the counsellors running this program who are now on strike. I, for one, don't think they deserve a raise or more benefits for the jobs they are doing. They are getting paid too much as it is, considering they only get paid for sitting on their butts all day long. There never was any danger to their lives as the public is lead to believe.

Things are a lot better in here

since we don't have to put up with all the hassles we had with the guards. All the inmates are pulling together to make things work and the outcome is we're working better than we were when the guards were here. We are finally living like human beings because we are being treated as such. The Native Brotherhood Society is a strong organization and should be recognized as one.

The executive board consists

of: Dirrin Brieliend (president), Gordon Wayne Auger (vice-president), Valvie Paresian (secretary), Albert Saskatchewan (sergeant-at-arms), Dan Loyer (public relations), Anthony Bull (cultural co-ordinator), Ricky Crane (advisory board) and Bert Saddleback (advisory board).

We can do the job of some people who are on strike and we don't have to get paid for doing it. We may not have the credentials they have, but we don't

need them because most of us have lived it. What better way to learn about all these difficulties of life? You know when you hear it from us it is the truth and that we didn't have to go to school to learn it or read about it in some book.

Gordon Wayne Auger
Vice-President
Native Brotherhood Society
Fort Saskatchewan Correctional Centre

'It's sad the way our father, Chief Harry Chonkolay, is treated'

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to news aired about comments made at the Native justice task force hearing in High Level.

I just want to put the record straight about reported threats made against my family. We moved in 1962 from Hay Lakes because of floods in the area. We had cattle and horses which wouldn't have survived; we also moved for education reasons. I have never been threatened. If I had been, there's always the law to turn to. It hurts the family when we listen to all the negative news about our dad (Chief Harry Chonkolay) and our reserve. I feel he was misquoted or misinterpreted by the media. It also hurts and is very upsetting when our dad is always made to look like the bad guy.

Not one of his children have ever responded to news broadcasts before, but I feel it's about time I let people know how I feel. There are a lot of good positive things happening on the Dene Tha' reserves, which no one ever mentions. People don't realize we had to be without parents so they could do community work or attend meetings in Ottawa or Edmonton for the reserve. We as children needed our parents too, just like everyone else. I feel we were deprived of our parents because they felt it was their duty to help the people as much as they could. I'm proud to say Harry and Elizabeth Chonkolay are my parents regardless of how anyone else may

feel.

People should appreciate and respect whatever was done for them instead of downgrading each other all the time. I should be feeling a lot of resentment and anger, but I just feel sorry for them for the way they are. People do change; I have been working on myself for the last three years to be a better understanding person. But sometimes a person has to let people know how they are feeling. Our parents have always encouraged us to be independent, honest citizens. I feel each of us have done our share of volunteer work for the needy in the past.

We find it hard to believe a couple who have done so much for their people have not been recognized for their contributions, but have been downgraded by the media. In this civilized society people should start to learn to work together in harmony instead of working against each other.

Here is something I read every day. It hangs in my office. "Don't walk in front of me, I might not follow. Don't walk behind me, I might not lead. Walk beside me and be my friend."

Your sister with the guidance of the GOOD SPIRITS.

Marge Chonkolay
High Level

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Saddle Lake Band given money for housing, elder's home left unfinished

Dear Editor:

Recently I came across the April 13 issue of *Windspeaker* and felt I had to respond to the article: "Saddle Lake Housing Conditions Critical: Chief."

My mother is an elder and a widower from Saddle Lake re-

serve. She used to live in one of those ramshackle homes with several of her daughters and our families until 1988 when she was finally given a new home.

What I question is if the band is given so much money for one new home why is it left unfin-

ished in some areas? Is the chief aware of the quality of workmanship provided for new homeowners?

Just to mention a few of the things I noticed: no doorstops, no covers for TV cable, no ventilation for the stove fan, the rug in

the living room is gathering, a small piece of 2x4 was nailed on the wall to hold the hot and cold water taps in the utility area, a large vent in the hallway wasn't screwed into the wall, several plug-ins don't work, the handrail for the basement stairs hasn't been installed, gyproc down the stairway hasn't been painted, the framework and electrical switch for the root cellar was left dangling and the sewer has already backed up because an old pump was used. The list goes on.

Prior to moving into the house my mother was informed she had to insure the home first. For the past two years she has, but should a fire occur does the insurance company offset the costs for this unfinished home?

Maybe there are legitimate reasons why the federal government refuses to increase its allowance for new home construction. Where is the money going to come from to finish a new home built in 1988? My mother can't be "expected to come up with the rest" especially if the band already received the money to build and complete this house.

Band searching for members

Dear Editor:

We are a small band of 315 Tse Keh'ne people whose reserves are located at McLeod Lake, 85 miles north of Prince George, B.C. One hundred members live on the reserve while the remaining two-thirds are scattered throughout the province, mainly in the Prince-George and

Vancouver area. All evidence collected to date indicates a number reside out of province as well.

For the most part, we know who our band members are. Fortunately, over the last few years we were able to reestablish contact with some individuals whose whereabouts were previ-

ously unknown to us.

But we have reason to believe there may be dozens of people affiliated with the Tse Keh'ne either through blood, marriage or adoption who we have not yet contacted. We have no way of knowing who some of these people are unless they contact us.

We have a monumental task to identify all our members. We request the help of the public in locating anyone who is a member or should be a member of McLeod Lake Indian Band.

If you know of someone who may be Tse Keh'ne, please contact me immediately at (604) 750-4415 or write: McLeod Lake Indian Band, General Delivery, McLeod Lake, B.C., V0J 2G0.

Verne Solonas
Councillor
McLeod Lake Indian Band

Lydia Giant
Hobbema

Just to clarify...

Dear Editor:

We were delighted with the articles John Holman wrote on Maskwachees Cultural College. It was our pleasure to have him visit the college. He did an excellent job of summarizing the great deal of information he gathered in such a short time.

There are just a few points we wish to clarify. I would never describe our students as machines. That would be exactly the opposite of what we try to accomplish. Our students do indeed become very efficient at thinking and studying but this is done as part of our way to help them develop further as people.

Also, our emergency medical technician ambulance training

program is our new program. It's not associated in any way with the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College. This program is sponsored by Canada employment and immigration and health and welfare (Canada).

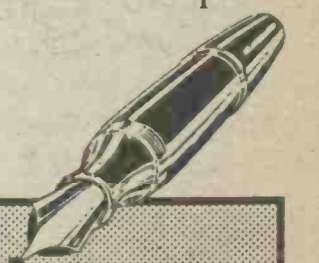
Finally, the audiovisual taped material we have been honored to obtain from the elders can be viewed only by Native people. The article says this material is for use by non-Native people. We wish to correct this error.

Again, please thank John Holman for his good work and congratulations on your fine paper.

Frederick I. Carnew
Director
Maskwachees Cultural College

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What's Happening

I just may have to sell the ugly dogs

Hi! My friends at Horse Lake are beginning their baseball season and guess what? They will be calling their teams ... The Droppin' In Thunderhorses! I lied.

Actually, Chief Robert Horseman called because he wants Windspeaker T-shirts and hats sent to them.

Wear them in good faith and hold our name up high!

Now for some across the border news.

Did you know the famous George Tuccaro of CBC Radio at Yellowknife, N.W.T. will along with another great entertainer, Winston Wuttunee from Saskatchewan, be part of the opening act at the North American Indigenous games scheduled to begin June 30 in our fair city?

Droppin' In knows everything.

George is a great comedian. I had the opportunity to watch his act at Batoche Days in Saskatchewan once and I did nothing but laugh.

George also appeared at the Native Perspective's fourth annual Good Times Jamboree on the Victoria Day weekend.

Speaking about the Native Perspective, hi Herb Desjarlais!

Herb is a great singer and a while back I had him sing a song I composed in a recording studio.

Good news, Herb.

I sent it to Nashville, Tennessee and they're interested in the song. Their letter and the taped voice track they sent back to me asked for a little more work to be done on a few lines because they believe... it has "Hit!" potential.

See what a good voice can do for a songwriter.

The other tape I sent...you ask?

"Great lyrics... great melody... but radio songs are out for now."

They gave me a mark of 75 per cent on the 'He Keeps the Radio On' song.

I'm almost there Herb!

GRANDE CACHE: The day I stopped in to see Granny Alice Joachim she was feeling some-



Droppin' In

By Rocky Woodward

what under the weather.

However, Granny Joachim and her sweet little great-grand-



Granny Joachim and Annie Ginger

daughter, six-year-old Annie Ginger, were nice enough to grant Droppin' In a picture of them.

Granny Joachim is 83 years young and lives at Joachim Enterprises near Grande Cache.

Thanks for your time Granny Joachim and I hope you're feeling better.

EDSON: From the Edson Native Friendship Centre comes this worldly tidbit.

"They've found something that does the work of five men...one woman."

Oh sure. So, what do I run into when I arrived at the centre?

as Droppin' In and administrator Dan Martel looked on.

Oh the shame of it all!

EDMONTON MAX: Time is running out!

On June 10 the Native Brotherhood will be holding a powwow from 1-9 p.m.

It would be nice if there is anyone interested in lending their talent by joining me to entertain or simply to mingle with our brothers. Please call me at 455-2700.

Georgina Donald and her Canadian Native Friendship Centre square dancers are scheduled to dance at the Max. Elders will also be there.

It is shaping up to be a great day. Why don't you call me and join us?

GRANDE PRAIRIE: Sorry there was no

time to visit you Dorothy Walker when I was in your neck of the woods, but I was busy for one full day trying to find out where Horse Lake was.

Bad excuse, huh?

But I will be seeing you at the volunteer appreciation banquet. Ed...please give us a call.

WANYANDIE FLATS: How's Droppin' In's best friend, Kelly Joachim? Keep the home fires burning, Kelly.

And this cute, little tyke offered me a ride on his three-wheeler. It has a 450 motor and an oversized cam.

He's Grampa Fred Wanyan-

die's little buddy, Herman Wanyandie.

None other than a lady doing a man's job!

Receptionist Audrey Johnson was busy pulling out nails

Herman was busy patrolling his grandfather's yard.

Lots of stories are coming from all the communities. So keep reading Windspeaker. EDMONTON: Lise and Adelard Jacko, I really messed up a story I did on the service you represent. For this Rocky Woodward is sorry.

I only hope you believe me when I say none of it was intentional.

I called the couple social workers; they are not.

I said they react to people in a crisis. Now I understand they received calls, because people thought they were a crisis line — they are not.

Lise and Adelard represent New Nations. Their objective is to help their clients develop skills necessary to cope with life in a more productive manner.

New Nations is sub-contracted through Willow Counseling Services and they provide confidential counselling with a holistic approach.

If you are a status Indian, their services are free of charge. (Fees are covered by the medical service's branch of health and welfare Canada).

Lise Jacko has worked as an income security worker, a child care counsellor and a rehabilitation worker. She has also worked with family problems.

Adelard has worked as a child care worker, a correctional



Rocky Woodward

Herman Wanyandie

officer, a youth worker, a teacher's aide for special needs' clients and as a program worker for the Boys' and Girls' Club.

Once again I apologize for any inconvenience I may have caused your organization. DROPPIN' IN: Would like to thank all the guests who have appeared on Between

Two Worlds on CFRN Television.

Your host Jane Sager also sends her thanks for your kind response towards Native awareness. We thank you.

By the way Chief Al Lame-man of Beaver Lake I owe you 50 bucks! Call me. I'm trying to weasel the money out of my kids.

Maybe I can sell your ugly dogs, Cory. Dad's got a debt to pay.

Drive safely everyone and keep your backs to the wind.



Rocky Woodward

...Better than five men... Audrey Johnson

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NATIVE BROTHERHOOD ANNUAL POWWOW; June 10, 1-9 p.m.; Edmonton Correctional Institution; for more info call Russell Auger or Delores Hoff at (403)458-1884.

POUNDMAKER/NECHI POWWOW; June 28-July 1; for more info call Ray Delorme at 458-1884.

ALEXIS 12TH ANNUAL POWWOW; July 13-15; Glenevis, AB; for more information call Dan at 967-2225 or Raymond at 967-2225 for Fastball tourney.

PRINCE ALBERT INDIAN/METIS POWWOW; Aug 14-16; Prince Albert Exhibition Grounds; for more information call Brenda at (306) 764-3431.

SADDLELAKE ANNUAL POWWOW; June 22, 23, 24; South of the complex, Saddle Lake; for more information call Lawrence Large at 726-3829, ext. 156.

METIS DANCE CLASSES; Sundays, 2-4 p.m.; St. Peter's Church (110 Ave. & 127 St.), Edmonton; for more information call Georgina Donald at (403)452-7811.

WEEKLYBBQ; each Wednesday beginning May 2; noon; Parkdale Community Hall (113 Ave & 85 Street); Edmonton.

TASK FORCE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE OF THE NATIVE/METIS PEOPLE OF ALBERTA; March 12 to May 31; interviews will be conducted on all Alberta reserves to survey the First Nations of Alberta; for more information call (403)434-9409.

DAVE & ROSE WELLS MEMORIAL HAND GAME TOURNAMENT; May 24-28; Cap Complex, Browning, Montana; for more information call Dorothy Dragonfly at (406) 338-2585.

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open at 1:00 p.m. CLOTHING CLEAR-OUT BLITZ; May 26, 27 and June 2, 3; Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sunday 1 - 4 p.m. Garbage bag full for \$10.00 or 1/2 price on individual items; Concordia College Braemar Campus (9359 - 67A Street).

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Indian Country Community Events

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25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION; June 22 & 23; Grand Prairie Native Friendship Centre; for more info. call (403) 532-5722.

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AMATEUR RODEO; Aug 24-26; Diamond 5 Rodeo Facilities; Hobbema; Sponsored by Montana Rodeo Club; for more information or entries call Montana Recreation Centre at 585-3744 or Diamond 5 at 585-2696.

4TH ANNUAL UNITED INDIAN ASSOCIATION CELEBRATION; Aug 24 - 26; Yakima Convention Centre, Washington; for more information call (509) 575-0835.

Loon Lake

Loon Lake: A way of life under siege

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

LOON LAKE, ALTA.

When I first met Mable Chomiak at her Loon Lake home in northern Alberta she was busy foaming her living room rug, preparing for her birthday party.

But she was kind enough to offer a weary reporter a cup of hot coffee and some friendly conversation. Her hospitality was indeed a sign the north is full of down-home country folk.

According to Mable everybody in Loon Lake is friendly ever since a pioneer named Clarence Jaycox first settled there in the early 1900s.

"When Clarence came here Loon Lake was known in Cree as Little Creek. He started a small school here."

About that time people were scattered throughout the district. But with the coming of schools and missionaries, many people settled at Peerless Lake, Trout Lake and Loon Lake.

Today 43 families — totalling about 350 people — live at Loon Lake which borders the new town of Red Earth, some 185 km north of Slave Lake.

Over a second cup of coffee I asked Mable if anybody still trapped in the district. Her answer was somewhat startling.

"Very few people trap anymore."

"If you take a drive to the industrial park at Red Earth, you'll see a trapper's cabin right across from all those huge build-

ings. That was once James Ward's trapline," she said.

The country surrounding Loon Lake can only be described as beautiful. Lakes, thick forests and marshland are home to northern geese, ducks, moose and many other forms of wildlife, which still abound there.

But the encroachment of modern day heavy duty equipment for felling timber, roads for

her. "With progress comes problems," she said.

"We've had horses stolen and shot at. We once had to close the road in our community because people were using it for a short-cut."

"And no one can really trap anymore. There is not that much fur in the area with all the work going on," Mable said.

Her feelings are shared by one-time trapper John Cardinal who lives about 85 km north of Loon Lake.

He said his community of Peerless Lake is rapidly becoming surrounded by timber and oil companies and it concerns him.

"It's bad enough we have to argue with the government to stay here at Peerless, but the animals can't argue? They simply leave the area and are gone for good," Cardinal said angrily.

"At one time people used to live good by trapping, hunting and fishing for their food. There was only one store here and people would trade their fur for supplies to last through another winter of trapping."

"Today most of the people around here are on welfare," Cardinal said.

Mable admitted there is some employment offered in and around Loon Lake, but said they're basically in the same boat as the people at Peerless Lake.

"Four or five men work in the oilfield at Red Earth and some positions at the Northlands School are filled by residents from here."

Still Mable is optimistic em-

'We have to argue with the government to stay here but the animals can't argue. They simply leave the area and are gone for good.'

oil rigs and cutlines are now showing signs Mable is indeed right — trapping for a living is dying out at Loon Lake.

One hundred and fifty yards across a newly gravelled road from Ward's cabin are long lines of industrial buildings.

At Red Earth, motels and homes are being built on both sides of Route 88 which runs for about 450 km from Slave Lake north to Fort Vermilion. It also shows signs that Red Earth, located about halfway between the two northern towns, will be a major site for big business and tourism in a couple of years.

Although Mable understands people who live in areas like Loon Lake usually must make room for progress it still angers



Rocky Woodward

Birthday Lady Mable Chomiak offered a tired reporter a cup of coffee and friendly conversation

employment opportunities will be more available to Native people in the Red Earth area with the involvement of the Peace Arch Project, which was founded in 1987.

Peace Arch officials recently opened an office at Red Earth. They intend to help Native people in the area find jobs.

"I hope it does some good," said Mable, a graduate of A.W. Pratt High School in High Prai-

rie. Presently she teaches academic upgrading at Loon Lake's Alberta Vocational Centre.

She believes the people in her community will face "head on" the changes taking place near Loon Lake; they have the association to prove it — the Loon Lake Uspeyimoowin Association.

It means "you can depend on us," she said with a grin.

William and Margaret Noskey: Life as it once was

By John Holman
Windspeaker Correspondent

LOON LAKE, ALTA.

His hands are big, strong and gnarled from years spent outdoors. He speaks with authority and humor and his face is youthful and seems to be carved with a smile that never gives up. William Noskey, 62, is speaking in Cree, his hands gesturing, his eyes bright. He's talking of the old days and how things just aren't the same anymore.

He lives at Loon Lake, a

small community five kilometres south of Red Earth on Highway 88. It was settled about 50 years ago when the \$5 treaty payment was a lot of money, when Native people drank the mint tea found in the bush, when trappers travelled by dog team and when the Indians were given bacon and gun powder.

"We made our own bullets," said Noskey through translator Carol Letendre, a community support worker.

In the background his wife Margaret patters around the

kitchen and the living room. He occasionally asks her to back up his explanations.

The people who now make up the Lubicon Band settled Loon Lake when a school opened there. There was no job economy and no welfare, said Noskey. People just trapped and hunted. Moccasins were sold to traders for \$1.50 a pair while moose hides fetched \$12.

"There was no welfare back then," he said. "If you didn't kill a moose you went hungry."

Some families would live together on the trapline and share

their moose kills and food. There was much more freedom as well. Nowadays oil development has severely restricted trapping areas and scared off many of the animals.

A trapper himself, Noskey blames oil developments in the area for the scrawny and stringy catches. Coyotes used to be bigger before oil development, he said, adding he believes they are smaller because they live in fear. The coyotes' hunting grounds

have also been restricted. They would rather starve than cross areas where there are pumpjacks or roads frequented by roaring gravel trucks.

Coyote pelt prices have been poor for the last few years anyway, he said. They're so low a trapper could survive on the income only if he lived alone.

Trappers with families would be in trouble, said Noskey, who adds to his trapping income by driving a school bus — a horse-drawn carriage — one of four the Loon Lake School uses. He was the first bus driver and has driven the horses for 27 years. He's driven bus so long now he drives the daughter of one of the girls he used to bus to school. When he started there were no roads at all in Loon Lake.

The school did use a regular yellow school bus at one time but it got stuck a lot — even the carriages still get stuck in the deep spring mud. Now if the school decided to get another bus, three men would lose their jobs, a tragedy in a community already ravaged by unemployment.

Noskey also recalled how sacred powwows had been and said modern dances are not the same and don't have any real power or meaning.

"Years ago the old people were the ones who did the singing," he said. "And if you were invited to a powwow, you had to go no matter how far it was."

He said there were only two powwows, one in the spring and another in the fall. People would be allowed to hunt geese and ducks until the spring powwow and then were not al-

lowed to harvest them again until the fall dance. In the meantime they would hunt moose and gather other foods for the powwow feasts.

Drunk people at powwows were ushered away.

"Years ago they (aboriginal people) believed in powwow," he said.

It was a religious ceremony, an event of worship.

Now people have lost their respect for the event, he said. Now liquor shows up at powwows.

"Because of the booze nothing is right," he said sadly. "Everything is out of order."

For that reason he refuses to participate in powwows, a sad thing for a former singer. Native dancers usually belong to some other religious denomination like the Pentecostal faith so they do not think of powwow as sacred, said Noskey.

Noskey and his wife are among the few remaining people of their kind in Loon Lake.

"There are not very many elders here. Most of them are gone," said Letendre.

But Loon Lake is growing fast. Most young people are upgrading their education locally with the Alberta Vocational Centre and a few are employed as oilfield workers in Red Earth.

William thinks today's generation is "crazy" and pursues money too much. Nevertheless, he still would rather live in today's modern world rather than in the old days. Many people went hungry then, he said.

"We're living like millionaires compared to then."



Margaret and William Noskey

John Holman

ing grounds

Elizabeth Metis Settlement

Settlement opens new office, renovated hall

By Diane Parenteau
Windspeaker Correspondent

ELIZABETH METIS
SETTLEMENT, ALTA.

Two years ago the chairman and council of Elizabeth Metis Settlement were devastated when their administration and development corporation offices were destroyed by fire.

But undaunted they picked up the pieces and built a renovated and expanded complex from the ashes. The official grand opening was held May 11.

The community hall which received a substantial face-lift and addition was also blessed and officially opened.

The \$175,000 office project was the result of a cooperative effort of the settlement council and chairman and the provincial government with support also coming from Amoco and Alberta Vocational Centre.

"We went to municipal affairs and they gave us money to build the extension," said chairman Archie Collins. "Insurance money paid for the renovations (to the old part) and we went to the Alberta Business and Career Development (ABCD program) for labor and materials.

"The settlement also put in a portion of it using trust fund money. Amoco gave us all necessary furniture for the offices we lost," said Collins.

Dignitaries, community members, invited guests and local school children witnessed the blessing of the office by Father Bois. The ribbon was cut by community elder Albert Collins.

Fire destroyed office two years ago



The flags are raised by Tanya Soloway, Merl Desjarlais, Sheila Collins and Melvin Marty

"These facilities are a fine example of what can be done when a community and government work together," said Rick McDonald, director of the provincial government's Metis settlements' branch. He predicted it would be the last official function of the branch because of the soon-to-be passed new Metis Settlement Act.

Ed Behnke from AVC Lac la Biche complemented the community leaders on their foresight for addressing needs. The basement of the new facility houses a

spacious adult training classroom and office space.

"Your needs and community efforts have led to success," he said.

Ian Redmond, representing acting commissioner Dennis Surrendi, referred to the exciting times ahead for Metis people under self-government.

"The cooperative and sensitive approach that has developed between settlement council, the government and settlement people is going to guarantee it will be a successful process. This

should only be the first of many facilities built across all the settlements in years to come," he said.

The larger improved office building is able to house many settlement services under one roof. It features a large reception area and council board room. Each of the four councillors has his own office. AVC occupies the lower level with Pimsee Development, com-

munity health services, family and community support services and recreation all having office space.

Following a brief reception and tour, activities moved to the hall expansion opening.

Agriculture Minister Bonnyville MLA Ernie Isley performed the ribbon cutting. He was instrumental in securing community enhancement program funding for the hall expansion.

"It was really rewarding to find funding to cost share with

the community in this project," said Isley. The program contributed \$30,000 to the 1,400 sq. ft. extension.

"Originally we were going to build whole new structures, including the hall facility. But by the time we costed it out, we couldn't do it," said Collins.

"It took about a year of planning and meeting with Ernie Isley. He was very supportive. He really helped us a lot," he said.

The community kicked in another \$30,000 while \$2,000 was supplied through settlement recreation money.

The prebanquet presentations held inside the hall included Jim Krause from the St. Paul Canada area and immigration centre, Amoco vice-president Wayne Heth and Federation of Metis Settlements' president Randy Hardy.

"Some 52 years ago," said Hardy, "our grandparents moved to Elizabeth and literally carved out a living. Our parents tried to be more established. They set us on a path towards building our communities. They sent us on a road to try to complete what was started 52 years ago. And we're going to finish.

"The next generation, our children, will ensure it is complete and our children's children, hopefully, will take their rightful place in mainstream society," he said.

Two elementary dance groups entertained the 150 guests with some traditional Metis footwork including the Red River Jig.

A banquet and dance concluded the evening program.

Guests treated to fancy foot work

By Diane Parenteau
Windspeaker Correspondent

ELIZABETH METIS
SETTLEMENT, ALTA.

All eyes were on the small stage where seven Grade 2 Elizabeth School dancers waited anxiously for the eighth to arrive.

As the guitarists and fiddle players played a warm-up lick, the dancers' toes began to tap, their feet started moving and their heels came up. Before anyone knew it, they had broken into a full swing. It looked like they just couldn't stop themselves.

Being pushed towards the stage by his mother, the eighth arrived and they were ready to begin their two dance performances for the 150 guests at the official opening of Elizabeth Metis Settlement's hall.

The girls looked pretty in their white blouses and layers of crinoline beneath red and white skirts. The boys were handsome in black trousers and cream shirts.

The second group to perform was the Grade 3 and 4 students who looked equally good in their square dancing outfits as they demonstrated the Reel of Eight and the Metis Red River Jig.

Both groups belong to the Elizabeth School Cree program. Dancing Metis style is part of the curriculum taught to them by instructor Mary Wells.

"They start in kindergarten by just moving around to the sound of the music," said Wells following the performances. "Then about Grade 1 we start teaching



Grade 2 Elizabeth School Dancers

Diane Parenteau

them how to do the footwork. "All the kids in high school who have left here know how to dance."

All 107 children attending kindergarten through Grade 8 are enrolled in the Cree program.

"We would like them all to take up dancing but it's not for everyone," added Wells.

The school is fortunate to have the services of Pat Swan who does the square dance calling for the dancers.

"Listening to the words is another thing they learn," said Wells.

"He (Swan) has the time and enjoys the children very much."

Corrina Desjarlais, who has a daughter in the Grade 2 dance group, says her daughter enjoys

it very much.

"At school she really enjoys it and has her dancing shoes ready all the time. She also jigs for us at home all the time and then she shows the others," said Desjarlais, the mother of four small children. If they were taught steady, they would be excellent.

"I thought to myself we can't let this die," said Collins of her decision to incorporate dancing into her Cree program. "There is so much of our culture gone — whatever that culture is. Dancing and music has always been a big part. We're very proud of our dancers."

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Salute to Native Youth

She marches to the beat of her drummer

By Diane Parenteau
Windspeaker Correspondent

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Stepping out from her new Chevrolet half-ton, Lorraine Cardinal positions her hard hat comfortably over her tied-back hair, slips her feet from oxfords to gum boots and covers her manicured hands with a pair of oil-stained gloves.

She's getting ready to check the gauges and wellhead on one of the many wells she maintains in her part-time job with Husky Oil. Her work clothes also come in handy in her other job as water treatment plant operator.

She finds both challenging and fulfilling.

Following a nontraditional career can be intimidating and difficult but it can also be rewarding and exciting as 24-year-old Cardinal can attest.

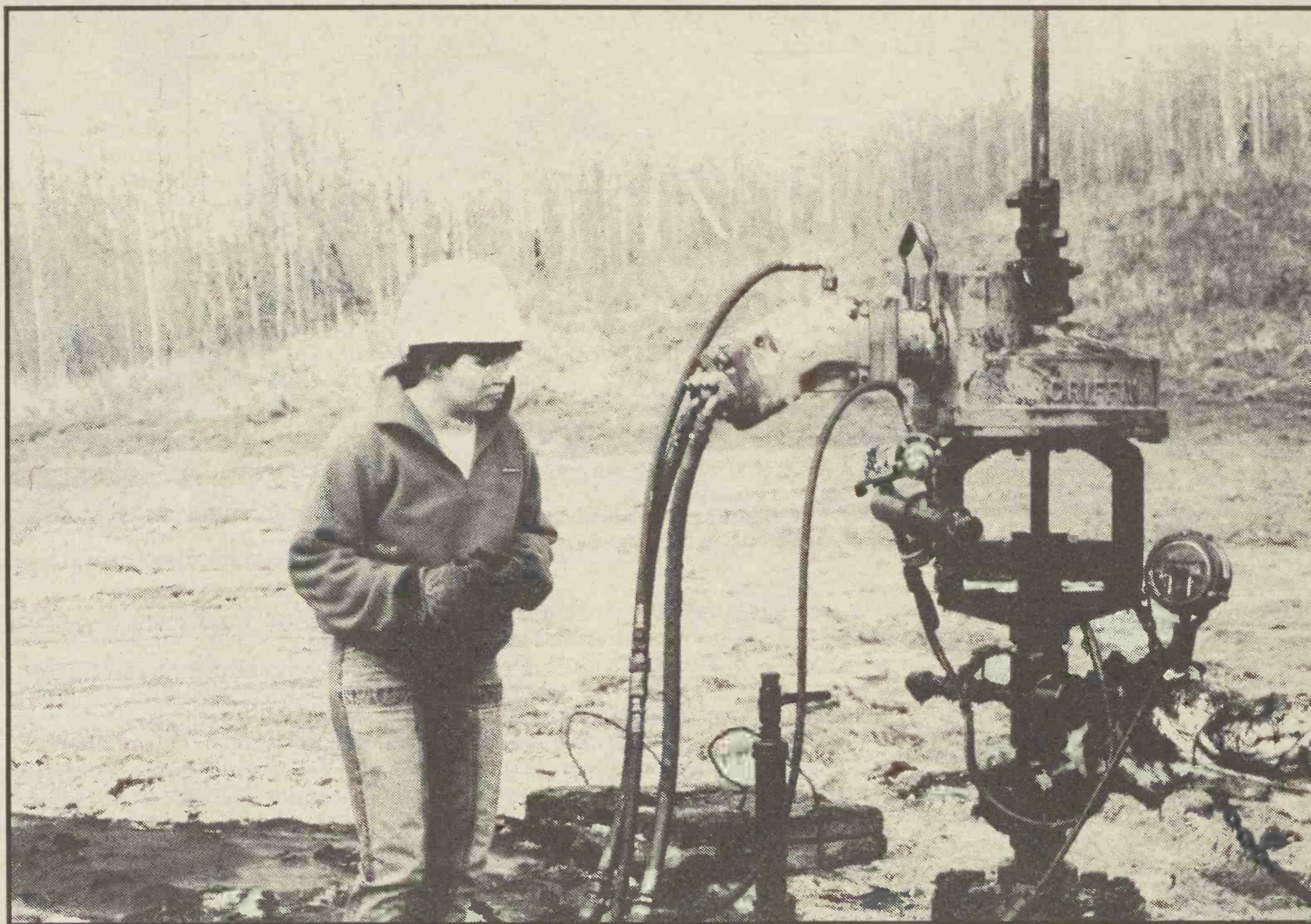
The single mother of two from Fishing Lake has followed a very nontraditional path in the work world. Not only does she have experience in heavy oil well maintenance, fourth class power engineering and water treatment plant operation, she's also tried carpentry, welding, cabinet making and mechanics. And she's worked with electricity and in a veterinary hospital.

As a girl growing up on the settlement, Cardinal favored outside work like driving a tractor or feeding animals over doing housework. In 1984 she enrolled in a four-month long women in nontraditional occupations' course through Lakeland College in Fort Kent. It provided her with every opportunity to follow her nontraditional tendencies.

It allowed her to experience 12 different occupations for three weeks at a time. She tried everything from self-defence to pipe-fitting.

Later she landed a one-year training position at the Grand Centre Esso Plant.

"I worked as a heavy oil operator and was the only woman



Diane Parenteau

Lorraine Cardinal checking a well site

on the crew. Everyone else at the plant was a man. I stood out from everyone," said Cardinal.

Her job called for her to work with dangerous gases, acids, mega-motors and huge vessels and pumps. A mistake could have cost thousands of dollars or a life.

"There was a lot of pressure on me. I really had to know what I was doing," said Cardinal. "I knew what I had to do and did it. I didn't take any shortcuts."

The danger in that job was scary for Cardinal as she recalled one occasion.

"I had to wear my oxygen tanks and mask and climb to the top of a tank. When I opened the top, I could feel the heat from the

poisonous gases come up around my face. It's a really weird feeling. Later when I took my mask off, I could still smell it."

Cardinal occasionally had to deal with discrimination from men who felt she shouldn't be there but she feels the situation has improved for women.

"There are still people out there who came from the old school and believe women belong in the home. They sort of frown on you," she said. "You just have to prove yourself to them and show you can do it just as well as they can."

At the end of the one-year training with Esso she was encouraged by them to get her

fourth-class power engineering ticket. So, she enrolled in an AVC Lac la Biche program.

"Here again I was in a class with 11 men and no women," laughed Cardinal.

Today as the only female water treatment plant operator employed on any of the eight Metis settlements, Cardinal is often the only woman attending safety courses and training sessions.

"I took a course for Environment Canada and I got there a little late. The woman at the registration desk said I must be Lorraine. I asked her why she thought that and she told me I was the only woman out of the 40 (people) registered.

climb on top of an oil vat in blizzard winds. A 15-km trail into a well site can take up to one and a half hours in early spring and be completely impassable in winter.

Despite all this she said she enjoys being outside, noting the pay is worth it. "It's an important job because a lot of people depend on it."

"I can't see myself sitting at a desk all day," she said.

Cardinal said more women are realizing nontraditional careers are viable options; she encouraged other women to pursue that path.

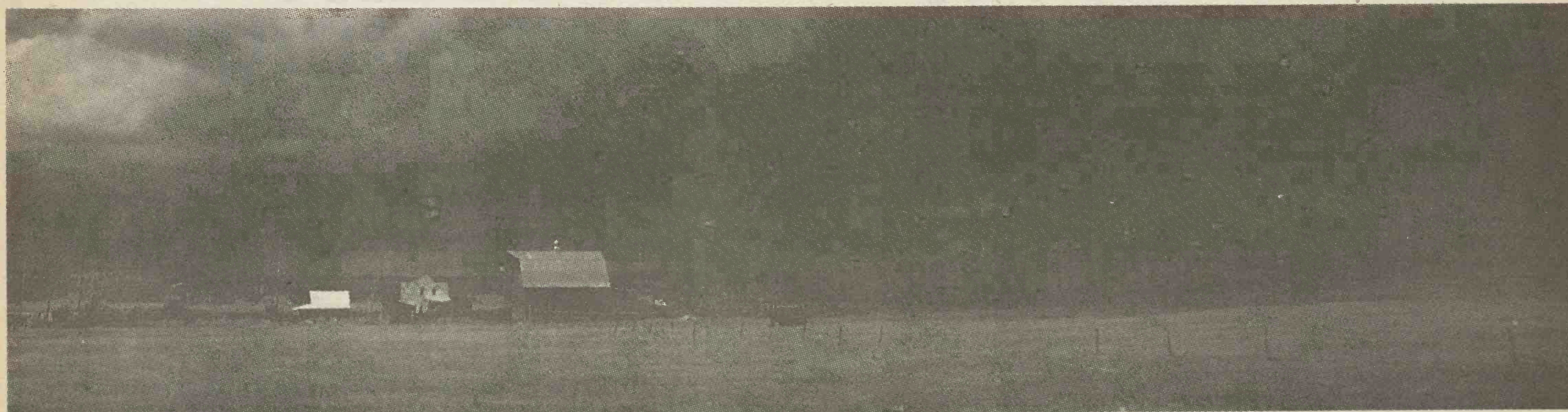
"At least try it, go out there and try it. It might not be for everyone but a lot of people are getting into different fields."

"I like to be early and sitting early so I don't have to walk into a room full of men," she said.

Being the only woman on the job has not caused Cardinal a lot of concern. In fact she prefers to work with men.

"Men are easier to get along with than women. When men have a problem, they tell you and you can confront them."

Her weekend job as oil-field maintainer calls on her to be out consistently despite snowstorms, downpours, sub-zero temperatures and blistering heat. She may have to handcrank a well motor in -30 weather or



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Salute to Native Youth

Edson youth and friendship centre team up to get results

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDSON, ALTA.

Native youth in Edson are learning how to stand on their own because of a new approach by the Edson Native Friendship Centre.

Administrator Dan Martel said they have rid themselves of the baby-sitting approach, because it didn't allow community youth to grow.

"We used to do everything for the kids — plan trips and cultural events — but now it's their responsibility and they're handling it very well," Martel boasts.

The youth are now involved with more community activities initiated by themselves because of the centre's hands-off approach, he says.

"They like the idea of handling their own affairs. When it comes to youth, they know what they would like to be doing more than adults would," says Martel.

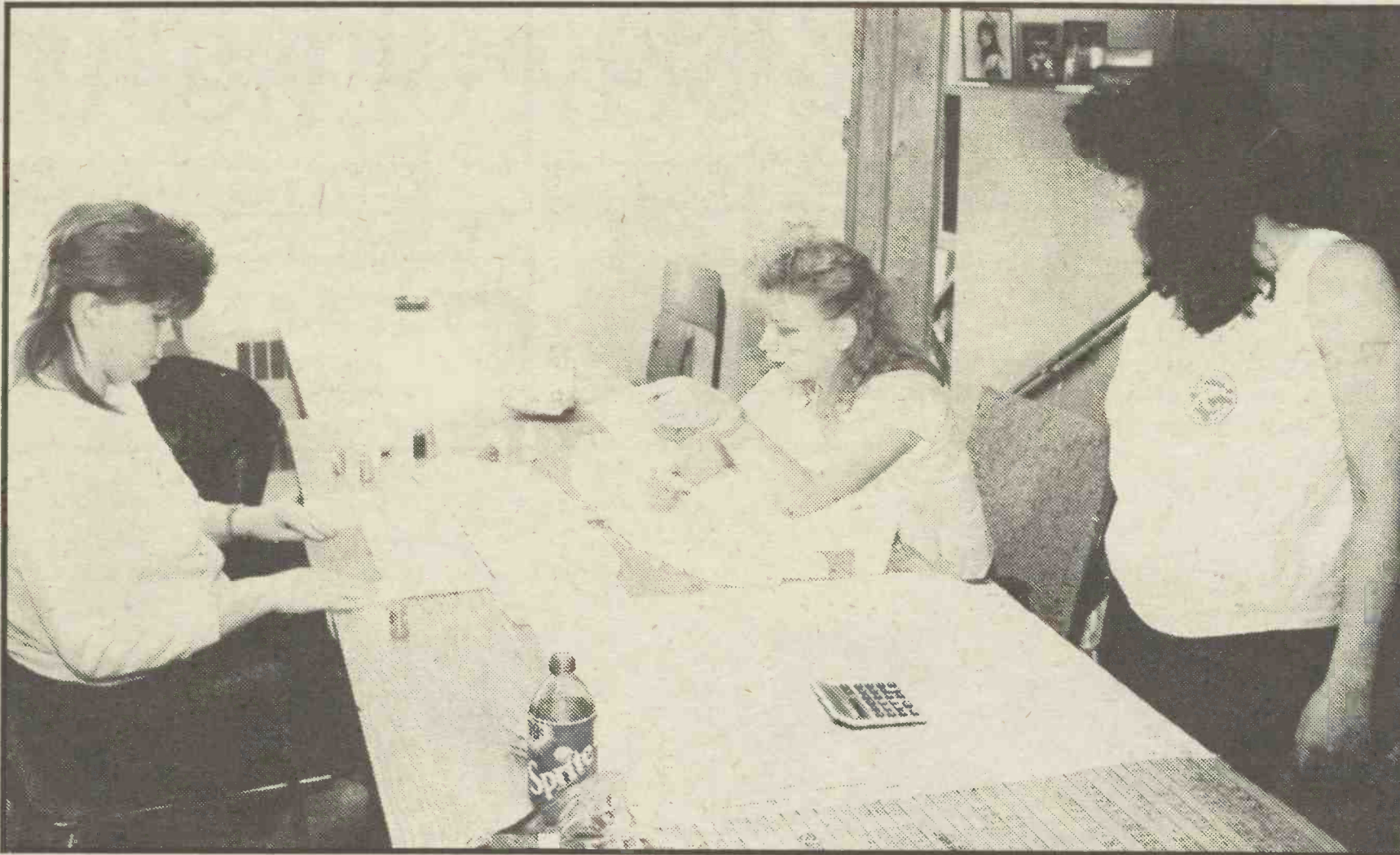
About 300 youth are involved with programs offered by the centre and recently a youth council was formed. Michelle Findlay, 16, was elected president.

One of the council's most successful and larger projects was a trip last year to Disneyland, she says.

"We did bottle drives, held bake sales, raffles and did odd jobs to raise the money for the trip. It paid off.

"We had nine youths and three chaperones travel to Disneyland," says Findlay.

Martel says Findlay is "downplaying" all the work it took to make the trip a reality.



Edson Youth Council members, Rene Beck, Denise Upton and 'Prez' Michelle Findlay busy at work on T-shirts

"Each one of them worked 150 volunteer hours and they did it by themselves," he says.

The youth have since taken on the responsibility of school presentations, teen dances and Native awareness meetings, he says. "They handle it all and everyone is proud of them."

But the youth remain involved with the centre's programs and activities and receive advice and support from the centre's staff.

"In the past the system was failing a lot of the youth in Edson. They had no place to go, no one to turn to. When the centre opened, we felt the youth had to be supported. So the centre be-

came their sanctuary and adults who were involved became role models.

"Today, we work with the youth. After their regular school hours, they come here to do their homework, learn about Native culture and we help them with their studies.

"Many are receiving passing marks now because of the people who are lending their support," notes Martel. But the youth in return for the help they receive, do volunteer work at the centre.

The youth are also taught Roberts' rules of order and parliamentary procedures. "We try to develop them with the idea to be what they want to be, not

what we want them to be," he adds.

A trip is planned to Edmonton, which Martel says will be a learning experience for the youth.

There are plans to visit the museum and West Edmonton Mall, but the youths will also visit the drag area.

"We want to cut down on teenagers leaving the community for the lights of the city.

"When I was a teenager the only homeland I remember for Native youth was jail. For kids in trouble, the trade-off is the drag," says Martel.

Young people should not look to the city as a haven for excite-

ment, but should instead learn there are role models and exciting things to do in their own community, he says.

"We don't want our children prostituting on the drag when they're only 12 years old.

"We have role models right here but our kids don't know them. We want to show them role models here in the community like trappers, Native people in business and working moms and dads," Martel says.

He's proud of what the youth council is accomplishing.

"Sometimes they go out and raise money to send an elder to bingo free of charge for a whole month. Right now they're designing their own T-shirts at the centre," says Martel.

"We want people to know we are involved with community activities and also that we are true Canadians," says Findlay. "That's what our logo on the T-shirts reads," she proudly announces.

Youth council member Rene Beck says they are now raising money for summer activities.

"We're thinking of (holding) powwows and dances," she says.

Findlay says the council has about 40 members but she believes that will grow when the council opens its own office in the near future and launches a membership drive.

"They're a bunch of positive kids," says Martel.

"They are already planning trips of goodwill to other communities such as Wabasca to share what they are doing as a group.

"It's great the way they are working together," he says.

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Salute to Native Youth

Paul Band Career Day: Something for everyone

School hosts 2nd annual event

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

DUFFIELD, ALTA.

A great learning experience and 'pass the bannock, please' is the only way to describe the career day held recently at Paul Elementary Junior High School.

It's the second year the Paul Band school, 60 km west of Edmonton near Duffield, has held a career day. "Once again it was very successful," said kindergarten teacher Barb Williams.

Businesses, agencies and Native organizations from Edmonton, Wabamun and other communities set up displays in the school's gymnasium for students to view and ask questions about potential careers.

Outside, the Paul Band fire truck and an ambulance service were set up to offer the students information about their interesting trades. And a cowgirl — Grade 1 teacher Aileen Wagner

— was there with her rodeo horse. Native Employment Services, Windspeaker and Marie Bird from Native Crafts, a Paul Band member, also attended.

Bird, who is also a drug and alcohol counsellor with the band, is involved with the school teaching students how to sew, bead and create Indian traditional clothing.

"Right now I am showing the Grade 6 to 8 classes how to make moccasins. Many of the students are very creative," she said.

There was something for everyone to find interest in. Appearing at the May 12 career day was a Native RCMP officer as well as representatives from Claudette's Hairstyling and Trans Alta Utilities. Trans Alta explained the nature and dangers of electricity with a unique miniature electrical plant set and Heather Hamel had a steady following of students with her silk plants' display.

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Claudette's captured most of the girls' attention while younger children said they really enjoyed the horse show.

"It was real popular with them," commented Williams.

And a bannock demonstration was held.

Interestingly enough the ban-

nock was made by students from the school. And just as interesting guests were allowed to devour the raisin-filled goodies.

A square dance group and a tae-kwon-do artist were the hit of the afternoon after the "sharing experience" of career day had ended.

Williams said many of the elderly came to the afternoon event to share the bannock and enjoy the show.

And next year "there will be more bannock. You must join us," laughed Williams.

The school has an enrolment of 160 students.



Reporter Rocky Woodward at Paul Band School Career Day



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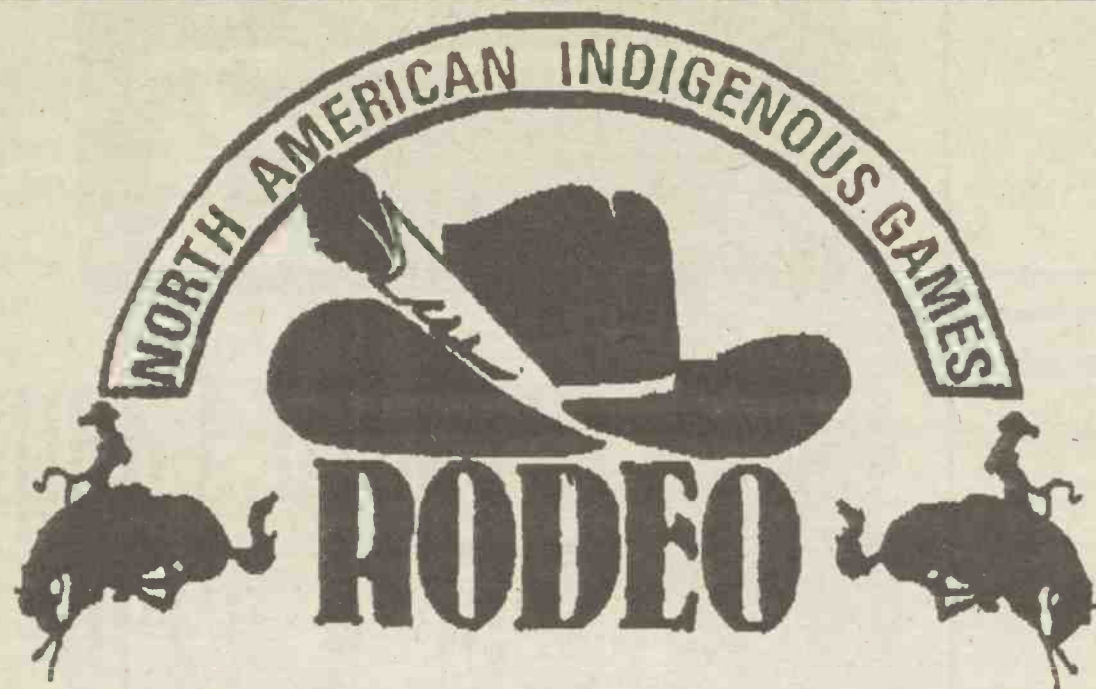
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Salute to Native Youth

Gap divides youth and elders

By John Holman
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Elders often talk about the lost generation of school-age kids who don't respect their elders. These young people don't talk to their elders, don't listen to their parents and they don't seek their knowledge and they abuse drugs and alcohol. It's a generation that fails to meet many elders' expectations.

But there is another view and it's a disturbing one.

The 'lost generation of youths' point their fingers at parents and grandparents and their abuse of alcohol and drugs, which they say are the main obstacles to family communication, sound parental guidance and the teaching of culture and language.

Members of the Inner City Drama Association — a troupe of three females and two males aged 13 to 20 — said drinking drives a wedge between parents and their children. When the youths want to talk about their problems to their parents, they're often turned away, which may drive the kids to use drugs and alcohol.

"I know kids who can't talk to their parents. They constantly fight and don't get along," said 13-year-old Frank Noskey explaining that alcohol and drug abuse hinders family intimacy.

Noskey is one of two group members attending Ben Calf Robe School; the other is 16-year-old Marilyn Bright Eyes. Although she does speak Cree she has found the only way she can learn of her culture is through Ben Calf Robe because parents and grandparents don't seem to have the time or the patience to teach it.

"Parents are too busy partying, drinking and going to bingo," charged Noskey. "The kids are also too busy partying



John Holman

Are youth really lost? Donna Gladeau seems to ponder the question.

— so they can't listen to their elders."

The decline of extended families has also meant fewer opportunities for young people to learn their culture and language. Most families do not live together in a situation where grandparents can spend a lot of time with the grandchildren, said Dwane Jeff, a volunteer with Boyle Street Co-op.

Jeff said there's also not enough educational outlets to pass on cultural teachings and

language instruction in the inner city.

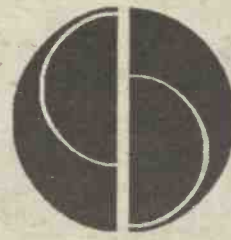
But the centres might not be used, according to Bright Eyes. Some kids "think it's uncool" to learn of their culture. They'd rather "get into this rap (music) stuff," she said.

While the so-called lost generation of youth are among Edmonton's disadvantaged Native people, it also seems from their perspective their parents and elders are also lost.

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Salute to Native Youth

Intense play examines critical issues

By John Holman
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EDMONTON

A new play written by five Native youths takes a hard look at issues facing today's younger generation in Edmonton's inner city.

The story centres around a drug deal gone awry. By the time it's over, one girl has been beaten and another — forced into prostitution — has been raped.

The Inner City Drama Association (ICDA) produced *A Spider in the Web*, an intense play-off between the individual examination of each actor's dreams and aspirations and the tragedy of what can and has happened to teenagers in Edmonton's inner city.

"This is what we think the streets are like and what people are doing and what they can be doing and what they don't have to do," says 13-year-old actor Frank Noskey.

There is also hope in the story with the actors telling their real life career wishes — from becoming a dancer or a doctor to an entertainer — through pop and country music.

The play "consists of our dreams," explains the oldest member of the group, 20-year-old Dwane Jeff, noting the play's message is "if you have a dream, then pursue it no matter what your predicament.

"The spider comes between you and your dream," he adds. "There's always a spider in the web, there's always a spider in the dream and all our dreams are webbed together."

It intends to "get people off the streets and to stop people from using drugs," says Donna Gladeau, 15, another cast member.

"Drugs can mess up your friends' lives and it get you into a whole bunch of trouble," adds Marylin Bright Eyes.

The teens rehearse weekly at the McCauley Boys' and Girls' Club under the tutelage of instructor Joe Cloutier.

Theatre is powerful, helping teens tell their stories to their peers, their families and their community. The Inner City Drama Association program gives them a voice, says Cloutier. The play is often the catalyst for a discussion with the audience on the issues in the play.

The group performed their play at the recent 96th Street Festival and will feature it at Ben Calf Robe School in east Edmonton.

They also hope to present the play in July to children in the shantytowns of Santiago, Chile. The group hopes to bring eight children and two adult escorts to Santiago in an exchange with a similar program.

Funding is being sought for the trip from the Canadian International Development Agency and from local businesses.

It should give the actors a new perspective of their surroundings and will definitely change their lives, says Cloutier. Since productions stem from their experience, there are sure to be changes to the play, he says.

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(Left to Right): Jackie Todd, Dwane Jeff, Marylin Bright Eyes and Donna Gladeau

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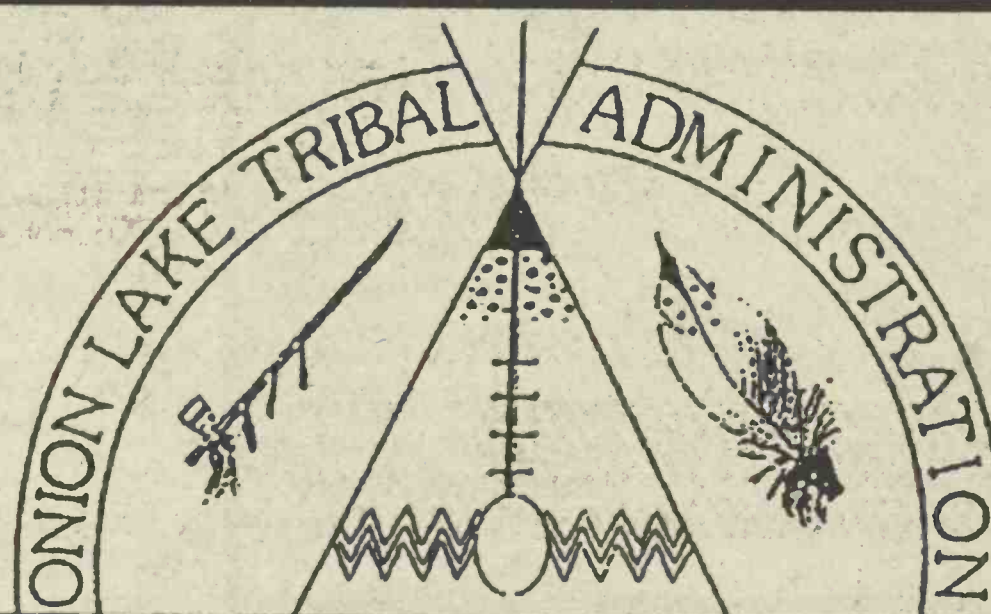
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Trudy Jansen and Annie Cook

John Holman

Mother and daughter reunite after 30 years apart

By John Holman
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

"It was more emotional than I expected. I wasn't going to cry, I told myself I wasn't going to cry."

But Trudy Jansen cried anyway when she met her mother Annie Cook for the first time May 18 at Edmonton's International Airport. As soon as they saw each other they fell into each other's arms.

Shortly after, Trudy's sister Shirley, her nephew Christopher, her husband Werner and her daughter Tanya huddled together savoring the moment.

"I cried so much when I gave her away," said Annie. "So I wasn't going to cry this time."

But she cried anyway, too.

Annie flew in from Inuvik, Northwest Territories after a year of correspondence and a 30-year separation. Trudy was given up after her twin sister

died.

Sister Shirley has boarded with her for four weeks now.

Trudy didn't discover she was adopted until she was seven-years-old.

"I grew up in a white family. I knew I was different," she said of being raised in Edmonton.

"One time I went to the Edmonton Telephone tower, where they have all the phone books, and I looked her number up in the phone book. So I phoned her; it was maybe 1978," she said. "Then I wrote her a letter last summer and we started keeping in contact."

Annie only spent a week in Edmonton before returning to the north, but Trudy plans to attend the Dene National Assembly in Fort Good Hope in July so she can get a taste of northern Native politics and a glimpse of her culture.

Trudy, a member of the Fort Good Hope Dene band, is completing her first year of Native studies at the U of A.



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Sports

Slave Lake Boxing Club helps develop character

By John Holman
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SLAVE LAKE, ALTA.

The well-respected Slave Lake Boxing Club has ended another season. Saddle Lake hosts provincial volleyball tournament

By Diane Parenteau
Windspeaker Correspondent

SADDLE LAKE FIRST NATION

A shortage of teams at Saddle Lake's Native Volleyball Provincials May 12 did little to affect the level of competition, according to tournament organizer and coach Gary Jackson.

"We went down to one day (of play) because of the lack of teams but competition was good," he said.

Fifteen games were played by the male and female teams in two divisions with many of the playoffs going into a deciding game in a best of three.

The home team, the Saddle Lake Juniors, beat their only rival — the Frog Lake Diggers — two games to none earning the right to represent Alberta as the junior team. In junior girls' competition the Hobbema Strikers and Saddle Lake Juniors played off; the win went to Hobbema after two games of play.

The senior boys' competition drew three teams including the

boxing season. It had some great boxers, a good coach, a boxing ring and a punching bag, everything except a place it could call its own.

There is no space or facility in Slave Lake to accommodate it,

Saddle Lake Boomers, the Frog Lake Demons and a team from Driftpile. The visiting team from Frog Lake took Saddle Lake in the playoffs two games to one.

The Saddle Lake girls were victorious in their quest for a first place finish, winning two of their three games against the Frog Lake Blues. The other teams in the competition were Hobbema Enowak and Heinsburg Eagles.

Saddle Lake Seniors' coach Gloria McGilvary was proud of her winning team.

"We worked hard for it," she said. "We had camp and practices every week for two months and we'll be representing the province at the (indigenous) games. They earned it."

The Frog Lake Demons were equally pleased with their tournament showing, said team member Clayton Stanley.

"We're all pretty excited. It's the first time we've been in this kind of situation," he said. His team will also be advancing to the indigenous games.

"It went pretty well," said Jackson. "There will be representation from almost all four corners of Alberta."

Seniors' category MVP award was given to Randal Stanley from Frog Lake. The best setter award went to a Driftpile team member and Randy Cardinal of Saddle Lake took the best hitter award.

Saddle Lake Girls swept the senior girls' individual awards. Trina Poitras was named MVP, Rosemary Steinhauer was selected best setter and Ruth Ann Cardinal was named best hitter.

said coach Alex Coutrielle, a Slave Lake special constable for the last two years. Even if the club did find space, it would have to be rent-free, he said.

"Our club runs strictly on donations (from the Alberta Sports Council)," he explained. "It covers our travel."

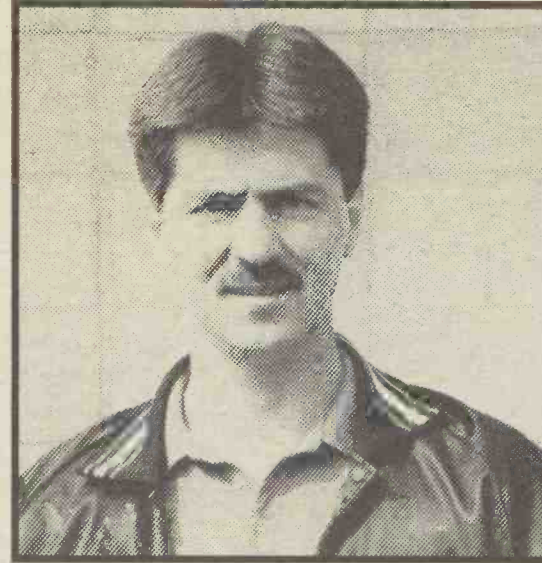
For Coutrielle boxing is more than a sport, it's a way to pass on discipline and sportsmanship to the kids. It's also a devotion and was part of his early life.

"I owe a lot to my uncle Eddie Coutrielle. He helped me by encouraging me to box, training me to box; it's kept me straight," the coach explained.

"I was raised in Canyon Creek, 15 miles west of Slave Lake. The only things to do there was box or get into trouble."

Boxing also gave him the chance to travel around Alberta.

The club is also a good influence on the boys, since training



Alex Coutrielle
John Holman

calls for good health: no smoking, no illegal drugs and no drinking.

Most youth crimes in Slave Lake are thefts from cars, public drunkenness, public disturbances and break and enters, he said.

"If they get into trouble, I'll know about it and they'll talk to me," Coutrielle said with a grin.

A lot of kids join at the beginning of the boxing season in September, but many drop out because of the tough training, Coutrielle said, while others use the training to condition themselves for the hockey season.

The club can only meet twice a week, but members are encouraged to jog and to do other exercises. The coach also tries to convince the boxers' parents to hang a punching bag in their basement if possible since the local school gym used by the team doesn't allow holes for the punching bags — bags are hung on the basketball hoops — and sometimes there are no sparring partners for the kids.

The club's season ended in April with 10 boxers; it had been up to 19. For a select few, training is still going on. Coutrielle wants to send two boxers to the North American Indigenous Summer Games in Edmonton.



Mel Wood

She's made it home safe in a game between Hobbema Red Stars and Grande Centre in a tournament at Goodfish Lake on the May long weekend.

Umpires' Clinic

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Cold Lake First Nation

Band breaks in new chuckwagon track

Diane Parenteau
Windspeaker Correspondent

COLD LAKE FIRST NATION

Cold Lake First Nation hosted the opening meet for the season of the Northern Professional Chuckwagon Association (NPCA) on the May long weekend.

The northeastern Alberta band, which was holding its annual Sports' Days, also hosted an eight team mixed slowpitch tournament.

It was the first chuckwagon meet to be held on the reserve and the inauguration of the band's newly-constructed \$250,000 race track.

"Quite a while back we had a rodeo grounds and track, but they weren't as good as this," said a proud Chief Harvey Scanie, looking out at the new facility. All the ground work including clearing, landscaping and construction was done by local equipment and tradepeople, he said.

The facility which took a year to build, features a well-sloped track surrounded by locally-welded pipe railings. Two large grandstands also made by Cold Lake welders were well used during Saturday's and Sunday's events.

"At one time we had a lot of horses and a lot of races. It died down but it's starting up again," said Scanie.

Cold Lake first hosted an NPCA event in 1972 for the first of four years on its old track, which was later torn down. The band did intend to replace it, but

construction was postponed, said Shawn Metchewais, son of Maynard Metchewais, former Calgary Stampede chuckwagon competitor.

"I always wanted to see something good happen here in the community," said Metchewais, who actively promotes and supports the comeback of local chuckwagon and chariot shows.

"My dream was to have a show here and it finally happened.

I was really impressed with the way things went. We probably satisfied about 95 per cent of the people who came through the gates. It's nice to know you can do something if you put your heart and soul into a community event like this."

There were a number of key people who

Metchewais singled out for helping make the weekend a success: "Francis Scannie who was a councillor at the time, Chief Harvey Scanie was very supportive all the way through, Bernice Martial who is a councillor and also works in recreation, John



Maynard Metchewais

Janvier who was a main coordinator and did lots of the maintenance. Ivan Janvier who was a workhorse. He worked his heart out the past one and a half months. Without him everyone else would have had to work that

much harder and Fred Scanie who initiated the show." He said each deserved a lot of credit and thanks.

Twenty pony chariot wagons broke in the half-mile long sand track. Francis Quinney of Frog

Lake went home with the championship buckle. Another 31 entries in the thoroughbred chuckwagon event turned up the dust with Ray Croteau, who came in Sunday with the lead, managing to stay ahead to finish in first place based on the two-day total time. His outriders were Jeff Hallwachs and Troy Salmund. Salmund also took the one-mile flat race. The half-mile race went to Sonny Poitras of North Battleford.

"The riders, outriders and spectators thought it was a pretty good way to start out the season," said Metchewais.

Meanwhile, over at the Cold Lake school ball diamonds, teams played down to the wire in the B-side finals. The Loon Lake Mustangs edged out the Tri-Town Rookies 8-7

Diane Parenteau

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Saddle Lake

Powwow celebrates a decade of going forward

By Diane Parenteau
Windspeaker Correspondent

SADDLE LAKE FIRST NATION

The second annual powwow of Saddle Lake's Onchaminahos School celebrated 10 years of Native control over local education.

"A vision, a reality, a future" was the theme for the two days of singing and dancing May 18-19 that attracted 162 dancers and 14 drum groups from all over Alberta, Saskatchewan and the northern United States.

It was grand entry time on the last day of competitions. Dancers everywhere were putting the finishing touches on their spectacular outfits while young children waited patiently as parents straightened their feathers and beaded head ornaments and local elders took their places in the line-up. The smell of sweet grass hung in the air and the musical

sound of ankle bells and jingle dancers grew increasingly louder as more and more dancers filled the arena.

Elder Joe Cardinal welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking part.

"One of the purposes (we are here) is to find out who we are and where we are after 10 years of Indian control over education," he said.

"Just like the bush man getting lost in the bush, who must backtrack to know where he is going, we must backtrack, we must go back to the Indian world, hear the drums, dance to the drums and think Indian. From here each of us should know where we are going. We must think ahead also to 10 years from now to find out where we are going.

"This kind of thing," he said, motioning to the listening dancers, "has a healing power within the mind, the spirit, the body.

Education can do wondrous things and we don't have to throw away our Indianness to have education."

School principal Phyllis Cardinal was glad so many people came out to visit the school and the community.

"It shows the people what we're doing as far as our cultural program, what our staff is doing and the involvement of the parents," she said.

"It also shows what can be done when people combine their efforts. Something as beautiful as a powwow brings out the best in everybody."

For a school powwow the turnout was "just great."

The Saturday afternoon powwow featured the crowning of Cheryl Cardinal as Miss Onchaminahos Senior Princess while Sue Ann Cardinal was chosen Junior Princess.

Awards were presented to deserving students to recognize

achievements in sports, academics and citizenship. Volunteer parents received certificates in recognition of their contributions. Community agencies that gave to the school throughout the year were also recognized during the Saturday afternoon awards' ceremonies.

In addition to the powwow, Onchaminahos hosted a Friday parenting conference that dealt with issues facing parents today. Presentations included Donny Raine, traditional dancer Eva Janvier speaking on how to handle a difficult child, Irene Zarowny of the St. Paul AADAC office speaking on drug and alcohol



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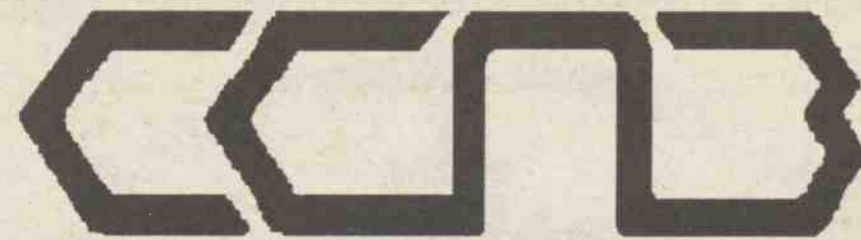
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Calgary Native Awareness Week

Peigan Elder honored by University of Calgary

By Wayne Courchene
Windspeaker Correspondent

CALGARY

Joe Crowshoe Sr., 81, from Peigan Nation received an honorary doctor of law degree at the recent 1990 convocation ceremonies at the University of Calgary.

Honoring Crowshoe was considered an appropriate start to Calgary's week-long Native awareness activities, said coordinator Robert Laboucane. Crowshoe was nominated by the Native awareness week coordinating committee.

He was presented the degree at the first spring convocation for graduates from the faculties of law, environmental design and medicine. Crowshoe broke university tradition by opening the May 11 ceremony with an invocation in the Blackfoot language.

The Blackfoot elder is among well-known people who have received honorary degrees from the university. Last year Douglas Cardinal, a world-renowned architect and a Metis from Al-

berta, was given a degree. Rick Hanson, internationally famous advocate for the disabled, was honored the year previous.

Crowshoe's wife, Josephine, said in an interview "the award gives Indians in Alberta a good name. The award is an honor to all Indians, not just Joe."

He was given the honor because of his history of community service.

Crowshoe's support as a spiritual leader is often sought by many organizations and groups. His contributions date back to 1930 when he became the spiritual leader for the Peigan Nation.

Currently he is an adviser to the Indian Summer World Festival of Aboriginal Motion Pictures held every summer in Pincher Creek. Until recently he provided spiritual guidance to inmates at Bowden and Drumheller correctional institutions.

His philanthropic activities led him to different parts of the world. Crowshoe travelled to

Australia and New Zealand in cultural exchanges with aboriginal people in those two countries. In 1988 he also participated in the Ex-Terra Foundation paleontology mission to China.

His devotion to the preservation of Blackfoot history has him involved with the Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump Interpretive Centre, a world heritage site recognized by the United Nations. His work with the Alberta government collecting and translating oral traditions of his people was recognized at the convocation ceremonies.

Also mentioned was his contribution to the writing of a Blackfoot language dictionary in conjunction with the University of Lethbridge.

Crowshoe has also been recognized for his contributions by other organizations and institutions. Secretary of state gave him a citation for citizenship in 1981. Later that year he received an achievement award from the

province of Alberta in recognition of his contributions to increased understanding between

ethnic groups in the province.

Born Jan 3, 1903, Crowshoe lives with his wife, Josephine, with whom he has 11 children, 46 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.



Elder Joe Crowshoe

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Calgary Native Awareness Week

Friendship centre given Chief David Crowchild award

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff
Writer

CALGARY

Members of the Calgary Indian Friendship Centre received the Chief David Crowchild Memorial Award during Calgary's 1990 Native Awareness Week.

The city's top political officials turned out to present the annual award to the newly-appointed board of directors now chaired by Morley businessman Bob Lickers.

Calgary Mayor Al Duerr lauded the centre for its long history of providing southern Alberta Na-

tives with a safe haven when they come to the city from their reserves. But he also gave praise to the award's namesake, the late Sarcee Chief David Crowchild, for his efforts to promote aboriginal culture within the non-Native community.

"We should never forget Crowchild for what he did for all Canada to promote cultural diversity and understanding and, at the same time, to encourage co-operation," he told a gathering of 100 people at the city hall atrium May 16.

"We sometimes forget what's important to the community."

Duerr said the award is a reminder of the role Native people play in the city's development.

Monique McKay, chairman of Calgary's aboriginal affairs' committee, said the friendship centre has been a vital source of information for her group and



Mayor Al Duerr

Jeff Morrow

has helped non-Native society in Calgary overcome much of its resentment of having an integrated community.

"This city has certainly gone a long way to bridge the gap," she

will," he said.

"The Calgary Indian Friendship Centre takes its responsibility very seriously."

The friendship centre, celebrating its 25th anniversary, was

said.

The committee, which has both Native and non-Native members, is a liaison group set up by Calgary city council to address Native concerns like housing and social services. It was established in 1979 after city officials realized the Native population was growing rapidly.

The award is an indication the city is recognizing the efforts of the friendship centre to help Native people adjust to urban life, Lickers said.

"The award reflects (our) efforts to promote good-

a leading venue for events during Calgary Native Awareness Week May 12-19.

The centre was established in

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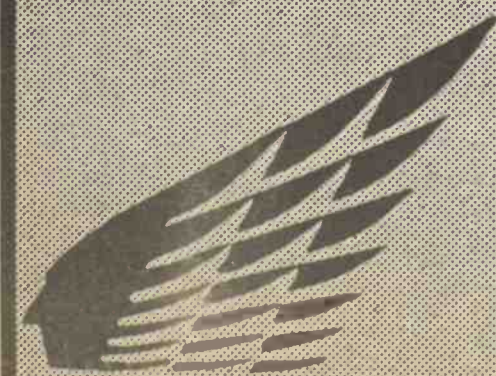
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Calgary Native Awareness Week

Civic Centre a showcase for Native achievements

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CALGARY

Calgary's lavish civic centre was transformed into a showcase for aboriginal achievements and ambitions May 16 as the second annual Native Awareness Week

got underway to create a bond between the Native and non-Native communities in the southern Alberta city.

The city's top officials turned out to honor members of the Calgary Indian Friendship Centre who received the Chief David Crowchild Award for promoting aboriginal heritage.

More than 16 displays were set up in the city hall atrium as visitors, business leaders and Native Calgaryans roamed the centre to find out more about Natives who make up a significant portion of the southern Alberta population.

The most impressive exhibit was an oversized tepee erected in the middle of the hall by descendants of the late Sarcee Indian Chief David Crowchild who was best known for his role in promoting aboriginal culture around the world. His philosophies, which were based on honesty and trust, were also hallmarks of his personal achievements during his time as Sarcee chief from 1947 to 1953.

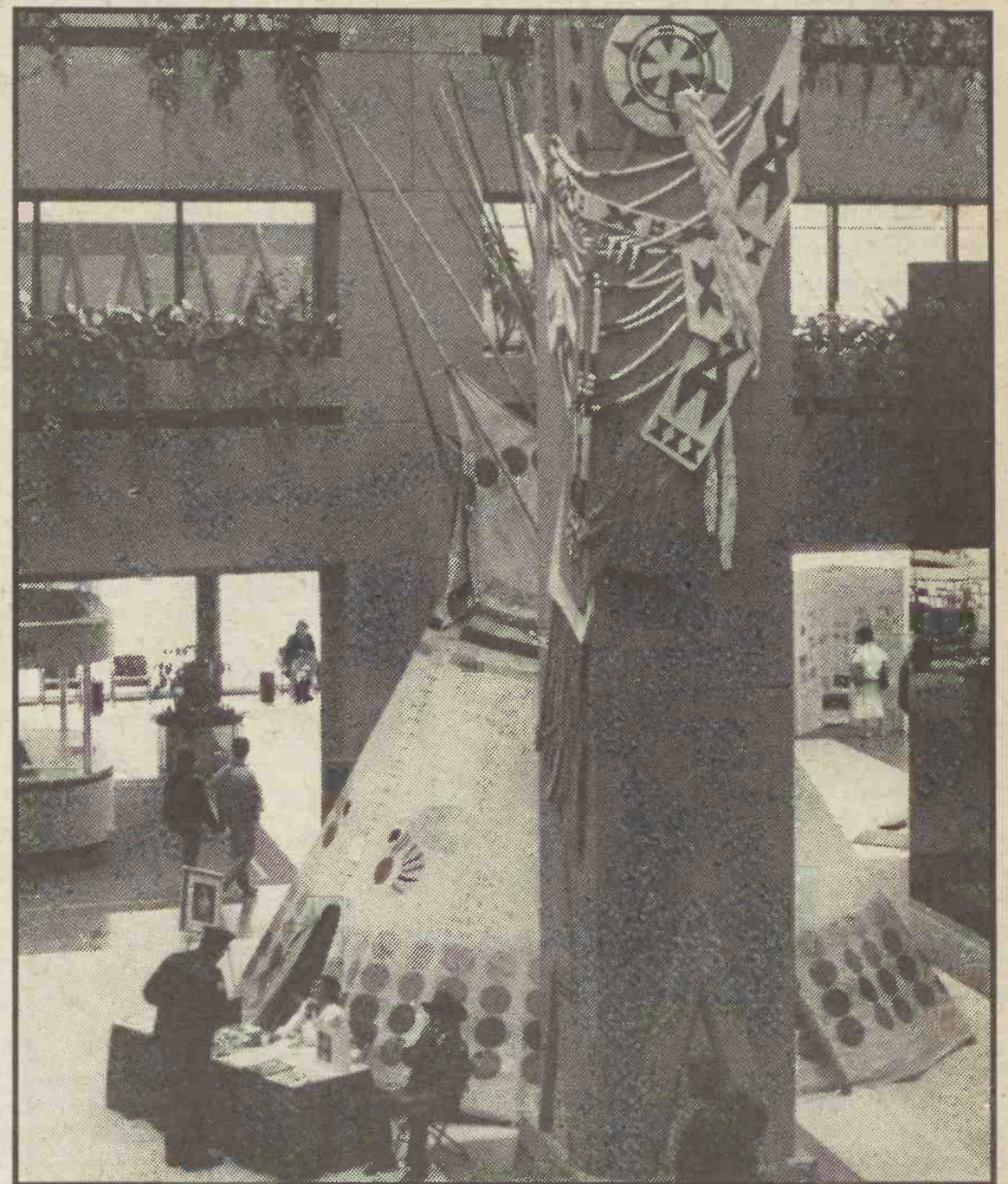
Using a table filled with newspaper clippings and awards, Crowchild's daughter, Victoria Crowchild Aberdeen, shared her father's vision of bringing Native and non-Native societies closer together.

Representatives from the Native Council of Canada, the Metis Association of Alberta, the Alberta Indian Health Care Commission, Native Roman Catholic schools and the Calgary aboriginal affairs' committee were among those providing information about Native progress.

The vivid displays highlighted business achievements on the reserves as well as social gains in Calgary.

The Blackfoot Economic Development Corporation sponsored a booth in hopes of attracting non-Native businesspeople to the Siksika Nation reserve in Gleichen.

The three-year-old operation has already achieved high marks in the southern Alberta business community with the development of a 50,000 square-foot commercial complex on the reserve, a 114-acre industrial park and a tribal ranch.



A tepee erected by descendants of the late Chief David Crowchild was the centrepiece

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Calgary Native Awareness Week

Business should tap growing Native workforce

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CALGARY

Canadian business leaders should strengthen communication with aboriginal people to tap into the country's growing Native workforce, says Alberta Native business consultant George Calliou. Canada's corporate community should be made to understand there's common ground between the Native and non-Native employment field, he said during a noon-hour presentation at Calgary's Palliser Hotel May 17 as part of the second annual Calgary Native Awareness Week.

Calliou told the Calgary chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) Alberta-based companies don't realize there's a huge job market in their own province.

He said the younger Native population is just waiting for the opportunity to show they have the desire to work.

Calliou told IABC there are about 58,000 Natives in Alberta and 51 per cent of them are under age 19.

"There's a tremendous resource coming of age," he said.

"(But) the key to communications is understanding your audience."

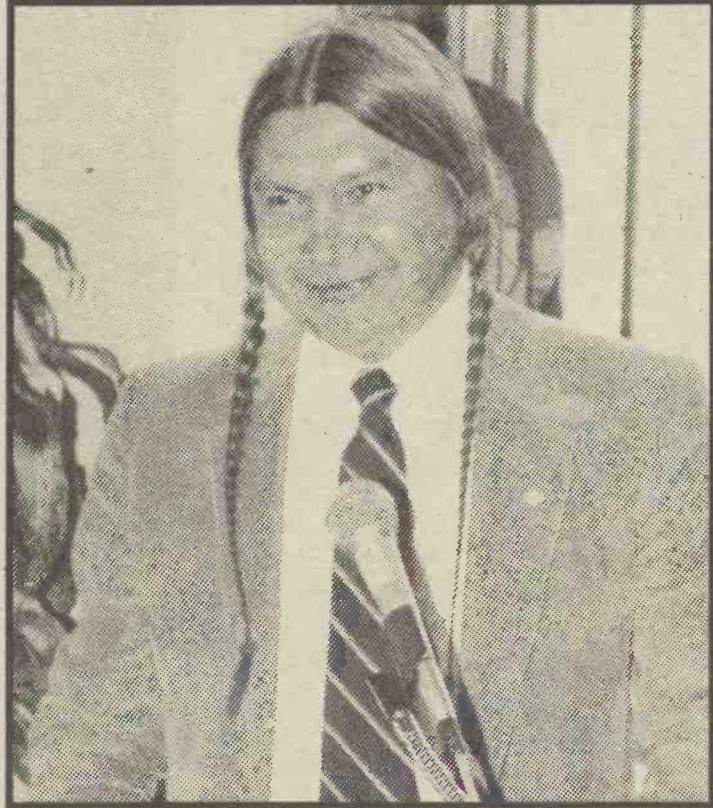
Calliou, founder of Calgary's first Native Awareness Week at the University of Calgary, told the 80-member audience business leaders should overcome

their negative stereotyping of Native people and be made to understand the Native community is hungry to work.

He said the country's aboriginal people no longer have confidence in corporate promises of Native prosperity.

"There's nothing magic about words. Magic comes from action."

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George Calliou

Jeff Morrow

he advised.

Calliou from Sucker Creek reserve in the Lesser Slave Lake area, moved to Calgary May 1 after spending 18 months with the Athabasca Native Development Corporation in Fort McMurray.

He's now a freelance business consultant for companies wanting to break ground with the Native community.

Calliou noted the biggest holdup is not understanding the ways of Native people. He said it's IABC's responsibility to close the communication gap.

IABC is made up of 12,000 public relations' representatives and business communications' professionals from companies in 40 countries.

The 250-member Calgary chapter of IABC meets monthly to discuss communications' initiatives in their area, said program director Jeff Flood.

He said Calliou was asked to speak because there's a need for

the private sector to establish a better rapport with Alberta's Native community.

"It will help people from the business world talk with Natives better when they go on to the reserve," he said.

"It makes the task a whole lot easier."

After the presentation, a government relations' spokesman for Esso Resources Canada Ltd.

said he's now more in tune with the position of Alberta's Native communities and will take Calliou's message back to Esso officials.

"For those of us who don't live in the Native community it's hard for us to understand. (Calliou's presentation) is going to help me do my job better," he said.

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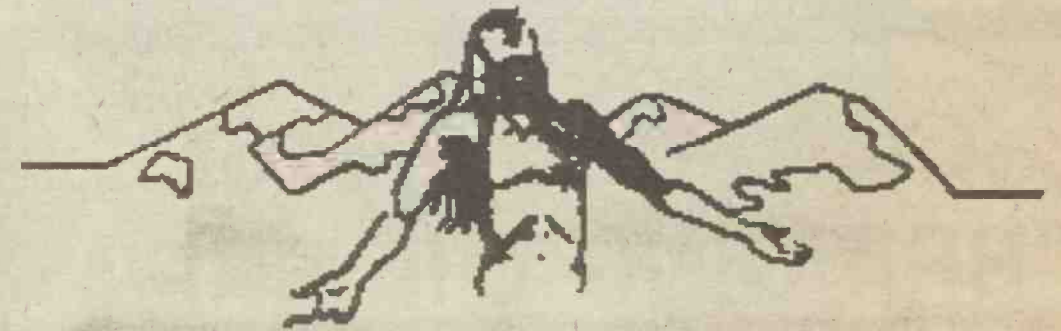
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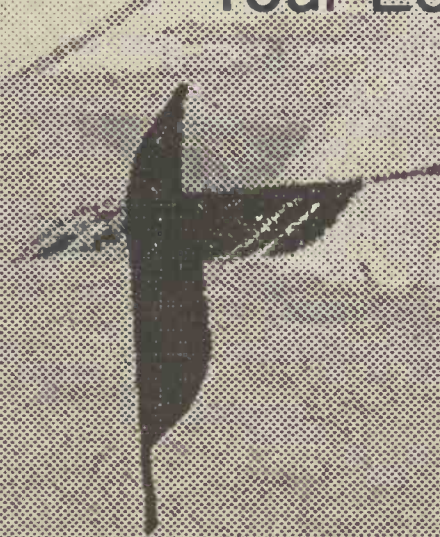
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Calgary Native Awareness Week

Crowchild shaped the life of his stepson

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CALGARY

Edwin Crane was a young man when his stepfather made his immortal vows to better the lives of his people.

The 66-year-old Sarcee elder only wishes that the wisdom of the late, great Alberta Indian Chief David Crowchild will be passed on after he's gone.

"The biggest issue in the world today is change. He always spoke of change," Crane said of Crowchild who died in 1982 after decades of raising the profile of Native culture around the world.

"He brought morals to his people. He thought this thinking would be good for them. I hope this thinking will live on for future generations."

Crowchild, a co-founder of the Indian Association of Alberta, became chief of the Sarcee reserve located west of Calgary

in 1947. He stepped down in 1953 and travelled the world promoting aboriginal cultures.

His honors include receiving a Centennial Medal of Canada and a Citizenship Award from the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and being named chief for life of Sarcee Band. Calgary's Crowchild Trail was also named in his honor.

But the most recent homage paid to the southern Alberta Native leader was a stone sculpture woven around a pillar in the centre of Calgary's city hall atrium in 1987 to mark his lifetime of contributions to Native people.

Crane, who was on hand for the presentation of the 1990 Chief David Crowchild Award, given annually to individuals and groups promoting Crowchild's philosophy, was perched against the memorial pillar with a personal message of his own about his stepfather's influential role on Native people. And he didn't hesitate to boost the profile of

Crowchild whom he said was instrumental in teaching him the fundamentals of life.

The stone memorial is a design of the buckskin outfit Crowchild wore during his days as chief and on his international goodwill tour.

"He also taught me how to work. I learned everything from

him," Crane smiled.

"This memorial will tell people who he was and what he stood for."

Crowchild, who was born in 1899, was best noted for influencing the moral standards of Sarcee Indians through his honesty. He was also revered for his efforts to bring Native and non-Native

communities closer together.

Crowchild was inspired by a London-based humanitarian think tank which visited southern Alberta Indian bands in the 1920s.

Crane said Crowchild studied their philosophies and later adapted them to meet his goals and the needs of Sarcee people.



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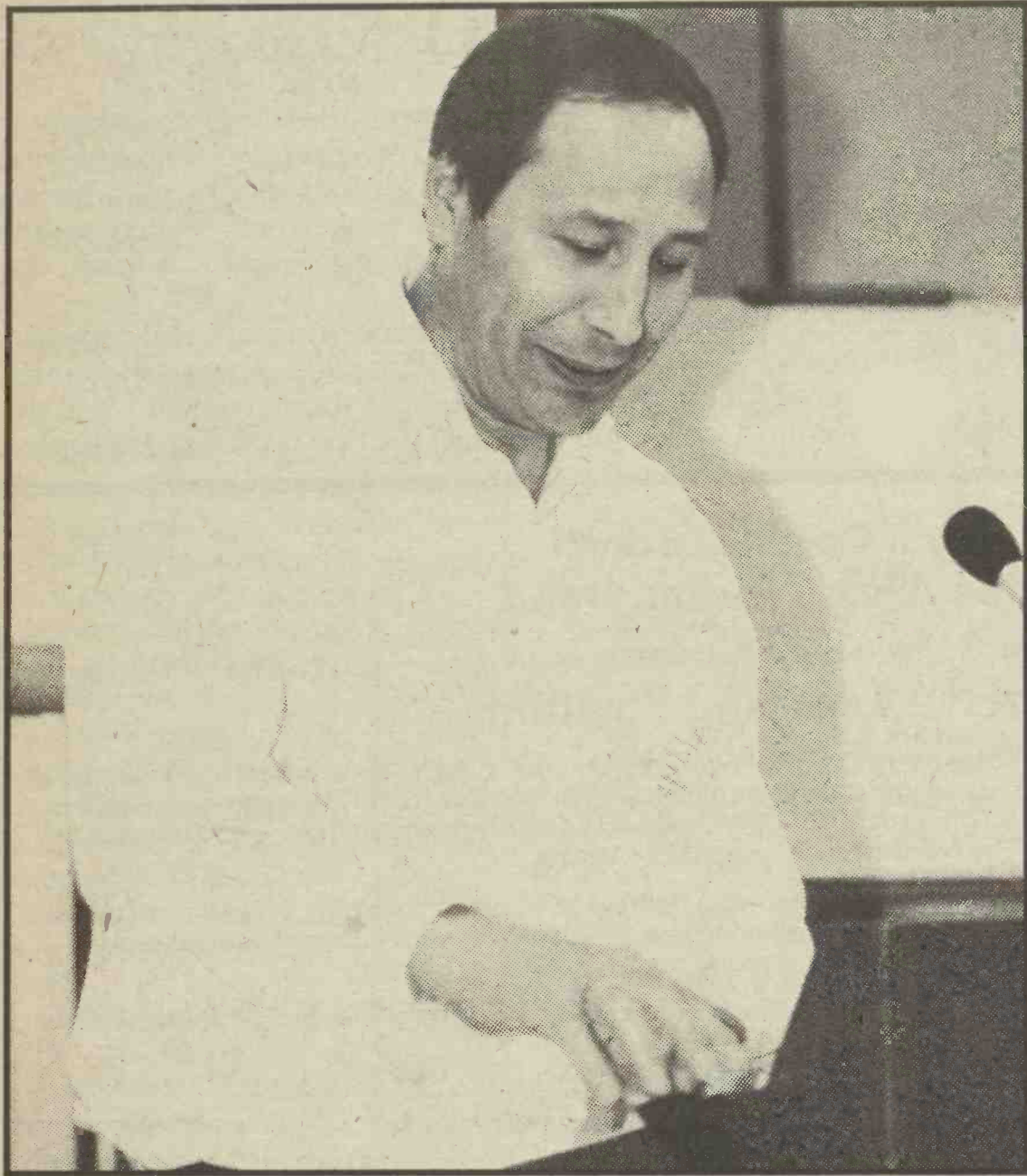
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High jobless rate targeted

By John Holman
Windspeaker Correspondent

RED EARTH, ALTA.

A group funded by government and private industry is trying to fight the very high unemployment rates in the mostly Native communities of north-western Alberta.

Unemployment averages 87 per cent in the area north of Slave Lake and hits a high of 98 per cent in one community, according to Don Smith, coordinator for the Peace Arch Project.

The average annual income of an adult in the area is only \$6,000, he said.

The project which is located in Red Earth, about 182 miles northeast of Edmonton, is trying to change those figures by encouraging the surrounding private oil companies to train and hire area Native people.

"We've got the development but where are the benefits?" Smith asked a host of representatives from oil companies and government at a May 3 banquet in Red Earth where the project was discussed.

People want to know why there is more money taken from the area than invested, he said.

Project coordinator Pete Ladouceur asked the companies to let project officials know of job vacancies so they can be filled with indigenous people from the surrounding communities of Atikameg, Gift Lake, Loon Lake, Little Buffalo, Cadotte Lake, Peerless Lake and Trout Lake.

He also asked them to lower job requirements since most people lack a basic high school education.

"We cannot be successful without your cooperation and understanding," he told them.

According to a Peace Arch survey only 10.2 per cent of the people from surrounding communities have graduated from high school; Grade 8 was the average grade of the 352 people surveyed.

Since Peace Arch began in 1987 it has found 48 jobs for people in the industry: 12 are permanent, 12 are temporary and 24 are in spin-off industries like local road construction. Ladouceur says the project is aiming for 20 permanent jobs and 30 temporary positions directly in the oil industry by 1991.

"In time we hope to possibly bring in some type of apprenticeship in the areas of oil/gas technology, which is offered at NAIT," he added.

Upgrading and job training can be achieved through Alberta Vocational Centre (AVC) and NAIT, he said.

Peace Arch is recommending that job training be offered in the communities, that female involvement be encouraged, that the government subsidize contractors who hire Native people and that aboriginal people be guaranteed an education if they wish to pursue a trade at AVC.

Apprenticeship programs should also be developed in the areas of oil and gas technology, said Ladouceur.

Congratulations to the Calgary Indian Friendship Centre on Receiving the 1990 Chief David Crowchild Memorial Award

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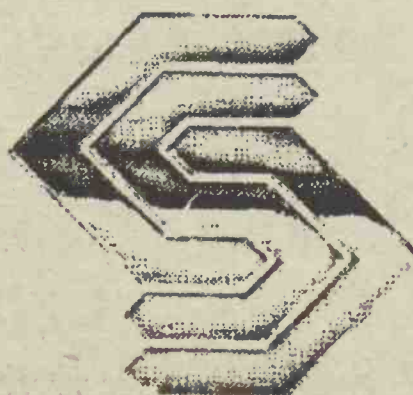
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Environment can't be traded for jobs - Snow



Chief John Snow

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By Rudy Haugeneder
Windspeaker Correspondent

MORLEY, ALTA.

The environment can't be traded for jobs, warns Goodstoney Chief John Snow.

"Unless we respect Mother Earth, we will destroy ourselves," he told graduate university students heading out to Alberta reserves to work as consultants for the summer.

Despite a desperate need for jobs — the Stoney have a 90 per cent unemployment rate — Chief Snow said economic progress can't come at the expense of destroying the environment.

But that poses a problem, he admitted.

The business of making profit

and traditional Indian harmony with nature just "don't jive," he said.

Even Natives who want to make money but live in harmony with nature can't do it "because in order to make money you have to step on it (the environment)," said Snow.

Non-Natives are even worse. "We need to teach non-Natives about the balance of nature, to respect Mother Earth," said Snow, a member of the First Nations Resource Council executive, which runs the program sponsoring the students.

Snow said Indian bands need environmentally-safe economic development and he called on Ottawa to help Indian reserves develop to deal with their "Third World" conditions.

He said federal failure to help bands build a strong economic base is part of the government's ongoing attempt to "assimilate us" into the Canadian mainstream.

He said there's "hardly any" development on reserves, because Ottawa wants to get Indians off reserves.

Snow hopes the federal government will change its ways in the 1990s and will finally help establish environmentally-safe businesses on reserves to help Indians get off welfare.

There will be no improvement of the horrendous conditions now common on Indian reserves unless long-term economic development plans are put into place, he said.

Towns depend on Indian reserves

By Rudy Haugeneder
Windspeaker Correspondent

MORLEY, ALTA.

Indian cash is keeping dozens of small towns located near reserves alive.

"If cut off, they would not be there," said Daniel Skarlicki, director of the Centre for the Advancement of Native Economics.

"The towns enjoy and depend on reserve spending."

Research shows less than 10 per cent of the millions of dollars spent by Native people for goods and services like gasoline, cars, clothes, groceries, doctors and lawyers is spent on reserves, he said.

The rest goes into the cash registers of nearby communities, said Skarlicki, noting many bands have no stores at all.

He advised about 40 graduate university students who will work as IMAP consultants with Native bands and organizations this summer — three-quarters of them law and masters of business administration students — to "share their skills."

But bringing prosperity to reserves is a battle, he warned.

Too many "snake oil salesmen" have sold bands false quick-fix promises of jobs and development and have run off with huge profits leaving bands poorer than before, both economically and environmentally.

Short-term projects have seen forests ripped out and oil and gas fields drained by companies drilling on adjoining lands, said Skarlicki.

Economic development must take into account Indian social and political values if they are to succeed, he said.

Business and senior governments usually ignore or don't understand that Native values are different than those of the general population, he said.

Meanwhile, said Skarlicki reserve projects are doomed to fail if they go ahead without having the overwhelming support of residents.

It's not good enough to have a simple band majority approval for development, he said.

Most band economic plans are short-term because of the short terms of office a chief and council are elected to.

With elections every two or three years, Native politicians must show immediate results or face the prospect of being turfed out of office, he said.

That prevents long-term planning which usually require years before major benefits are seen, said Skarlicki.

Another factor is the importance placed on families. Since band elections are usually won along family lines, elections can be won or lost by as small a margin as one ballot.

The extended Indian family

places great importance on even the most distant family members instead of trained people for band jobs.

"The family comes first," said Skarlicki, citing examples of entire band administrations shutting down so all could attend the funeral of someone who, in white culture, might not even be seen as a distant relative.

It's natural for politicians at all levels — Native and non-Native — to surround themselves with people they trust, he said, but at the band council level it's done to the extreme.

Yet another stumbling block to setting up an Indian-owned private business is the Native value of sharing and working together, rather than making a profit for an individual.

The concept of profit is "unfamiliar" to Natives and causes rifts that could doom a new business venture, said Skarlicki. Natives assume profit is earned at the expense of the rest.

Skarlicki said when a band member is seen to succeed in business this often results in "jealousy." And that means band members won't deal with private Indian-owned businesses.

Still another factor is the spiritual relationship Native people have with the environment.

Hunting and fishing are important and projects which threaten the environment are usually opposed, said Skarlicki.

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Calling Lake

Treatment program suffers because of apathy

By John Holman
Windspeaker Correspondent

CALLING LAKE, ALTA.

Alcoholism has long been a plague to the Native community and different ways have been found to fight it. In Calling Lake a federally-funded program is promoting sobriety and a wholesome lifestyle with sober dances and other liquor-free events.

A mobile treatment program has promoted sobriety in the community of 600 people which last autumn resolved that "addictive behavior was no longer going to be tolerated," said facilitator Loyola Hansen.

But community apathy has taken most of the momentum out of the program, which Hansen said has not been as effective as she would like. She said the outgoing community council did not work as closely with the program as it should have.

"We're just going on the wing."

The program is lagging because it's the first time it has taken place off a reserve and there are no band council resolutions backing prohibition, which would support the program, Hansen said. She hopes she can have a strong working relationship with the newly-elected com-



Loyola Hansen John Holman

munity association so a strong group is left behind.

Meanwhile, she said youth need recreation facilities to keep them out of trouble. "Youth court is often quite lengthy."

And adults need employment opportunities.

"Some of the people were really looking forward to the (Alberta-Pacific pulp) mill opening up," she said, predicting if it does open, it would give the community a needed boost. Employment would help many families get back on their feet again.

Hansen will leave the community in September but before she leaves she hopes to develop a support group and to have five counsellors trained by facilitators from the Nechi/Poundmaker's

Lodge in Edmonton and the Nachake Treatment Centre in Prince George. Other groups will be formed to deal with incest and family violence.

She said if only three or four people attain sobriety, she will be happy.

"Success in this program can't be measured in numbers. If three or four people are really strong in working for the community, that will make the program a success."

Community support worker Loretta Gladue began a youth group in June in conjunction with the mobile treatment program.

"It's easy starting something but you have to push them (the youth)," she said. "I do it because I enjoy it."

The group keeps busy working with a recently-formed elders' society, going on field trips and pursuing job training.

Meanwhile, Gladue knows where all the jobs are and

makes referrals.

Operation Cooperation, a one-year program funded by the province, offers potential school dropouts programs in basic literacy, defensive driving and heavy equipment operation. They also get placements with local businesses.

Employment in Calling Lake is mostly seasonal. Temporary work may be found at the local sawmill, the housing association or various other businesses, said Gladue.

Before the youth group and Operation Cooperation were established local young people had so much time on their hands they were getting into trouble, she said. "(This) gives them something to do."



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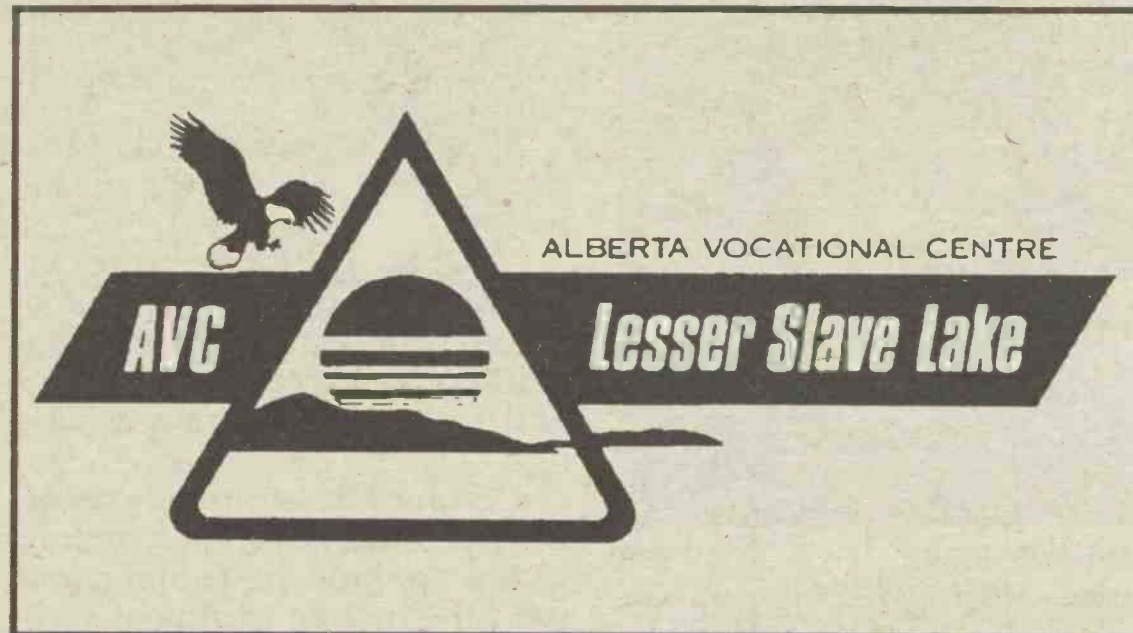
AVC unveils a new logo

AVC—Lesser Slave Lake has unveiled a new corporate logo.

"The final design is the result of ideas and input from the many stakeholder groups of the institution. I think we are all pleased with the consensus reached and the dynamics of the centre's new image," said AVC president Dan Vandermeulen.

The new AVC logo reflects the identity of the institution through a number of symbolic design elements, which work together to portray important aspects of AVC—Lesser Slave Lake.

The equilateral triangle is the most important symbol of AVC—Lesser Slave Lake and is



the cornerstone of the logo. It stresses the equality of the centre's three components: the

students, the communities and the staff. The triangle is symbolic of the bond and communication between the groups.

The triangle is often perceived as a symbol for a mountain — of having a goal or focal point at the top and striving to reach it.

As Vandermeulen points out "this symbolism applies to our students in reaching their personal and career goals, to our staff and community members and to the centre as a whole."

Within the triangle is a stylized sunrise and lake scene. It represents both the lakeshore beauty of the centre's many communities and a new day dawning with its new opportunities.

The eagle is the other design element of the AVC logo. It's a symbol of strength and wisdom. It portrays what the centre does, but also signifies the institution is being managed and conducted with wisdom, assurance and strength of purpose.

The eagle flies high and covers much ground — symbolic of the great expanse of territory AVC encompasses, an area like the eagle's domain, which is wild and natural. From great heights the eagle can view the great picture and yet its vision can focus on the smallest detail. For AVC this stresses the importance of the entire organization in combination with a keen focus on each community.

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"The Nova representatives were very impressed with the program and the graduating students," said Nichols.

"They also expressed an interest in AVC Lesser Slave Lake offering a 2-week survey computation course for some of their existing field staff from Calgary," he said.

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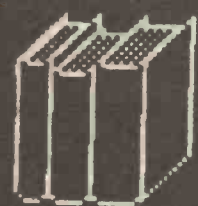
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Cardston

Learning Blackfoot key to winning Princess crown

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

CARDSTON, ALTA.

A Grade 9 student's knowledge of her Blackfoot language helped her capture the coveted 1990 Junior High School Princess crown in Cardston.

Letitia Wells, a Blood Indian student and a prominent fancy and jingle dress dancer, received the title May 3 after a hectic week of activities. The event capped the school's Spirit Weel Multi-

Cultural activities.

Candidates were judged by teacher Lena Russell, counsellor Harris Heavy Runner and Blood band member Ann Marie Wolf Child. They were judged on their knowledge of Blackfoot, their dancing abilities, their dress and impromptu speeches.

Aware that many young Blood Indians are rapidly losing their language, Wells was motivated to enroll in a Blackfoot language class at the school. She became so competent in speaking her Native tongue, she was

able to explain her lineage in Blackfoot to the judges, which most likely won her the princess title.

"I'm happy and proud," smiled Wells as she was crowned by last year's princess Lorna Day Chief before a crowd of 300 students, teachers and visitors.

She will serve as a goodwill ambassador representing the school at powwows and functions. An experienced fancy dancer since a youngster, Wells is now trying her hand at jingle

dress dancing. Wells was so interested in the growing and popular new dance she researched and talked about it during the English speech portion of the pageant.

During the multicultural celebrations, students were exposed

to the vast cultures in Canadian society. Presentations ranged from an Inuk lullaby by the Cardston Girls' Choir to a fast-paced demonstration by the Heartbreakers Baton Twirlers.

A round dance ended the day's festivities.



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Focus on Native Business

Kikino business comes out of the closet

Marcella and Floyd Thompson's customers ran them out of their home — and they don't seem to regret it.

The couple from Kikino Metis Settlement near Lac la Biche began selling pop and cigarettes in their kitchen in 1986 and soon discovered the demand for convenience foods could make them a modest living.

"Prior to building a store we wanted to see how well it would go," says Floyd, who is also settlement chairman of the northeast Alberta community. "We did our market study our own way," he adds with a chuckle.

As soon as word was out, the 1,000-strong settlement began beating a path to the Thompson's 10-foot-square kitchen. It was crowded at times. But there the new-found customers came across a home-made counter, a cash register and the family fridge that stored an assortment of soft drinks.

"It was pretty cramped," re-

calls Marcella, who for many years worked as a garment cutter and is now the principal operator of M&F Confectionery.

Until the 1970s the settlement was served by a government-run store. A decade later another settlement resident started selling a few items out of his house but gave up because he was busy with other business interests.

"Apart from talking to other people about the ups and downs," recalls Floyd, "we didn't know anything about business."

But not long after opening



Bert Crowfoot

(Left to Right): Marcella Thompson, Floyd Thompson and Vincent Bruno.

their kitchen outlet, people were asking for movies, milk and bread. Floyd made a few inquiries in Lac la Biche and arranged for a regular supply of videos and other goods.

By early 1987, after a year of customers asking for more services, Marcella and Floyd decided to get out of their kitchen. Their "market study" was complete and they thought they could make a go of it.

"It was scary at first," Floyd remembers. But a loan from Settlement Investment Corporation (SIC) convinced them their idea could come out of the closet.

While on holidays from his job as a personal and vocational counsellor at AVC Lac la Biche, Floyd supervised the construction of the new 1,000 square foot facility.

Credit was arranged with suppliers and contractors so shelving and other in-store fixtures could be built. "They knew

me and trusted me," Floyd recalls. After many years of involvement with the Lac la Biche hospital board and participating in regional economic development efforts, Floyd was well-known in the Native and non-Native community.

Some advice from retailers in Lac la Biche, who weren't concerned about competition from a new store, also helped in starting the business. "They're members of a minority group and know what it's like," says Floyd.

"My interest was not to take away all the business," he maintains, noting Kikino residents still go to town to do most of their major shopping.

Once word was out a store would open, consumer demand again raised its head. "People said," Floyd remembers, "that if you're opening up a store, what about selling gas?" So, Marcella and her husband thought about it and added a few pumps.

The Thompsons remember well Oct. 13, 1988. It's the day they sold their first litre of gas.

"Once they saw the pumps, they were pulling up and filling up, Floyd recalls. "I didn't even have a till."

Since opening day it's been a series of long days, particularly for Marcella. "It's so time-consuming," she says.

It's been good for the couple's five children, who help by taking evening and weekend shifts. "The kids have a sense of responsibility because of the business," says Floyd.

This summer they may add a deck to the store. The confectionery is already used as a community gathering spot and a deck would make it easier for people to stay and chat, says Floyd. He remembers there was a lot more social interaction in the community before telephones and television sets were available. The store, he feels, meets a long-standing social need in Kikino and that's what keeps the Thompsons in the business.

"It's a sense of providing a service to the community that's never been available," says Floyd. "That's the biggest thrill."

Focus on Native Business is a monthly column about Native entrepreneurs. It's sponsored by the Economic Development Discussion Group, which meets four times a year to discuss Native employment and business development. Current members include: Alberta Power Limited, Amoco Canada, BANAC, Esso Resources, Husky Oil, Indian Affairs, Indian Oil & Gas Canada, Alberta Municipal Affairs, NOVA Corporation, The Royal Bank, Shell Canada, Syncrude and Transalta Utilities.

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Life as a Teenager

Life as a teenager is mostly fun but sometimes can be boring. Sometimes teenagers wish that they were older. They say older guys are more gorgeous than the younger guys. Older guys are sometimes gorgeous. When you're a teenager you go through a lot of changes; like you change your attitude. You get an experience about how to take care of yourself. When you get to be a teenager you're worried about your looks (the girls). Some girls, just about all of them, wear make-up and curl their hair or have pierced ears. Some teenagers go into drugs or girls become prostitutes. Others get sexually abused or raped. Teenagers living on the street eat from garbage bins, someone should look at the kids who roam around and put them under his/her wing or ask him/her to dinner. People should get the kids' point of view, so someone could help them.

By Martina Noskey

Being Young

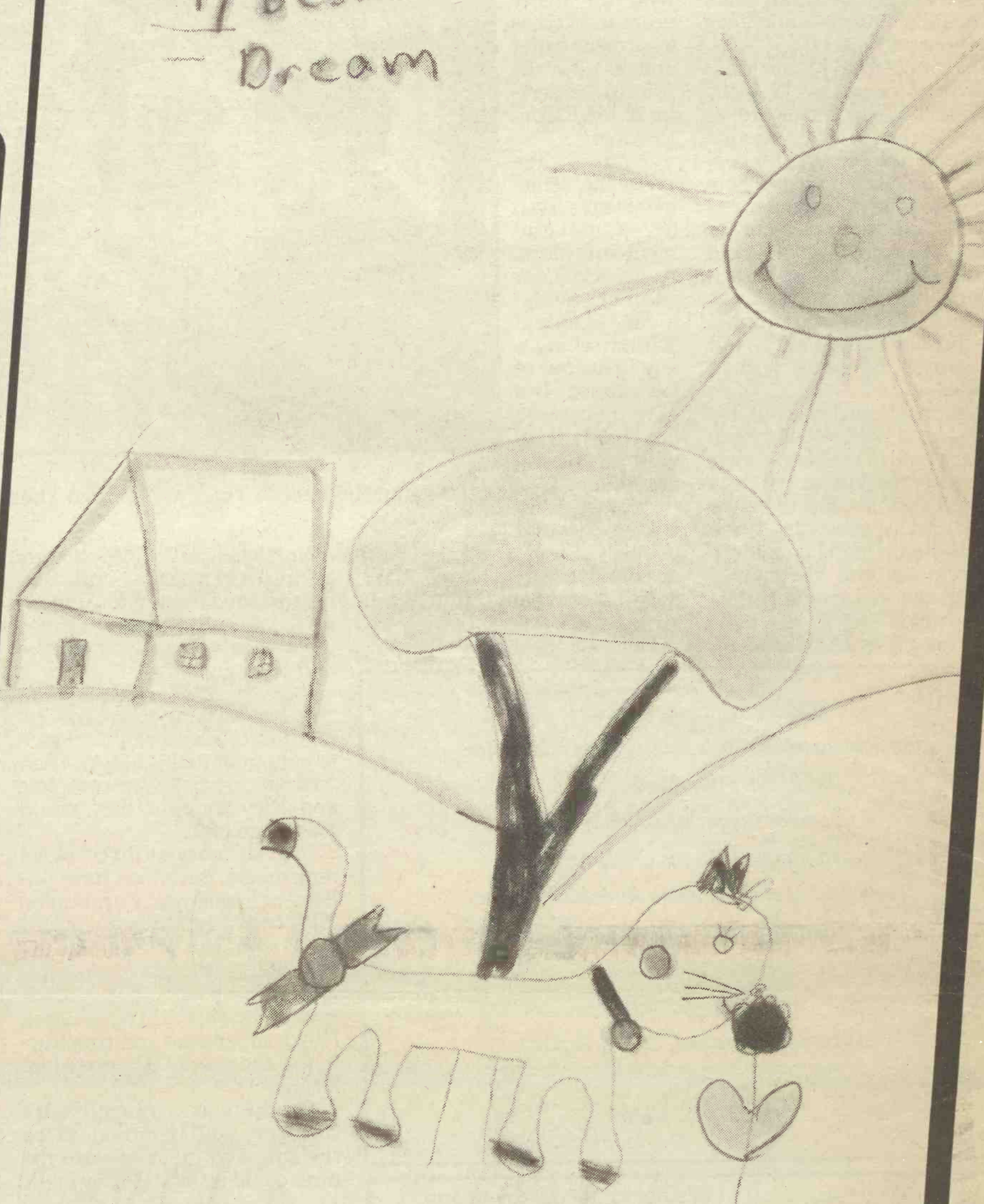
I liked it when I was younger because I hardly had to work. But, when I was older I knew that things wouldn't stay the same. When I am much older I am going to try to be in the NHL or maybe even be a hunter.

By Randy Houle, Grade 6

I like to be a native Indian you can learn how to make something and learn how to hunt and learn to how to make bows and arrows and learn how to trap big animals like bobcats and minks and other big animals and learn how to make clothings like shirts and bangles I like to do hunting and trapping animals and make bows and arrows and spears guns and knives to kill animals

By Shannon Houle, Grade 6, Age 12

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