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Quote of the week

"Either they'll lock all our people up or they'll shoot all our people. We've got to do whatever it takes." — Lubicon chief Bernard Ominayak, on the consequences of another blockade.

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Lubicons threaten to evict Petro-Canada

Company given 30 days to obtain permits

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The Lubicon Indian band has delivered an ultimatum to Crown corporation Petro-Canada to get off their land in 30 days or they'll tear the plant down.

And Lubicon members will be prepared to face gunfire to make sure that this happens, vowed Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak during a press conference in Edmonton Nov. 2.

"Either they'll lock all our people up or they'll shoot all our people," he said.

"We've got to do whatever it takes. We can't sit back any longer."

The Lubicons are demanding that Petro-Canada obtain operating permits and leases from the band for oil exploration by Nov. 31 or face the consequences.

"Failure to meet any of these conditions will make involved projects subject to removal as unauthorized developments on unceded Lubicon territory," said Ominayak, in a letter to the federal government.

The letter also said that the federally-owned oil companies must make arrangements to pay the band royalties from extracted resources they have taken from traditional lands on the Little Buffalo, Alberta reserve.

"We haven't ceded our land to anyone. Petro-Canada has to be prepared to shut down or we're prepared to take action," he

said.

Ominayak said he'll summon the Indian Nations who've signed the Treaty alliance defence pact if Petro-Canada doesn't comply with Lubicon demands.

The Treaty Alliance of North American Aboriginal Nations, signed by 19 Indian chiefs from across Canada, calls for bands to rally in support of other Indian Nations protesting government policy.

Ominayak said the 447-member band has "no alternatives."

In October 1988, the Lubicon band erected a blockade of roads leading on to their land to protest oil company activities on their land, 500 kilometres northwest of Edmonton.

The roadblock was dismantled by the RCMP and a few protesting band members were taken to jail.

Ominayak said it may not be so easy for the police to control the Lubicon this time around.

"We'll have to deal with it at a different level. The development has to stop," he said.

A spokesperson for Petro-Canada said her company is not considering the Lubicon demands.

Ominayak has not received a response from Ottawa.

Lubicon land claim negotiations with the federal government hit an impasse last January. Ominayak said his people are tired of waiting for talks to resume and are "ready to move forward."



Jeff Morrow, Windspeaker

Young protesters

Three-year-old Billy Cote (left) and Evan Cardinal, also three, dance in support of the Innu from Labrador who were in Edmonton to mobilize support against the federal government's proposed NATO base near their homeland. The two powwow-dancers are members of the Desjardin Family Dancers in Edmonton.

Northern Natives demand assurances about pulp mill

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

FORT MCMURRAY, ALTA.

Native people in northern Alberta should be given assurances that they will benefit both economically and environmentally if a

\$1.3 billion pulp mill is built in Athabasca, says Fort McMurray band chief Robert Cree during a panel discussion in that city Oct. 30.

Cree, president of the Athabasca Tribal Council, told a federal-provincial environment review panel it needs to take his demands back to Ottawa.

The hotly-disputed pulp mill was proposed by Alberta Pacific Forest Industries Ltd. Alberta Pacific is owned by a British Columbia company which is controlled by Japan's Mitsubishi Corp. and Honshu Paper Inc.

During last week's public hearing, Cree told the eight-member panel that Native people in northern Alberta object to the way the proposal has been presented to them.

"The conduct of Alberta-Pacific and the Alberta government to date has given us little reason to believe that they will fully address our environmental or socio-economic concerns," he said.

"We are relying on the panel to use its influence on both levels of government to properly exercise their

duty and power to protect the environment... and ensure socio-economic benefits come to Native people."

Environment Canada spokesman Robert Lane stunned Alberta Pacific officials at the same hearing when he concluded that there was insufficient information to fully assess the environmental impacts and cumulative impacts resulting from proposed and existing mill developments on the Peace and Athabasca river systems. Lane is director of the federal department's protection services.

He told the panel that his department and the federal fisheries department want Alberta Pacific to more fully explain how its massive bleach-kraft mill will affect the ecosystem of Wood Buffalo National Park and the Athabasca and Peace river systems.

Cree says the terms of reference which serves as a set guidelines for the public hearings are insufficient in addressing Native concerns.

"The terms of reference deal only with the plant and the project as a whole. The panel should have ad-

ressed the environmental impact as a whole, including the logging and forest components of the business," he said.

The review panel was established in August to study public response to the environmental impact

assessment (EIA) report released by Alberta Pacific.

Other meetings were held last week in Janvier, Wabasca-Demarais and Lac La Biche.

In September, Alberta Environment Minister Ralph Klein issued a warning to Alberta Pacific stat-

ing that the EIA must meet with the public's approval or the pulp mill may not be built.

After finding 231 flaws in the EIA, Klein told Alberta Pacific officials that public suspicions have to be relieved before construction of the mill could begin.

Province keeps close watch on Zone 3; no mismanagement found

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Alberta Municipal Affairs is keeping a close eye on the financial affairs of the Zone 3 regional office of the Metis Association of Alberta, says an assistant deputy minister.

Presidents of five of the six locals in the zone attempted to have the two leading MAA officials removed earlier this year. They alleged money was being mismanaged.

But Alberta Municipal

Affairs has found "no evidence" to support any mismanagement of funds, said Dennis Surrendi, who heads the Native services and improvement districts division.

"We've reviewed the financial statement, and to the extent they have to be accountable to a certain date they are," he said.

The department has been closely monitoring the office to ensure it accounts for all money received from the province, Surrendi said.

Municipal Affairs is satisfied with action taken to date by the MAA and that provincial funding is

being spent for the purposes it was given, he said.

Meanwhile, said Surrendi, a funding request has been received from the Metis Self-Determination Society of Alberta, which hopes to represent southern Alberta Metis.

"They have submitted a funding request. We have responded formally," he said.

Surrendi said he hopes to meet with society spokesman Bruce Letendre and Harold Millican to discuss the proposal, but attempts to reach Letendre have been unsuccessful.

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RCMP cite bravery of Saddle Lake crash rescuers

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

SADDLE LAKE, ALTA.

Two Saddle Lake men have been singled out by the RCMP for their bravery in helping save the lives of two Goodfish Lake men injured in a head-on collision which claimed four lives.

Alvin Steinhauer and his cousin Bruce were heading home Oct. 27 in separate vehicles when they came upon a burning half-ton truck and a car which had collided during poor weather on Hwy. 28, eight kilometres west of St. Paul.

Bruce Steinhauer and an unidentified St. Paul man helped Jarrod Houle, 21, driver of the pickup truck, and his passenger Ricky Delver, 24, out of the flaming half-ton to safety while Alvin attended to the people in the car.

Unable to free the car crash victims, Alvin, 19, helped secure a cable to the car so it could be towed free of the burning truck. But he had to wait helplessly for a fire truck to arrive so entry could be

gained to the car. All four occupants of the car died.

Killed were Wilfred Large, 47, his wife Mary, 48, his mother Louisa, 88, and Laura Jackson, 72. Funerals were held Wednesday on the Saddle Lake Reserve.

Alvin said Bruce and the unidentified St. Paul man "were great. There was no time to panic. It all happened so fast. We just acted on natural instinct."

"We risked our lives. We weren't quite sure if that truck was going to blow up again or not. But we didn't really think about that. We tried to do our best," he said.

"It was a heck of a risk," said Alvin.

"It felt really good afterwards to have helped somebody. I'm sure they would have helped me if I was in that truck also," he said. "I wasn't happy to be there but I was happy to help."

The accident happened about 11:30 p.m. when the 1989 Chev Caprice, driven by Mary Large, collided with the pickup, which lost control on the slippery, slush-covered highway.

Houle was treated in

hospital and released. He's at home for the next two weeks nursing a sore kidney and hip. Delver is in serious condition at University Hospital where he's being treated for serious burns.

Houle said he's grateful to his rescuers for pulling him and Delver out of the burning truck. "They were very brave. They kept me from burning."

"I'm glad to be alive right now," he said, expressing his sorrow for the victims and their families.

Alvin is a Grade 12 student at Ashmont Secondary School near Saddle Lake.

Principal Richard Dowson said "it's quite a tragic story but quite a remarkable thing they did."

Once it's clear exactly what role the various rescuers played, the RCMP will recommend bravery citations be issued, said Sgt. Walter Chykalsky of the St. Paul RCMP.

"They acted quickly and in a brave manner to do the things they did with a burning vehicle," he said.

None of the people in either vehicle wore seat

belts, according to the RCMP.

It's the second time in two weeks Native youths have been recognized for

their efforts in pulling people from burning vehicles.

Joey Morin and Eugene McLean are credited with

saving the lives of three groggy men from a burning truck seconds before it exploded in downtown Edmonton Oct. 14.

Three more bands sign defence pact

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

COLD LAKE, Alta.

A mutual defence pact among militant Canadian Indian bands was given extra support Oct. 25 when three more Alberta chiefs signed the agreement during a Treaty 6 meeting at the Cold Lake Reserve.

Beaver Lake Chief Al Lameman, Kehewin Chief Gordon Gadwa and Cold Lake Chief Harvey Scanie become signatories of the Treaty Alliance of North American Aboriginal Nations.

Chief Earnest Sundown of the Joseph Bigstone First Nation in Saskatchewan also signed the pact which calls for Indian nations to rally in support of disgruntled bands protesting govern-

ment policies they claim violate treaty rights.

The pact, which was first established at the Assembly of First Nations conference in Quebec, City last July, was spearheaded by Lubicon Lake Indian Chief Bernard Ominayak.

Ominayak, whose band has been at odds with the federal government over land and Treaty rights for more than 50 years, was on hand for the Cold Lake signing. He could not be reached for comment.

There have been 19 signatories so far, seven from Alberta.

Sarcee Chief Roy Whitney, Samson Chief Victor Buffalo and Bigstone Chief Chuckie Beaver are also members of the alliance. They represent more than 8,000 Indian band members.

The pact calls for member organizations to lend political, moral and, if needed, physical support, said Joe Norton, Mohawk Chief from Quebec.

Norton, grand chief of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake, said a committee will be set up by each band to discuss what type of support will be offered.

Funds will also be collected to lend financial support to protesters.

"The pact is the first step in unifying ourselves," Norton said.

The Lubicon band, which was confronted by RCMP officers when it blocked a road leading on to its Little Buffalo reserve in October 1988, offers an example of challenges facing Indian Nations, he said.

Drop-in centre opens to help Native youth

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

An inner city drop-in centre is reaching out to help Native youth deal with the problems of inner-city life.

With a \$15,000 grant from the Native services' division of municipal affairs, the Amiskwaskikun Society opened the Adrian Hope Youth Drop-In Centre last September at 11407-86th St.

The centre was established to fill a need for Native social programs in the Edmonton area.

It was officially opened Oct. 31 by Thelma Chalifoux, vice-president of the society, and by Larry Des-



Thelma Chalifoux, Larry Desmeules and Robert Kusch officially open the Adrian Hope Youth Drop-In Centre in northeast Edmonton.

meules, president of the Metis Association of Alberta.

The need for the centre was first identified in 1986 after some Norwood residents wrote the MAA, saying their children were suffering from the trauma

of inner-city life, said Chalifoux.

At that time, a significant increase had been noted in gang activity, drugs, prostitution and violence, she said.

The centre, which employs three youth workers,

is home for young people from ten to 18-years-old.

"Here is a place where they are not being judged or condemned and no one is there to try and save them," said Chalifoux.

"This centre is the first step in the long road of recovery for these children."

Most of the young people are between 13 to 16 years old. They come needing food, clothing or a warm place to stay.

Chalifoux said Municipal Affairs has provided \$20,000 to keep the drop-in centre operating until the end of March.



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Multiculturalism and Human Rights
Wednesday, November 8 - 7:30 pm

Human Rights Issues in Fort McMurray
Thursday, November 9 - 10 am

Meetings will be held in the Birchwood Room, Sawridge Hotel, 530 MacKenzie Blvd., Fort McMurray.

While the Commission is in Fort McMurray, a Human Rights Officer will be available for consultation with the public November 8 and 9, in Room 214 of the Fort McMurray Provincial Building, 9915 Franklin Ave. For an appointment, or to make an inquiry, telephone 743-7214.

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Provincial News

Low-level test flight protest joined by Lubicon

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The Innu of Labrador, who are fighting against low-level test flights of NATO bombers over their homeland, say they're tired of having their pleas for support fall on deaf ears.

The Innu believe there are striking comparisons to the plight of Native bands in Alberta fighting for their rights and the fight of the 10,000 Innu in eastern Canada and Labrador.

An Innu delegation was on hand at St. Anthony's Anglican Church in Edmonton Oct. 30 as part of a cross-Canada tour to raise \$400,000 for their legal battle to keep a NATO training base from being established in Goose Bay, Newfoundland.

Two Innu families met with 100 members from a network of Aboriginal support groups.

The Innu are raising funds to finance a court injunction that they believe would prove the illegality of having NATO base operating near Nitassinan.

The base would be used by NATO countries including Great Britain, West Germany and the Dutch.

The Innu, who say they've never settled a land-claim agreement with the federal government, fear their heritage will be destroyed if low-level test flights intensify over the Labrador-Quebec peninsula.

In 1988, there were 7,500 flights over the Innu traditional lands of Nitassinan. The number of training flights will rise to 40,000 if the international military base is approved.

"Our religion and our culture is tied to our land," Innu elder Sylvester Andrew said through an interpreter.

"We are fighting for the future of our children. We don't want our life to be taken away."

The Innu in Labrador still rely heavily on the wildlife and environment to survive.

The military fighter jets, which fly 100 metres from the ground, create a noise level of 140 decibels. The human threshold rate of noise is 110 decibels.

Andrew said the wildlife is being frightened deeper into the wilderness and the Innu children are starting to suffer physical reactions to the "unbearable" noise.

If the base is established, he said, his people will be forced to disband and assimilate into Canadian society. "They will no longer be able to live as Native people."

Bob Bartell, a member of the Mennonite Central Committee in Labrador, is accompanying the Innu on the tour.

Metis men honored for heroic rescue

By Jeanne Lepine
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Two Metis young men were among five Edmonton lifesavers recognized by St. John Ambulance for heroism at an awards banquet Oct. 20.

The St. John's Award for Merit was presented to Eugene McLean, 19, and Joe Morin, 20, for risking their own lives to save the lives of three others in a car crash.

Their act of gallantry last month, risking flames and an imminent explosion, to save the lives of three semi-conscious men from a burning truck makes the duo eligible for the St. John Lifesaving Medal.

The modest Metis young men, originally from Fishing Lake Metis Settlement, said that anyone giving the same situation would have done the same thing.

"Nothing is more important to life, and seeing a situation such as we did, we did what we had to," said Morin.

Having grown up as life-long friends, it seemed only natural the two boys reacted with the same instinct.

"He was always a great kid and works hard," said McLean's mother Brenda Peckford, speaking of her son.

Morin is known to many in the athletic field. He is a member of Frank Lee's kick-boxing club.

His interest in sports stems from his involvement with the Edmonton Native Friendship Centre, when he first started boxing in 1983 under the direction of Gordon Russell.

The St. John Lifesaving Medal is an award which must be approved by the Grand Prior of the Order of St John, in the name of her Majesty The Queen.

Edmonton Fire Captain Rollie Henderson believes the duo should be cited for bravery and will be making such a recommendation.

Jan Reimer, Edmonton's new mayor, said the city will definitely be acknowledging the bravery of the duo at an awards ceremony at a later date.

He said the Innu are being overrun by the Department of National Defence (DND) and have no choice except to go across the country garnering support for their protests.

"We have to change our attitudes. When we see the government doing something like this, we have to put the brakes on," he said.

Bartell compared the Innu struggle to the plight of the Lubicon Lake Indian band of southern Alberta which is negotiating with the federal government over land and

compensation.

He also said that the military bombing range in Cold Lake, Alberta was "obtained under false pretences" by the DND.

Representatives of the Lubicon band were also on hand for the Innu support rally in Edmonton.

The Innu met later in the week with Dene and Metis in Yellowknife, N.W.T. who are also fighting against low-level flight over their land.

The Innu tour winds down in Vancouver, B.C.



Jeff Morrow, Windspeaker

Theresa Gregoire and her nine-month old daughter Philomena were part of an Innu delegation on a cross-Canada tour to drum up support against low-level test flights on their Labrador land.

Correction and apology.

In a story on Page 5 of Windspeaker's Oct. 27 edition, a picture and description of Rose Marie Grandbois (Berland) was used for a missing children's profile. The woman in question was found deceased in July, 1988. She was 28 years-old at the time.

Windspeaker was supplied the information by Victims of Violence in Edmonton, who had no prior knowledge that the woman had been found nor why she was included as a missing child.

Windspeaker and Victims of Violence sincerely regret the error and apologize to the parents of Rose Marie Grandbois (Berland), Mary Francois and members of the Cold Lake community affected by her death.

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AFN launches Bill C-31 hearings

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA

The Grand Chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), Georges Erasmus, wants Native feedback concerning the Bill C-31 Indian Act amendment.

The AFN will be sponsoring hearings across Canada to hear "grassroots" views about the 1985 action that gives non-status Indians the same privileges as Natives living on the reserve.

An Aboriginal Inquiry panel will be preparing a Bill C-31 impact report by December for the Minister of Indian Affairs for his report to Parliament in 1990.

"We want to provide evidence it has had an impact on native people," Erasmus said during a telephone conference call with Native media from around the country.

The AFN will be joining forces with the Native Women's Association of Canada and the Native Council of Canada to collect written and oral submissions from Native people and organizations that have been affected by the Bill C-31 amendment.

"We decided it was in our best interest to jointly sponsor the meetings," said Erasmus.

Native individuals, families, communities, bands, tribal councils and Aboriginal organizations are encouraged to make their submissions, he stressed.


The submissions, to be reviewed by an all-Native panel, should address how Bill C-31 affects personal lifestyle, traditions and tribal administrations.

The meetings are open to all Treaty Indians, Metis or Innu.

In Edmonton, the meetings will be held Nov. 28-29 at the Saxony Inn, located at 15540 Stony Plain Road.

In Calgary, the meetings will be held December 1-2-3 at the Native Friendship Centre.

For more information call (613) 236-0673.



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PUBLIC HEARINGS

ALBERTA SELECT SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES 1989

Bill 22, The Electoral Boundaries Amendment Act, 1989, was introduced to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on August 15, 1989. Bill 22 authorized the appointment of an all-party Select Special Committee on Electoral Boundaries to review and deal with issues affecting electoral boundaries legislation.

To facilitate this review, the Select Special Committee on Electoral Boundaries will hold a series of Public Hearings at the following locations:

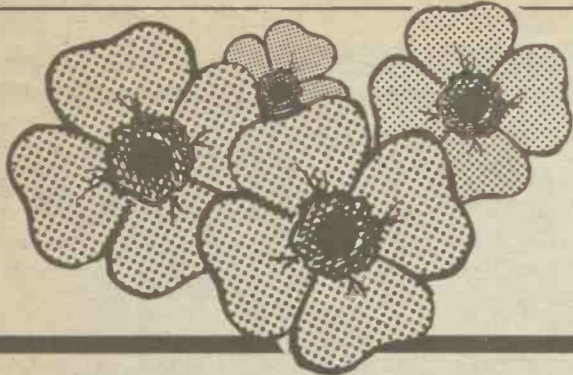
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Details of dates and specific meeting locations will be advertised locally close to each meeting date. Individuals or organizations from areas where no hearings are scheduled are invited to attend a public hearing at the most convenient location.

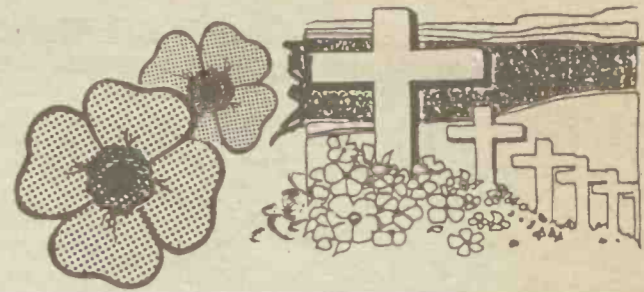
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Serving Canada benefited Metis vet

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Fred L'Hirondelle thinks all young people would benefit from going into Canada's armed services.

"Those that do learn all about life. They learn self-discipline and come out of there with a better frame of mind."

And L'Hirondelle should know. He served in World War II, the Korean war, and then stayed on in peacetime service until 1957.

Today the retired father of three looks back on a military career which included serving with the Royal Canadian Engineers in England and Europe as a military engineer.

"We took several months' training for that job," he recalls.

"The professors who taught us were from the University of British Columbia, and they said it was equal to two years in Civil Engineering."

His two brothers, Vic and Robert, also served their country. The boys had grown up on a small farm near Kinsuso, Alberta and remember the Great Depression as lean years, but don't recall ever going hungry. There were four sisters in the family. Two have passed away since.

He and his brother Vic were in England together until D-Day in 1945.

Both engineers in different divisions, their jobs were especially dangerous as they detected mines and set explosives.

Both were lucky though.

"We were never wounded seriously," he recalls.

After he left the services in 1957, L'Hirondelle worked for the Solicitor-General's Department at a Forestry Correctional Camp near Pincher Creek.

He ran programs for the inmates at the minimum security facility, including AA meetings, counselling, and various training courses.

"It was good to see improvement in many of the fellows," he says.

Today, L'Hirondelle keeps busy as co-chairman of the Metis Elders' Council which meets four times a year to investigate problems of membership within the Metis Association of Alberta.

He is also a member of the Native Advisory Council of Social Services.

"We have input into what happens, for instance, when Native children are apprehended and the foster homes they go into. We like to keep them involved in their culture," he explains.

He also keeps in touch with friends at the Seniors' Drop In Centre at 11339 - 88 Street.

L'Hirondelle's three children all went to university.

"My boys have degrees in education and medical administration, and my daughter is the principal of the Saddle Lake School," he said proudly.

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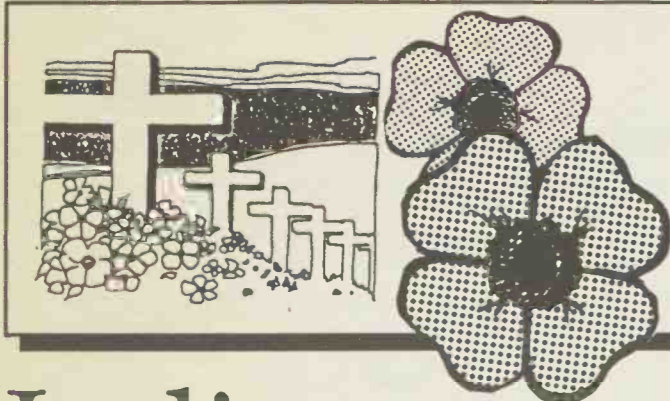
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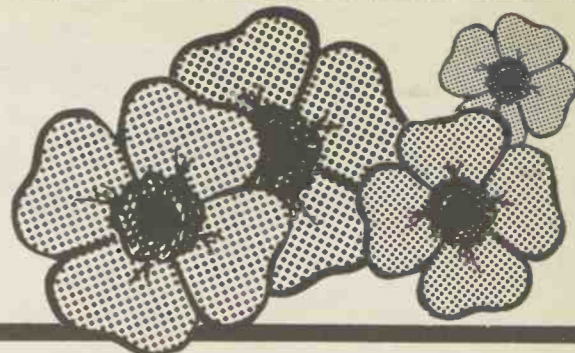
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Indian war vet recalls close calls in WW II Still fighting tough battles at 64

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

John Waniandy was all of 19 years of age when he went overseas to fight in the Second World War.

Many of his buddies had gone off to fight and he didn't want to be left home alone in Fort McMurray.

But the youthful Iroquois Indian did have to talk his way in, after being turned down at the armories in Edmonton.

He showed up on the doorstep of the Selective Service Bureau in Calgary.

"Before I knew it, I was in the army," recalls the 64 year-old man.

After completing basic training in 1943 at Wetaskiwin, Waniandy was sent back to Calgary and joined the Princess Patricia Light Infantry.

The next year he got to see action on the front. "It wasn't all it was cracked up to be," he said.

During his first action in Italy, he stared fear right in the face when he was cut off from his unit one night. The enemy had a machine gun set up and he was being buzzed by tracer bullets.

"I wondered how I was going to get in contact with the guys. I didn't see any movement. It had me kind of worried for awhile. It was no fun," he said.

The men feared tracer

bullets, because the phosphorus kept burning after it penetrated the skin. A buddy of Waniandy's was one of the bullet's victims. He had dug a trench but didn't cover his behind adequately.

"He was having a horrible time with that thing."

Waniandy's body, too, paid the price of having gone to war.

An airburst in Italy left him with a piece of shrapnel in his shoulder the size of his thumb. Although it was removed two years later, his shoulder still

"When I saw all those bullets flying by my legs, especially the tracer bullets, I thought 'My God, these guys mean business. They're playing for keeps.' I didn't like that at all."

bothers him, particularly in cold weather.

"It aches like heck," he says.

The doctor offered him the shrapnel as a souvenir. But Waniandy said: "No thanks. I've been carrying it for two years. That's long enough."

Three months after going back into action, he was injured again, this time when a shell struck his quarters at Rimini Airport in Italy at supper time.

It cracked a log holding up the roof into several pieces, one of which fell on his back.

He had the wind knocked out of him but there was no lasting damage. "But it sure hurt like hell," he recalled.

Life on the front was

more frightening than exciting.

"When I saw all those bullets flying by my legs, especially the tracer bullets, I thought 'My God, these guys mean business. They're playing for keeps.' I didn't like that at all," he said.

In February 1944 Waniandy's unit pulled out of Italy and was sent to Marseilles in southern France.

There the soldiers were put in the backs of large trucks and sent across Europe.

They set up base in Holland where they stayed until the war ended. But Waniandy

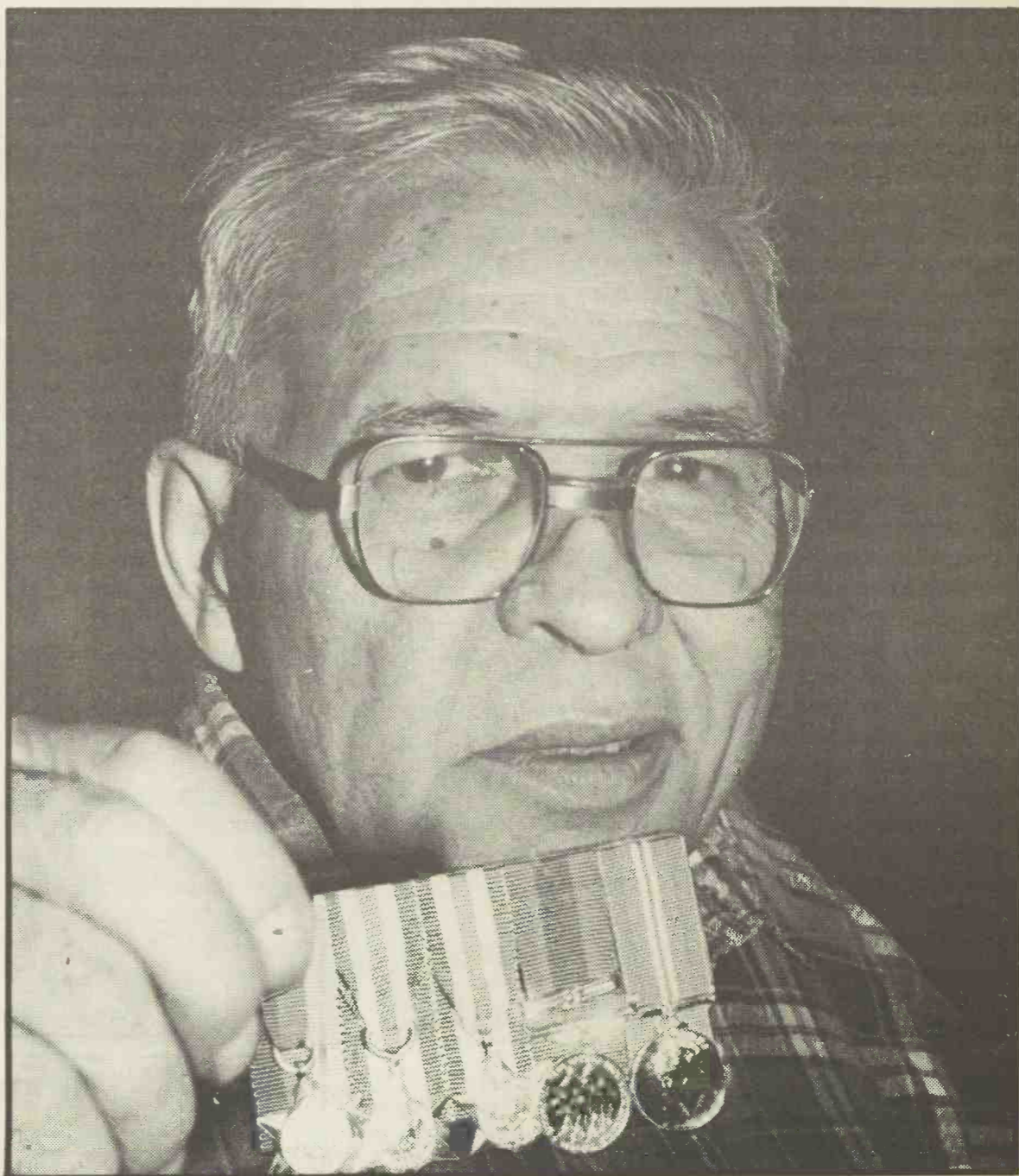
said he also came "close to getting it" in Holland.

A resident of the Mewburn Veterans' Centre for the last 10 years, Waniandy like many of the residents at the centre, is now fighting a different battle.

A stroke 12 years ago shortly before his son Corey was born left his left side paralyzed.

Mercifully, the heart attacks and seizures, which troubled him for years seem to be a thing of the past, thanks in part to an occasional dose of nitroglycerine.

Waniandy is lucky to be alive. A heart attack, which ended his career as a riverboat captain on the Athabasca when he was just 53-years-old, nearly cost



World War II veteran Johnny Waniandy

Dana Wagg, Windspeaker

him his life.

Some quick CPR performed on the dock by a local doctor and several thousand volts of electricity later in the hospital saved his life.

He later learned from his doctor he had been "practically dead" lying there on the dock.

The electricity did stop an irregular heartbeat but the jolts felt like "some-

body tearing my arms out by the roots," he said.

He saw Corey, who lives in Fort McMurray with his mother, Jean, just a week ago for the first time in a year. Waniandy said his wife can't afford to travel to the city very often.

"It was sure nice to see them. It was a surprise visit. She (Jean) doesn't get out too often. Finances aren't good. She finds it

hard to scrape up money," he said.

While complaints are common that Natives weren't given the same level of benefits as non-Natives after the war, Waniandy said he has none.

"They looked after me pretty good. When I came back they gave me money to buy clothes. I bought a new suit," he said.

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Viewpoint

Lubicons lay down ominous challenge

The Lubicon Indian band has laid down the gauntlet. After almost a year of frustration since the Grimshaw Agreement was signed last December, no fair and just land claim agreement with the federal government is in sight.

The fight for survival of the tiny, northern Alberta Indian has sadly come down to one solution — negotiate or face a Lubicon uprising.

It's clear frustrated band members no longer have the patience for any more delays in negotiating their destiny with an intransigent federal government which believes it is holding all the cards in this 50 year-old mockery of social justice.

But the dispute has taken on a new look. Where the Lubicon blockade last year was a peaceful attempt to establish territorial jurisdiction, the latest Lubicon threat to dismantle the Petro-Canada plant on Lubicon land has ominous overtones.

It's a clear sign that like other Indian bands across the country who have outstanding grievances with the federal government, the Lubicons have decided to take matters in their own hand.

The stakes are high.

Should they succeed in finally forcing a negotiated settlement, hindsight will prove this was their only recourse.

Should they fail, then this dispute enters uncharted waters and a perilous path for Indian band relations with the government.

The high road is still available.

But the ball is in the government's court.

Native life at stake in pulp mill debate

It seems the review of a hotly-contested pulp mill environment study is, itself, being filled with dirt.

Indian groups in northern Alberta demand answers as to how the proposed \$1.3 billion kraft pulp mill in Athabasca will affect their traditional lifestyles and culture.

They want to know exactly what the mill developer, Alberta Pacific Forest Industries Ltd., has in mind for their trees and wildlife. And so does federal Minister of the Environment Lucien Bouchard.

But his provincial counterpart Ralph Klein says he doesn't think there's a problem with the review board's evaluation.

The provincial-federal review panel aren't concerned with the specifics of the proposed deal. They only want to know how the public feels about having their air and water polluted and how excited they are about having more job opportunities in their area.

After Bouchard got word of the results of a public hearing held in Fort McMurray, he decided there was a lack of information being released.

Based on the information about the mill, it "cannot be accepted," he said.

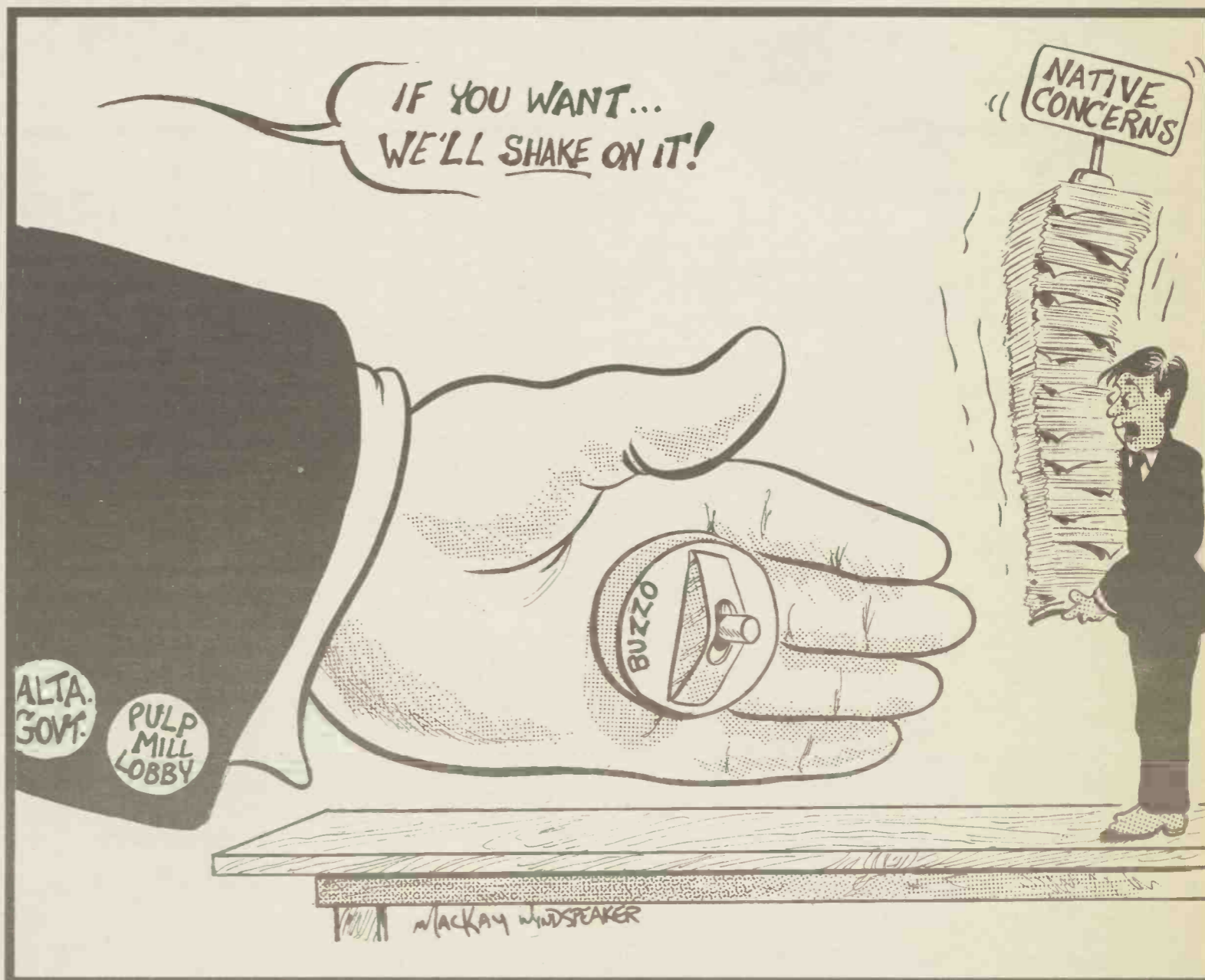
Klein, on the other hand, criticized the director of Environment Canada's protection services for speaking out of turn.

He said Robert Lane, who was on hand for the Fort McMurray hearing, should have never given Bouchard the impression he did. But Lane figured he was simply stating fact.

Whichever government body wins the battle over the review board's "terms of reference," the native people lose.

Their heritage is at stake no matter what minister shouts the loudest.

Editorial Page



Letters to the Editor

Pulp mill concerns need addressing — group

Dear Editor:

The time is fast approaching for a new national anthem.

How much longer will we be able to sing "The True North Strong and Free?"

Can we sing this in good conscience even now with our natural resources dwindling and our rivers no longer pollution-free?

Beginning this week, Northern Albertans and residents of the Northwest Territories will "stand on guard" for the Athabasca, Peace and Slave Rivers and for large tracts of crown-owned forests in Northern Alberta at the Alberta-Pacific (ALPAC) EIA Review Board hearings.

This is an overwhelming task for a sparsely populated region. These resources belong to all Canadians. We need your help.

Please write to the Review Board and give them your views on the "world's largest" bleached kraft pulp mill proposed for the farming community of Prosperity, County of Athabasca, Alberta.

Outline your concerns about effluent damage to the river systems and the impact on our forests.

And tell them what you want them to recommend to the Canadian and Alberta Governments.

Alternatively, you may make a presentation in person at one of the hearings. Please call the Review Board (422-2549) for hearing locations and dates. You may either reg-

ister in advance of just appear.

Here are some facts on the proposed ALPAC mill:

- Daily production: 1500 air-dried tonnes of bleached kraft pulp.

- There is no paper recycling component in the current mill proposal.

- Approx. 67000 sq km of crown-owned aspen and spruce are involved.

- Persistent toxic organochlorines in the effluent will go into the Athabasca.

- A recent Alberta Environment report indicates that water quality is already seriously jeopardized by the two mills at Hinton and Whitecourt. Next year, two more mills are scheduled to start up.

- If approved, this will be the fifth mill in 500 km

of the river.

- The Slave river faces a potential threat from the effluent from these mills and from the effluent that will flow into the Peace from mills at Grande Prairie and Peace River.

- ALPAC is owned by Crestbrook Forest Industries, Inc., which is 64 percent owned by Honshu Paper Co. and Mitsubishi Corp. of Japan.

- The Alberta Government is to provide \$75 million for infrastructure and \$300 million in debentures for this mill.

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Your letters be postmarked no later than December 2, 1989, if they are to influence the Review Board's recommendations.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Meryl Peruniak
Member, Friends of the Athabasca

Native stereotypes disturb teen

Dear Editor:

I am a 16-year-old high school student. One of my projects in class was to do an issue on a topic. The topic chosen was racism and in my research, I found a lot of current issues on Native people. It is really amazing to find that Native people are still stereotyped.

I was born a Treaty Indian. Is that against the law? A person would think in this day and age racism would be long gone. But it's not. It seems like Native people are always getting the negative stereotype treatment.

Take the issue on Lysol for instance. Not only Na-

tive people drink it, but they were the only ones interviewed on television. Another issue would be the Yukon Shooting Gallery. Is it really okay to shoot Natives? This is what it expressed to many people. How are people raising their children these days? This is where it all starts, in the home.

No matter how much

education a Native person has, it is always overlooked. The color of their skin always over rules their pride. Native people seldom get the recognition they deserve. I am proud to be a Native, but it seems that I've been branded since the day I was born.

A Proud Native
Joanna Morin

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Opinion

The circle of life is beginning and end . . .

Tansi, ahnee and hello. Alone in that country where there are no poems. This morning the world is a grey place. Walking alone beside this river you suddenly realize that you feel as far apart from these ducks, geese and the very water itself as you do from that special place inside you that invites teaching. Spirit. Today the spirit is wounded. On days like this it almost seems that you can feel an echo of that dark and hollow feeling you carried around in the middle of your chest for all those years. On days like this the past has its hand on your shoulder.

The fingers are cold. And there's a rhythm to this silence that you feel. It rises and falls in perfect counterpoint to the memories swimming across the wide open stretches of your soul this morning. A friend of mine has gone away. It's not the sudden explosion in his departure that hurts so much as the almost deafening silence I feel from his absence. I loved him. To be able to say these days that I have very deeply and genuinely loved another man is perhaps the greatest gift I have received from our time together. I have loved and received love and in that, disappearances have no power. The alcohol got him. Together we fought a pretty good fight against this enemy that has always tried its hardest to destroy us. Together we searched for a different path. Together we reached down inside ourselves and found some measure of strength against a lifetime of fears and insecurities. Together we healed ourselves.

He chose to return to it. He didn't call before he left. Didn't call before he



TOUCHING THE CIRCLE

By Richard Wagamese

made his decision. For awhile there, I hated him for that. Hated him with that bitter overwhelming hatred that we human beings reserve especially for those we love when they leave us. But it fades. In its place there is silence and a deep and profound longing that tells me that I really have loved another human being. For that I'm grateful.

Our histories were the same. That more than anything is what brought us together. We knew and understood what each other had gone through. We shared the important things of our individual lives. In that I mean we shared our fears, insecurities, confusions and our hopes and dreams. We shared prayer. We shared ourselves and our true

natures and that lifted us into a spiritual joining that is far above anything I have ever experienced in this world.

We discovered an incredible truth together. As men in this world, we had been taught that we needed to be warriors. We had been taught by those who raised us that because we were men we needed to appear as men. We needed to be strong, aggressive, independent, courageous and brave. We'd been taught to be removed from our feelings and to use our heads.

We'd been taught wrong.

The Old One told us of the circle. The circle is completeness and wholeness. The circle is both beginning and ending. The circle is continuing for-

ever. He told us that our individual lives are a circle. When we are born we are born with two sets of gifts that work together to create the circle of our lives. The gifts of the father and the gifts of the mother.

He told us that in this modern world men are taught that they need to concentrate on the gifts of the father. To display the gifts of the mother is to display weakness of femininity. To be seen as less. To be weak.

The gifts of the mother are insight into our feelings, the ability to love and nurture, gentleness, humility, soft-spokenness and caring.

With learning to use the gifts of the mother in our lives the Old One said, the circle of our lives as men are incomplete. Without learning to use and have respect for the gifts of the mother which all men have within themselves, we cannot learn to appreciate and have respect for ourselves. We are incomplete and we suffer.

In so-called weakness there is strength. The true strength and spirit of the warrior is one that is based

on a balancing of the two sets of gifts which we carry into the world. Warriors are allowed to feel, and care and love and cry. Warriors are allowed to be complete.

Without the benefit of this teaching, I would have been deprived of the love and companionship of this man I miss so very much this morning. Without the healing properties within the gifts of the mother, we would never have been able to confront alcohol as an enemy and our paths would have never crossed. Without this teaching, I would have travelled the rest of my life as an incomplete human being.

Alone in that country where there are no poems. In time, the poems will return. The ache will subside and will carry on with quiet dignity again. But because of the truth behind this teaching, the love that I feel in my spirit for this man who shared so very much with me will always be a part of the circle of my life and I will carry him with me beyond the borders of this world.

Until next week, Meegwetch.

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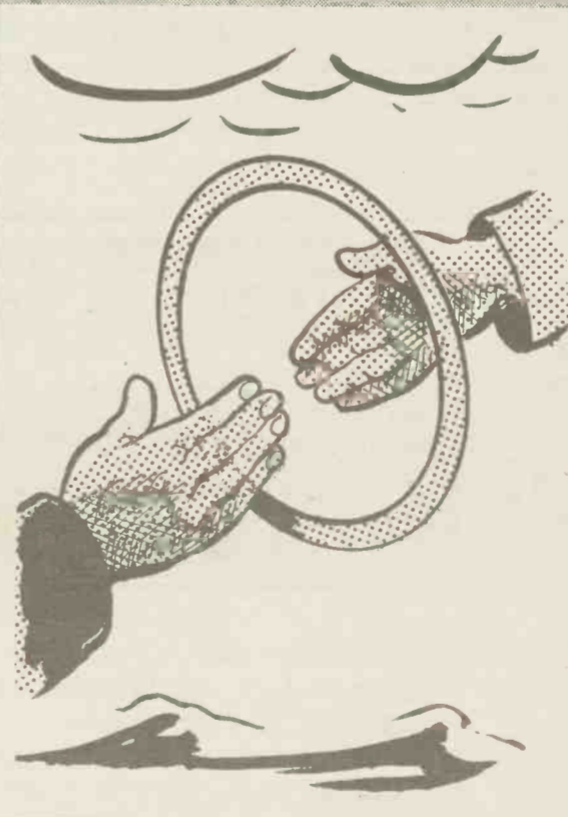
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Community News

Halloween a way to relive your youth... hey, why not?

Hi! Only in Alberta can we get strange weather. Last Sunday it was like Indian summer. For one day we had clear blue sky. Then on Monday, the rain came down (figures). And today, which is Tuesday, there's a blizzard out there? All in three days, back to back. Small wonder everyone's sick...it's like going through three seasons in three days.

But, then again, it could be all the Halloween candy we've eaten, right? I went out with my two boys on Halloween eve. I went as a paper bag. What the heck, I thought. As a freelancer, a week's supply of apples and other goodies will come in handy. Especially when you're a starving freelancer with four ugly dogs to feed.

My boys were mad. Every house we went to, I pushed them aside so I could get to the neighbor's door first. There I was, with my paper bag over my head and carrying a five gallon ESSO pail.

"Dad! You're embarrassing us!" cried my stingy kid.

"Back off!" I hollered, swinging my rusty pail up to the neighbor's face.

"My! You're awfully big to be halloweening," said the neighbor.

"Not really. My dad is a basketball player for the Boston Celtics," I lied.

"Dad! I though grampa was a trapper?" My mouthpiece kid blurted out.

"Get away from me,

kid! And you! Fill the damn pail!" I demanded. By this time, I knew the old bag trick was not going to work. Then the neighbor replied.

"Hey honey! Come here and see this. It's Mr. Woodward again. This year he's come as a bag! Haw haw haw." Oh that sinking feeling.

After that I decided to leave Halloween up to my children. But what the heck. Trying to relive a few moments of youth gone by, why not hey?

EDMONTON: Oh that lucky girl!

On Sunday, Oct. 29 **KAREN LEPINE** from Edmonton, left Montreal airport for Africa. Karen is part of the World Youth Program, a program that gives students from various schools, a chance to see other parts of the world. The program is based on an exchange system, meaning students from other parts of the world will be visiting us here, right in good old Alberta.

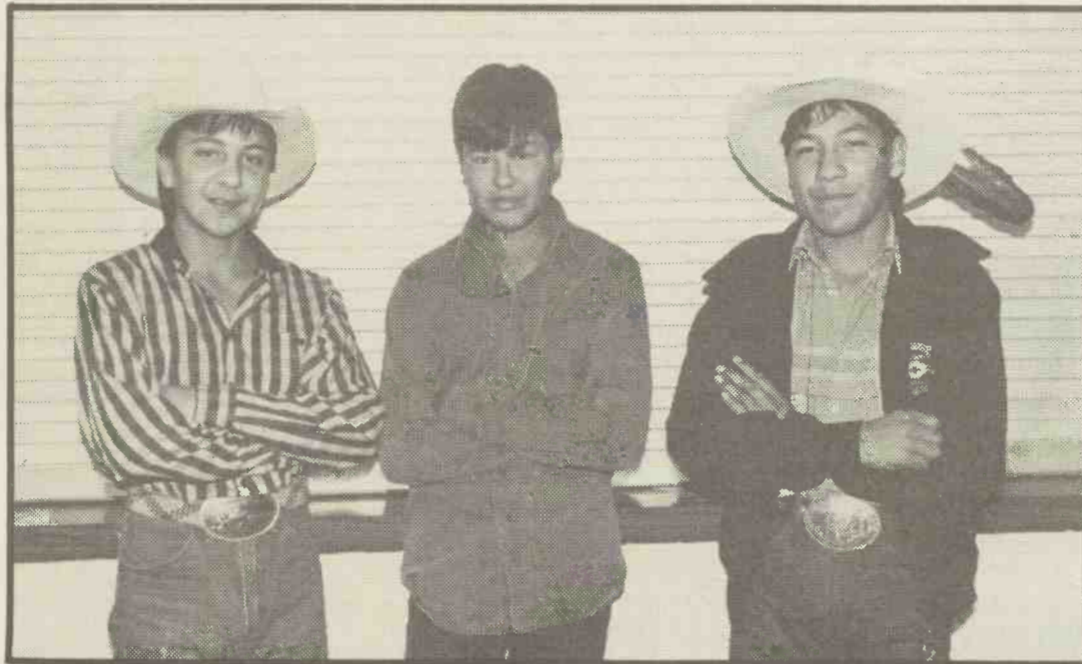
Jeanne Lepine, you must feel proud. Jeanne, of course, is Karen's Mom.

BIGSTONE BAND: Isn't it nice that I can call Chuckie Beaver my best friend? Isn't it nice where Chuckie lives? Isn't it nice



Droppin' In

By Rocky Woodward



that migrating DUCKS fly by Chuckie's house on their way south.

"The next time I'm in the city, I'll give you a call Rocky," my best friend said.

Don't forget Chuckie. You'll have to stay over for supper. And if you want to...bring a duck to dine on.

I asked Chuckie what he has been doing lately.

"Nothing much Rocky. You just interrupted a business meeting. I have ten people sitting here waiting to discuss big business projects, while you're

busy yapping about how nice it would be to have your own duck!" My best friend told me.

Chuckie is the Chief of the Bigstone Cree Band at Desmarais in northern Alberta. He also is a talented guitar player and singer.

"Right now my music is on hold. We're very busy here," hinted Chuckie.

Okay! Okay. I get the message **CHARLES!**

I'll be looking forward to seeing you when you arrive in the city. Perhaps we'll even jam (play

guitars and sing). And then afterwards, we'll sit down to sup on Bigstone duck!

STANDOFF: Future cowboys they are, all of them. And here are three up and coming cowboys that didn't mind to pose for Droppin' In's camera. From left to right are; Kurt

Ferguson from Paddle Prairie, Andy Okeymow of Hobbema and Champion steer rider, Justin Kaqitts of Morely, Alberta.

These three riders like all the steer riders at the IRCA rodeo finals held in Standoff, put on a tremendous exhibition of what steer riding is all about.

FROGLAKE: Thanks for the news, Juanita Abraham. Juanita works at the Health Centre in the community of Frog Lake and she tells Droppin' In that a grand opening is scheduled for the Health Centre's expansion, a new wing to the building. The grand opening will take place on Nov. 3 at 11 p.m.

How many of you know that the Chief of Frog Lake is Thomas Abraham? I did.

Frog Lake. In all my travels over the years when I was a staff member

of Windspeaker, I never did get to visit there. Maybe soon.

HOBHEMA: A new association has been started at Hobbema, and it's one that will keep cowboys busy all winter.

According to Larry Hodgson, manager of the Panee Agriplex at Hobbema, the **BEAR HILLS RODEO ASSOCIATION (BHRA)** will hold its first local rodeo on Nov. 5 at the Panee.

"We will be holding ten rodeos over the winter months and it's a first for here," said Hodgson.

Stock for the rodeo's will be supplied by local contractors such as the Roasting and Crane stock suppliers and Hodgson says they welcome rodeo supporters from the University of Alberta, Calgary, Olds College and Lakeland College, to participate.

"The colleges and universities are great supporters of cowboys who compete in rodeo events," Hodgson explained.

Hodgson says to receive a membership that allows cowboys to enter each rodeo, including the finals, will cost \$50 per person. Of course, this does not include the rodeo fee for each event entered.

For more information regarding the BHRA, please call 585-3770. Hobbema.

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Compiled by Tina Wood and Connie Morin

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A PRESENTATION ON NORTHERN STYLE DANCES; Nov. 3, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Grant MacEwan College (Jasper Place Campus in the Theatre); put on by a group in the Native Communications Program, everyone welcome.

FUNDRAISING DANCE FOR THE HOBHEMA COWBOYS; Nov. 3; Montana Gymnasium, Hobbema; all proceeds go towards sending the Hobbema Cowboys to New Mexico for the Indian National Finals Rodeo.

FROG LAKE MEDICAL SERVICES FEAST & ROUND DANCE; Nov. 3 & 4; Frog Lake Band Hall; for more info. contact Karen Abraham at 943-3777.

RED CROW COMMUNITY COLLEGE BASKETBALL REFEREES CLINIC; Nov. 4, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Cardston Alberta; registration deadline, Oct. 27; this course would be of interest to coaches & parents involved with sports; for more info. contact Keith Jorgenson at (403) 737-3966.

RITA HOULE MEMORIAL AWARDS BANQUET; Nov. 4; Saxony Motor Inn, 15540 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton; guest speaker John Belanger; \$20 per person; cash bar 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., dinner 7:00 and dance to follow; for more info. contact (403) 452-7811.

BINGO; Nov. 4; Ft. Vermilion; \$3,500 prize; sponsored by the Recreation Board; doors open at 5:30 p.m. bingo starts at 7:00 p.m.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES; Nov. 11; Royal Canadian Legion, Ft. Vermilion, Alberta; coffee and snacks after services; for more info. call Reg Scarfe at (403) 927-3342.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION ANNUAL MEETING; Nov. 13; Legion Hall, Ft. Vermilion, Alberta; for more info. call Ruth White at (403) 927-3758 or (403) 927-3261.

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Indian Country Community Events

WORKSHOP; Nov. 17, 18, & 19, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Edmonton Convention Centre, to register call Games manager John Fletcher at 435-4424.

NORTHERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE; Nov. 13 to 15; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; George Tuccaro will be hosting.

DUCKS UNLIMITED 2ND ANNUAL WILD GAME BANQUET & AUCTION; Nov. 18; Ft. Vermilion; semi-formal; tickets \$45 (couple) or \$25 (person); for more info. call Neil White at (403) 927-3758 or (403) 927-3268 or call Arly Roe at (403) 927-4301.

MENS & LADIES ALL INDIAN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT; Nov. 10, 11, 12; Blackfoot Reserve, Gleichen, Alta; Deerfoot Sportsplex, for more info. call Faron McMaster at (403) 734-3833 or 734-3070, or (home) 293-7191.

COORS INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO; Nov. 16-19, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

ST. HENRY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR; Nov. 18; Ft. Vermilion; for more info. call Debbi Martin at (403) 927-3257.

STONE RESERVE CELEBRATES NATIONAL ADDICTIONS AWARENESS WEEK; Monday Nov. 20 to Friday, Nov. 24, you are invited to join our **AROUND THE CIRCLE HEALTH FAIR;** Tues. Nov. 21 from 10:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Morley Community Hall; for more info. call (403) 881-2042.

DEVELOPING CONSTITUTIONS FOR COMMUNITY BASED SELF-GOVERNMENT; Nov. 19 - 24; The Banff Centre for Management; scholarship assistance available; for more info. contact Peter Hunt at (403) 762-

6327.

NATIVE CATHOLIC WORKSHOP; Nov. 20-24, Kise Manito Centre, Grouard; a course on catholic liturgy in a Native perspective, cost is \$100.00; for more info. call 751-3775.

POUNDMAKER/NECHI ROUND DANCE; Nov. 25, 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.; lunch will be served, drummers will be paid; everyone welcome, for more info. call Dave LaSwiss or Alfred Bonaise at 458-1884.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS; Nov. 25 & 26; Calgary Native Friendship Centre; for more info. call (403) 264-1155.

BINGO; Nov. 25; Ft. Vermilion; \$35 prize; sponsored by the Recreation Board; doors open at 5:30 p.m. bingo starts at 7:00 p.m.

PROPOSED ALBERTA-PACIFIC PULP MILL HEARINGS; to be held in Prosperity, Athabasca, Lac La Biche, Ft. McMurray, Beaver Lake, Ft. Chipewyan, Janvier and Wabasca/Desmarais and Ft. Resolution (NWT); anyone wishing to make a presentation or written submission should obtain info. on how to make submissions; for more info. call George Kupfer at (403) 422-2549.

ST. HENRY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL; every Sunday in Ft. Vermilion at 10:15 a.m.; children 3-8 years old are invited to attend; for more info. call Diana LaSlamme at (403) 927-4494.

12 TEAM MEN'S HOCKEY TOURNAMENT; Dec. 15-17; Saddle Lake; for more info. contact Dennis Moosewa or Ken Kakeesumat at (403) 726-3829.

PRAIRIE TREATY NATIONS ALLIANCE CHIEFS CONFERENCE; Nov. 28, 29 and 30, 1989; Edmonton Inn, Edmonton, for more info, call (306) 332-5664.

4th ANNUAL 1990 TUNE-UP GOLF; Feb. 2-5, 1990; Sahara Golf & Country Club, Las Vegas, Nevada; for more info. call Gina (403) 585-4298 (home) or Bill (403) 585-2139 (home) or Emile (403) 585-3805 (home).

BIRTLE INDIAN SCHOOL RENUNION; July 1990; Winnipeg, Manitoba; for more info. Write to W.C. Thomas, Box 280, Hodgson, Manitoba, R0C 1N0 or call (204) 645-2648 (bus.) or (204) 645-2456 (Hm.).

Feature Profile

Bonnyville elder doesn't regret chosen path in life

Learning Native culture changed life

By Josie Auger
Windspeaker Staff Writer

BONNYVILLE, ALTA.

Sixty-two year-old elder Rose Collins regrets not getting a formal education.

But she believes life's experiences are just as much an education.

Though she couldn't go to school because she didn't have Treaty rights to an education, Rose has a deep knowledge of her own culture, which she cherishes.

As she says, it's not something that can be learned from books.

She feels her path in life has had more twists and turns "than you could hold a crooked stick too."

Before she was married, though, she spent two years in a convent trying to make up for her lack of education.

"The Catholic nuns were strict. They cut off my braids and I cried," she says.

The Great Spirit had given her long hair and she was told never to cut it, she says.

The nuns had told Rose she couldn't have long hair because she couldn't take care of it and that her hair would be full of lice.

After two years in the convent they found out she wasn't really a Treaty Indian and she had to leave.

Her father was Scottish, Irish and Cherokee Indian. Her mother was a full-blooded Cree from Beaver Lake.

The marriage didn't last and after her parents separated, she was raised by a couple from Kehewin.

Rose's foster parents

gave her an education, but it wasn't the kind of education she wanted.

"It was hard. I didn't have any chance to go to school!"

As a young girl Rose would help prepare feasts for sacred ceremonies. She says she never really knew why these sacred ceremonies were going on.

From her foster parents Rose learned how and why Ghost, Horse, Chicken and Sun Dances were performed.

During the fall and winter when chicken dances were held at Kehewin, she would help the women prepare for the feast.

It was an exciting time, she says. Young men would travel to Onion Lake, Frog Lake and offer tobacco to the elders.

People would travel by horse or dog team from all over.

After the food was all prepared, she would sit and watch.

The young men would warm up the drums by the fire. Songs would be sang. All the prepared food would be smudged with sweetgrass in front of the elders.

The men would dance too, she says. They would wear feathers or bells.

The women were left on the sidelines to harmonize with the singers and were never allowed to sit near the drums.

It was times like these Rose remembers best.

At the tender age of 15, Rose decided to get married after becoming pregnant.

In 1949, she moved to Elizabeth Metis Settlement where she lived for the

next 24 years.

"I didn't have fancy things to give my kids. We had food and clothes for my kids and a good team of horses," she recalls.

Her life took a turn for the worse during the 1970s when she left the settlement with her family.

Her husband John had to move away from the farm because of asthma affected by dust on the farm. The condition drove him away from the land he loved.

Not being able to provide for his family, he began drinking heavily. And so did Rose.

Rose says this dark period of her life lasted more than a year.

But she decided to stop drinking after her daughter Karen left home.

"That's when I woke up. The bottle is not worth more than my family," she says.

The difficulties with her husband's drinking drove a wedge between them and they separated. Eventually her husband beat his alcoholism problem but passed away before they could reconcile.

Despite her difficult life, Rose has a positive outlook to pass on to people.

"Life is so short and precious. We should always love, share and be honest. Be thankful every day for what we get from the Great Power."



Elder Rose Collins

Program Specialist

Kapown Centre, Grouard

KAPOWN CENTRE is seeking one full-time permanent Program Specialist based at Grouard, Alberta.

The incumbent will have the following qualifications:

- ✓ Bachelor of Social Work or equivalency based on previous employment and/or experience in the alcohol and drug education field.
- ✓ The Program Specialist must be able to function with a high degree of independence, flexibility and integrity to help promote positive living skills to reduce the negative impact of alcohol and drug abuse.
- ✓ He or she would maintain patient care and carry a caseload not to exceed 10 patients.
- ✓ He or she would prepare, deliver and conduct lectures, group work and one-to-one

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- ✓ He or she must be able to relate to people of Native ancestry.
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Closing Date: November 10, 1989

Starting Salary: \$22,068 per annum

Applications including resumes and names of three references should be sent to:

Diane Halcrow
Program Director
Kapown Centre
General Delivery
Grouard, Alberta
T0G 1C0



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Hay River Dene Band is accepting application for the position of

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and leadership skills required.

SALARY: Negotiable dependent on experience and qualifications - Closing date: November 17, 1989

Under the direction of the Hay River Dene band council the coordinator is responsible for the overall administration and management of the program and supervision of counsellor trainees.

Please direct inquiries and applications to:

Knowledge of the community of Hay River reserve and existing Native drug and alcohol abuse programs and the tradition and culture of the Dene people is a definite asset. Strong written, verbal



Chief Roy Fabian
Hay River Dene Band
P.O. Box 1638
Hay River, N.W.T. X0E 0R0
Telephone (403) 874-6701

News Feature

New beginning for Susa Creek as school opens

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

SUSA CREEK, ALTA.

A plot of land in tiny Susa Creek community now rings with the chatter and shouts of schoolchildren.

Just ten weeks after it submitted a proposal this summer for construction of a school, Susa Creek has its own building.

Community children, from tots to teenagers, no longer have to be bused ten kilometres west to Grande Cache.

There are 20 students enrolled from kindergarten to Grade 6 in the two-room school.

Dean Wanyandie, one of three people on the all-Native school board, is happy his sons Bradley and Darryl no longer have to be sent to town.

"Natives always have problems in town. I'm glad I pulled them out," said Wanyandie, who works at Grande Cache Correctional Centre.

"At first they (his sons) didn't like it, but they like it now," he said in a recent interview.

Attending school in town the boys would get into trouble taking candy from local stores and skip-



(l-r) Susa Creek students Stuart McDonald, David Karakuntie, Wayne Karakuntie, Alvin McDonald and Christina McDonald with teacher Emily Sewepagaham

ping classes to go to the local arcade, Wanyandie said.

"They skipped school most of the time," he said.

All but one of the four employees is Native. The school employs a principal/teacher Bill Sewepagaham; a teacher; a teacher's aide and a Cree instructor.

Sewepagaham, former Treaty 8 vice-president with the Indian Association of Alberta, said he's "enjoying it tremendously."

The school will help Susa Creek revive its Native culture, said Wanyandie.

"We've lost our Indian culture but we're trying to get it back," he explained.

Dave MacPhee, chairman of seven Native communities in the Grande Cache area, was involved

with bringing the school to the community.

He said it's helping to bring out the skills of residents.

"It just blows you away the amount of resource people who are out there," he said.

"It has given them something to look forward to and to actually feel part of it. Native people weren't part of the school system we had before. It was somewhere you sent your kids. That was about it," said MacPhee.

Mike Moberly, Jr., board chairman, said "people are still a little bit surprised the school is here so fast. There was no mention of building a school until June," he said.

Built in July and August, the \$210,000 school opened Sept. 5.

That it took all but ten

weeks to be built after the proposal was submitted to the Northlands School Division, "says a lot for the school division," said Moberly.

Parents will have a lot of say in how their kids are educated, he promised.

"The kids who went to town had a lot of problems. They wanted to skip and hang around the pool hall all day. They started getting into trouble. Sometimes they wouldn't come home on the bus and we had to track them down,"

said Moberly.

"Native people weren't a priority in the (Grande Cache) school district," said MacPhee.

"It just wasn't working out for us."

The school will be officially opened on Nov. 10.

Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies Indian Diploma Nursing Programs



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Course Locations:

North Battleford: Fed 1990-June, 1991

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For more information and application forms, write to
Lila Freysteinson, Program Manager
Indian Diploma Nursing
Box 1297

North Battleford, Sask. S9A 3L8

or phone 445-2688

Deadline for Applications - postmarked no later than November 30, 1989

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BUS ROUTE TENDERS

Interested persons or companies are invited to Tender to supply and operate School Buses for three (3) bus routes to convey students residing at Elizabeth Settlement.

Route 432 currently requires a 54 passenger bus. The route consists of approximately 127 KM per day to transfer approximately 47 Elementary and Junior High students from the north and east end of Elizabeth Settlement to Elizabeth School.

Route 433 currently requires a 54 passenger bus. The route consists of approximately 113 KM per day to transfer approximately 49 Elementary and Junior High Students from the south and west end of Elizabeth Settlement to Elizabeth School.

Route 438 currently requires a 48 passenger bus. The route consists of approximately 180 KM per day to transfer approximately 35 Junior and Senior High Students from Elizabeth Settlement to the Assumption School in Grande Centre.

The contractor will provide and maintain at their expense automotive liability insurance in the amount of not less than \$1,000,000.00 including passenger hazard.

Contractors will provide or have available another approved school bus to convey the students in the event of a bus break down.

The tender price shall set out the daily rate to be charged in two parts:

- 1) the daily basic rate - Maximum number of days - 200 for a full school year
- 2) a mileage allowance per kilometer

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Sealed Tenders clearly marked "Bus Route Tender" must be submitted to the undersigned no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 15, 1989. Operation of the three (3) routes by the successful tender will commence Friday, December 1, 1989. Route Maps may be viewed at Elizabeth School or at our Divisional Office in Peace River, Alberta.



Northland SCHOOL DIVISION No. 61

Secretary-Treasurer

G. deKleine

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PEACE RIVER, ALBERTA T0H 2X0

Daishowa Canada signs forestry management agreement

The Forest Management Agreement (FMA) between the Government of Alberta and Daishowa Canada Co. Ltd. was officially signed on Sept. 14, 1989.

Under this agreement the company has six months to negotiate a set of ground rules for the FMA with the government.

The ground rules are developed to provide the company and government direction in planning, conducting and monitoring harvesting and reforestation operations in the FMA area.

The ground rules developed are subject to a formal review and revision after five years unless an earlier review is warranted.

The company has one year to submit a preliminary Forest Management Plan.

This plan outlines the methods the company will follow in managing the timber resource located on the Agreement Area on a sustained yield basis.

This plan addresses the first five years of the company's operations. Within three years the company has to prepare a detailed management plan that covers the companies operations for the first harvest rotation, approximately 60 years.

Both the preliminary and detailed management plans are submitted to the government for approval. The company will review and update its detailed management plan every ten years.

The company feels it is important to identify and address the needs of the other users of the public lands on which the agreement area is located.

To obtain this input the company in conjunction with Alberta Forest Service and Alberta Fish and Wildlife and a number of local interest groups and organizations developed a public input process.

The process is broken down into six distinct steps:

1. Present Public Input Process

We feel it is important for the people in the area to know that there is a process and understand how the process works.

This step involves a series of four public open houses as well as the use of the media to explain the process developed.

Open houses will be held at the following locations in November.

High Level, Stardust Motor Inn, Nov. 14/89, 12-8 p.m.; Manning, Elks Hall, Nov. 15/89, 12-8 p.m.; Hines Creek, Legion Hall, Nov. 16/89 12-8 p.m.; Peace River, Athabasca Hall, Nov. 17/89,

Advertising Feature

12-8 p.m.

These open houses will be informal sessions to explain and answer questions about the process.

2. Select Advisory Committee

It was recognized during the process development phase that there are a number of distinct interests in the Forest Management Agreement Area.

An Advisory Committee will be established as part of the process.

The Advisory Committee will work with the company and Government throughout all phases of planning.

It is the company's intention to have the following interests represented on the Advisory Committee — Native, Metis, Recreation, Recreational Wildlife, Commercial Wildlife, Timber, Business, as well as general interest from the public.

A number of the organizations which helped develop the process have been invited to sit on the Advisory Committee to represent some of the interests identified.

Invitations have been extended to the following organizations and groups.

- Aboriginal Resource Development Group
- Zone 6 Metis Association

tion

- Land of The Mighty Peace Tourist Association
- Alberta Fish and Game Association
- Alberta Trappers Association
- Friends of the Peace
- Municipal Government

3. Identification of Resource Issues

The next step in the process is to identify resource management issues with the Public and Interest Groups. Workshops and open houses will give people an opportunity to identify the resource management issues which require resolution. These work shops and open houses are expected to start in late November or early December, 1989.

4. Resolution of Resource Management Issues


Once the resource issues are identified, they will be summarized and prioritized. Technical Committees, made up of industry and government resource people, will be formed to work on ways to resolve the issues. These Technical Committees will work with the other Technical Committees formed as well as the

Advisory Committee to resolve issues. A series of open houses will be held to present the resolution of the issues to the public.

5. Plan Preparation and Approval
- The Forest Management plan will be prepared using the feedback obtained through the public input process. The plan will be submitted to Alberta Forest Service for approval. Open houses will be held to review the plan with the public.
6. Plan Implementation

The company plans to involve the public in the implementation of the Forest Management Plan and the ongoing management of the F.M.A.. The mechanics of this process will be established in consultation with the Public Advisory Committee at a future date.

If you require more information on this process please attend the meetings planned during November or contact Steve Luchkow Daishowa - Peace River at 624-4300.



DAISHOWA CANADA CO. LTD.
PEACE RIVER PULP DIVISION

Daishowa - Peace River has started to prepare a Forest Management Plan for its Forest Management Agreement Area. The company recognizes the importance of obtaining public input into the plan and with the help of Alberta Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife and Interest groups, has developed a public input process.

The company plans to hold a series of open houses to present and answer questions about the process developed.

You are cordially invited to attend these informal sessions at:

	Location:	Date	Times
High Level	Stardust Motor Inn	Nov. 14/89	12-8 p.m.
Manning	Elks Hall	Nov. 15/89	12-8 p.m.
Hines Creek	Legion Hall	Nov. 16/89	12-8 p.m.
Peace River	Athabasca Hall Basement	Nov. 17/89	12-8 p.m.

For further information regarding these open houses call Steve Luchkow at 624-4300.

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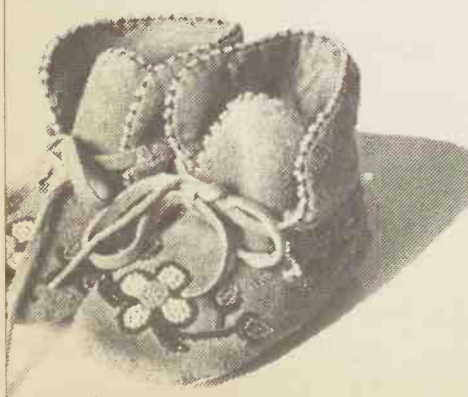

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Please apply in writing by November 17th, 1989 to:

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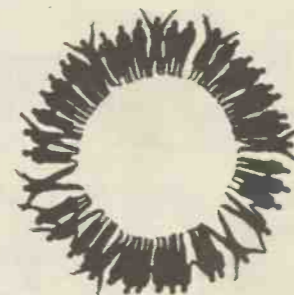
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NOVEMBER 20, 1989

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