

Provincial News

Post-secondary changes offer false hope — AFN

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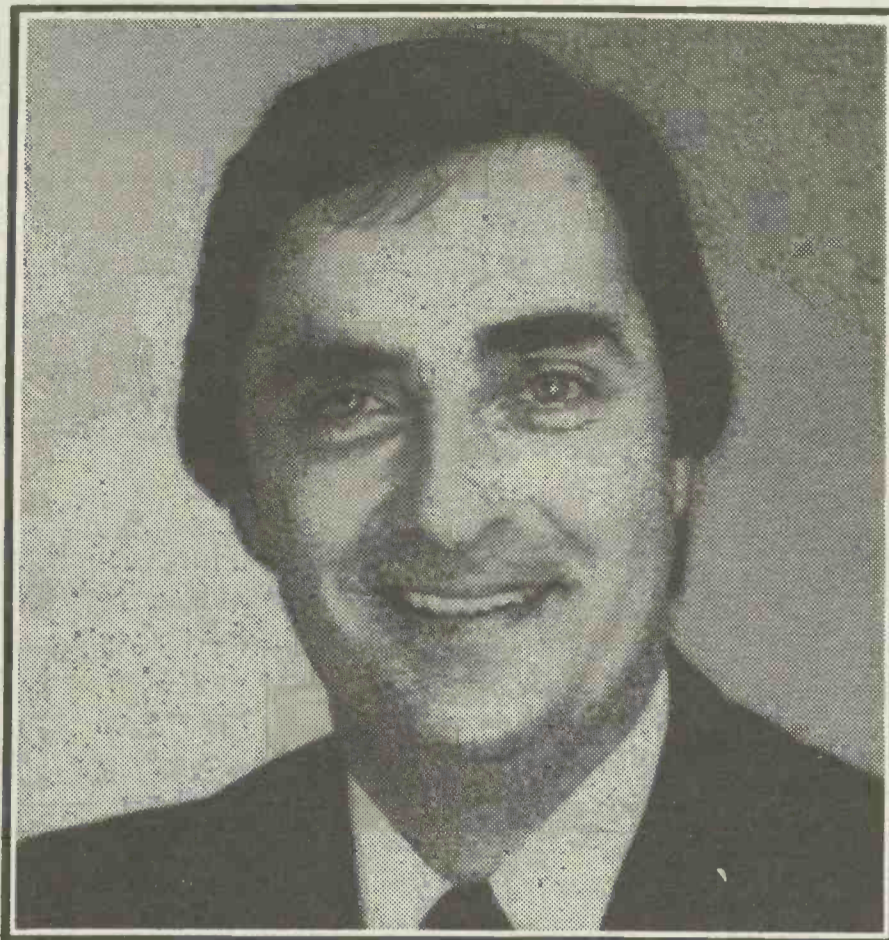
OTTAWA

Long-awaited, post-secondary education policy changes announced by the federal government offer nothing but false hope, says a spokesperson for the Assembly of First Nations (AFN).

The changes turned out to be a public relations ploy instead of a progressive step for Native people in Canada, Liz Thunder said during a phone interview from her Ottawa office Tuesday.

"The government is really giving us nothing new," she said.

The federal funding limitation for Native students across the country is still the same. But Indian bands will have "flexibility" to distribute their



Indian Affairs Minister Pierre Cadieux

shares to Native students, according to an E-12 amendment put forward by Indian Affairs Minister

Pierre Cadieux Sept. 12.

The initial policy placed a \$4 million limit on funding for Native

Cadieux announcement scorned

education across the country and a limit on the years a Native student is permitted to receive the funding while attending a post-secondary school.

The E-12 policy has been the focus of contempt by Native leaders since it was made public last year.

He said changes were made because of the growing pressure his office sustained from Native groups opposing the original policy.

Cadieux said were made as a direct result of several meetings with Indian groups.

Included in the nine amendments is a mechanism which calls for band administrations to provide education funding for their students out of band coffers. The amendments

also state that students must remain "successful" in their courses in order to receive the funding.

"But the new plan puts all the onus on Native bands to pay for the education of their people," Thunder insists. "There is no new money available."

"They're saying students can get more money, but it's up to the bands to decide. And the bands have to live within their own means."

She said that bands could be faced with more Natives wanting a higher education than they can afford to send to college.

"Then what are they going to do? They'll have to deny some of them (students). Well, that's not fair," she charges.

Thunder said Cadieux remains unwilling to afford Native people the right to education as specified in their treaties, and he is only "tricking" them into thinking they're getting something when they're not.

A spokesman from Indian Affairs in Ottawa

would not return phone calls.

"Now, Native students can go longer but they have to be at the tops of their classes in order to get money," she said.

AFN Vice-Chief Phil Fontaine lashed out at Cadieux for trying to deceive the public.

"This round of tinkering with the policy has not substantially changed the status quo for First Nations students in this country," he said.

"It is evident that the department (of Indian Affairs) is merely trying to recoup some credibility in the public eye following the controversy created last spring with the decision to unilaterally alter the Indian education policy."

Beginning last March, the AFN sponsored nationwide sit-ins and protests to show opposition to the E-12 policy changes. Native leaders demanded a moratorium on implementing the policy until native communities could be properly consulted.

A six-year history of AMMSA

The Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta (AMMSA) was formed by the former staff of the Alberta Native Communications Society which closed its doors in December of 1982 following sixteen years of operation.

This dedicated group became the first board of AMMSA, incorporated January 21, 1983, consisting of Bert Crowfoot, President; Laurent Roy, Vice President; Vivian Roller, Secretary-Treasurer; Harold Woodward, Board Member; and Gabriel Deshamps, Board Member.

AMMSA submitted a funding proposal to both the federal and provincial governments. Negotiations started on February 17, 1983 in a meeting between the agencies, a working committee selected by the agencies and the AMMSA Board of Directors.

At a meeting held February 21, 1983, the original board members turned the Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta over to the control of the working committee who became the new board of directors.

With this transition, Dr. Joe Couture became the second president of the society and Bert Crowfoot was hired as the acting general manager of AMMSA. Other members of the original board were



hired as staff of the Society.

On March 18th, 1983 the first publication of "AMMSA" rolled off the presses, beginning a "New Dawn in Native Communications".

In April of 1983, AMMSA moved to private offices located in Edmonton. Since that time, AMMSA has continued publication of a weekly newspaper; produced posters and other print projects.

An electronic media department was then organized, to conduct research and develop programs which would meet the needs of Native people in the area of electronic communications media.

In an effort to expand

into the area of electronic communications, a sub-society was formed in 1984 under the name of the Aboriginal Radio and Television Society (ARTS) and was governed by a Board of Directors composed of those members on the AMMSA Board.

Following a survey to assess needs, a broadcast plan was developed and staff were hired. ARTS went on-air producing WINDSPEAKER, a half-hour program aired Friday evenings on CKUA radio in 1984.

In March of 1986, AMMSA purchased its own building located at 15001-112 Avenue in Edmonton and changed the name of the weekly publication to WIND-

SPEAKER.

On February 3, 1986, the Native Perspective radio program began to be aired weekday mornings on CBC television. Both the WINDSPEAKER and the NATIVE PERSPECTIVE programs were continuing to broadcast and distribution plans were being made to expand the listening audience through alternative systems.

In August of 1986, the ARTS offices moved to Lac La Biche, Alberta.

In July of 1987, the ARTS society was dissolved and operations were resumed under the Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta and in early 1988, the society purchased the offices located in Lac La Biche.

The society now operates "CFWE-FM", a community radio station based in Lac La Biche. This project started as a pilot operation for the development of community radio throughout Alberta. CFWE is a 24 hour a day radio station.

The radio division has now made plans to increase distribution via satellite. The proposed date for initial start up is July 1, 1989 with ten new receiving dishes located in remote communities in northern Alberta. This is a three year project with ten additional communities being added in year two and ten in year three.

Kehewin

From front page

nyville and the Department of Indian Affairs audit control officials both say there is no evidence of any wrongdoing.

During last Thursday's meeting, Gadwa produced a letter from the Department congratulating the band in being the first reserve in Canada to have their 1989 audit completed and in order.

The new council said it would only consider resigning once an audit was done on all reserve businesses, none of which are supported by band funds.

They include a new hydroponics plant and a sawmill, both opened this year, plus a weaving factory and a store with gas pumps.

Department of Indian and Northern Affairs (DIAND) officials say they still recognize Gadwa as chief since the move to oust him by vote was illegal under the Indian Act and there is nothing in DIAND's mandate to allow councils' non-confidence vote.

The new council and its supporters, however, disagree saying Gadwa misled the band during his reign when he allegedly told them band elections came under tribal custom.

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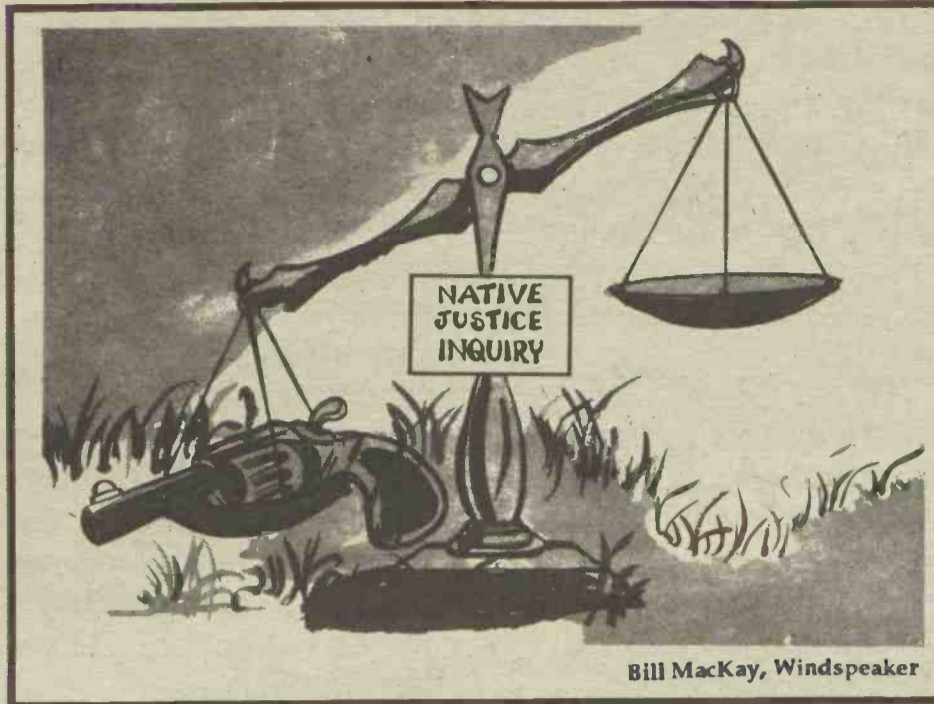
Policeman's suicide halts justice inquiry

WINNIPEG
Courtesy of Canadian Press

Just before he was to appear before Manitoba's native justice inquiry, the police inspector who investigated the J.J. Harper shooting killed himself in the basement of his south Winnipeg home police chief Herb Stephen said yesterday.

Insp. Ken Dowson, 43, waited until his wife and three children were out of the house, then shot himself with his own service revolver.

"It's completely out of character, he was one of the best investigators we had in the department," said Stephen, who remained composed as he related news of the suicide of his personal friend.



The tall, graying chief of police who has a clipped military moustache and a bearing to match aid a four-page suicide note left by Dowson tied his suicide to the inquiry.

News of Dowson's death brought the inquiry

to an abrupt halt. It is examining how Natives are treated by Manitoba's justice system.

"My own gut reaction is what has gone on has some direct bearing on what Insp. Dowson did," said Stephen.

Dowson helped direct the investigation into how Harper, an Indian leader, died from a bullet fired from the gun of Const. Robert Cross. Cross, who testified earlier, is still in hospital under psychiatric care and has himself threatened suicide.

First police and then an inquest judge cleared Cross of any wrongdoing, finding that Harper died from a shot fired accidentally while he struggled with Cross over his gun on a dark Winnipeg street in 1988.

"This tragedy is under intense investigation at this time," said Stephen.

"We had no idea that Insp. Dowson would choose to take his own

life."

Dowson, 43, was a 19-year veteran of the police force.

Cross, who was taken from a psychiatric ward to appear before the inquiry, testified he had asked Harper for some identification because he thought he might be a suspect in a car theft.

When Harper, who had been drinking, refused to co-operate, Cross said he grabbed his arm and the two started to struggle. He said Harper pushed him down, went for his gun and as the two struggled over the weapon, it went off.

The inquiry headed by judges Al Hamilton and Murray Sinclair was a re-

sponse to the outcry from Native groups after the Harper shooting and after the trial of two men accused of murdering Helen Betty Osborne, a Cree high school student, 18 years ago in The Pas, Manitoba.

At the same news conference where Stephen broke the news about Dowson, Mayor Bill Norrie said the inquiry, which began last October has gone on long enough and he would like to finish its work.

"I think the general view in the community is that it's a very protracted series of hearings and I think what we need to do is hopefully have the inquiry wind up as quickly as possible and get its recommendations in."

Expressions



Lazarte Janvier from Cold Lake First Nations relaxed at his campsite recently during Alexis 11th annual Assiniboine Days

Alexander march fizzles; chief questions petition

By Jeanne Lepine
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ALEXANDER RESERVE, ALTA.

The chief and council from the Alexander reserve are questioning the validity of a petition signed by 129 band members.

The petition was delivered by disgruntled band member Leslie Bruno recently favoring a change in the term of the chief and council from three years to two years.

Band members are fed up with the lack of representation of band members shown by the band council, Bruno had stated earlier.

In an attempt to pressure band council members to resign he had threatened to march on the band office Sept 18, a threat which was not carried out.

Chief and council notified band members by letter that they (band and council) would be pleased to comply with the petition and amend the Alexander tribal government customary election regulations once validity of the petition was obtained.

However, the letter emphasized that in the event amendments were made, the current term of the chief and council would not be affected.

It also stated that any amendments to the regulations are not retroactive but will be operative in for the election to be held in

the fall of 1990.

Band members were encouraged to feel free to withdraw their name from the petition in the event they were led to believe they were signing the petition for another reason, according to Alexander Chief Allan Paul.

Bruno had signed an affidavit stating that the signatures obtained from Sept. 1 to Sept 8 were obtained voluntarily without any intimidation, or deceit.

Chief Paul questions the

affidavit, saying that band members have approached him requesting their names be removed from the petition.

The chief has given his assurance that the matter will be dealt with in an effective manner, and stated his approval that the community was exercising their rights under band custom without the involvement of Indian Affairs.

Bruno could not be reached for comment.

Referendum delayed

By Jeanne Lepine
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ASSUMPTION, ALTA.

Once again the Dene Tha' referendum on the leadership of 81-year-old Chief Harry Chonkolay has been cancelled.

Without an electoral officer appointed, the referendum scheduled for Sept 15, was cancelled.

Rather than re-scheduling the referendum, Warren Daniels, co-ordinator of the referendum, plans to organize a general meeting involving the three communities, so band members can decide what direction they would like to take.

The referendum stemmed from two days of heated discussion at the Dene Tha' Cultural Gathering last July, when the chiefs leadership came under attack by some band

members.

The referendum was originally scheduled for Aug. 3 but has been cancelled and re-scheduled several times.

Not all band council members were in agreement with the referendum, and apparently most band members at Bushe River and Meander River support the chief.

Chief Chonkolay is one of the longest-serving chiefs in Canada, having been elected in 1941.

Last year, the government of Alberta recognized his contribution to his people and presented him with the Alberta Achievement Award.

Earlier this year Chonkolay was appointed to the Order of Canada.

There are approximately 1600 band members in the Dene Tha' band residing on three reserves.

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On The National Scene

Mohawk reserve braces for all-out war

By Jeff Morrow
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HOGANSBURG, N.Y.

Sporadic fighting on the besieged Mohawk Indian reserve located on the Canada U.S. boarder near Montreal, is on the verge of escalating into a full-scale war, says the reserve's newspaper publisher.

An arsenal of weapons, including Uzi assault rifles and hand grenades purchased in New York State, are being stockpiled in preparation for what could result in a bloody battle which has been brewing for three months, Doug George said.

Embittered band factions, which are divided over gambling laws on the reserve, have been performing pre-dawn raids on casinos and restaurants in an effort to "intimidate"



Blockade at Akwesasne reserve

band members, he said.

"There's incredible tension here. It's kind of like a Gaza Strip. These guys are walking around with everything from cattle prods to machine guns," said George, publisher and editor of Akwesasne Notes.

"It's leading up to something much bigger."

Anti and pro-gambling groups broke off talks last week that were set to quell

the internal conflict that has been growing since N.Y. State troopers and Federal Bureau of Investigation agents raided a reserve casino and confiscated slot machines earlier this year.

George said anti-gambling band members walked out of a Sept. 15 meeting with the pro-gambling warrior's from the Mohawk Sovereignty Se-

curity Force (MSSF) because they are opposed to having the multi-million gambling casinos on the reserve.

The next day electrical transformers for one of the casinos was destroyed by gunfire.

"There was lots of shooting and threats of violence, so the reserve was sealed off by state police," George said. "It's an awkward situation for the leadership here."

Canadian Akwesasne Grand Chief Mike Mitchell, who claimed to be warding off death threats, took refuge in the reserve's tribal police station during last month's confrontation involving fire-bombs and sniper shots aimed at the casinos.

Mohawk warriors have accused him of inciting band members to march

on the buildings in defiance of the long-standing tradition of reserve gambling. He has denied the allegations.

"We're not communicating anymore. We have to resolve this peacefully. Once someone is shot, all hell could break loose," Mitchell said.

Anti-gambling band members charge that the casinos are being run by organized crime syndicates on the American side of the border.

The Akwesasne Reserve, located 130 kilometres south of Montreal, straddles the Canada-U.S. boarder between Cornwall, Ont. and Fort Covington, N.Y.

MSSF spokesman Art Montour said internal fighting is between traditional Indians and moderate leaders on the reserve.

He said Mitchell has

convinced some militant band members to oppose a long-standing Indian practice of generating reserve revenue by using the casinos to attract Canadian tourists.

"All the MSSF wants to do is protect our sovereignty and the rights of Mohawk people," he said.

"We're not just talking about gambling we're fighting outside intervention."

Kahnawake Mohawk councillor Davis Rice said he is monitoring the dispute but it appears to be abating.

Members of the Kahnawake reserve, located near Montreal, were preparing to lend support to the warring Mohawk Nation last month in the event of an escalation in the fighting.

"Everything appears calm now," he noted.

AFN makes conservation plea at UN assembly

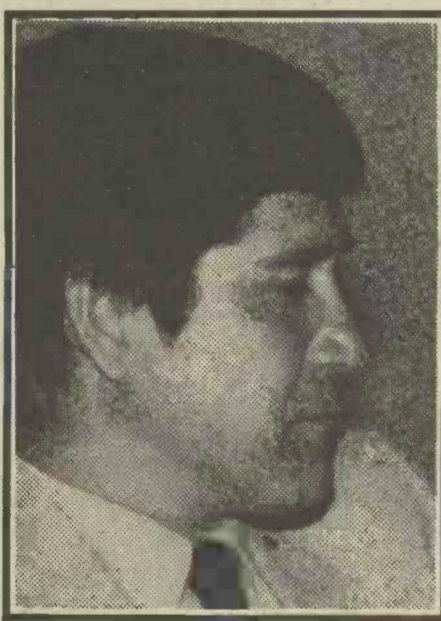
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NEW YORK, N.Y.

Canada's national Native organization made its plea for the preservation of the world's timber resources during the opening-day session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York City Sept 19.

Assembly of First Nations (AFN) environment spokesman Joe Norton told a corps of international media outside the UN building that Indians in Canada are opposed to the industrialization of Third World countries at the risk of destroying Aboriginal culture.

Norton, grand chief of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake, was part of an



Joe Norton

international delegation calling for a moratorium on forestry development around the globe.

He represented the AFN as a member of the newly-established World Rainforest Movement made up of groups from more than 10 countries.

During a three-minute presentation, made on the steps of the UN building, Norton read a resolution passed by the AFN in 1987 opposing industrialization of the world's rainforests.

He said it called for a halt to all development aid for Third World countries that have large Aboriginal populations which would be affected by deforestation.

Norton also spoke about the development going on throughout Canada that is having an impact on Native culture.

He said the main purpose of the outdoor conference, sponsored by the newly-established World

Rainforest Movement, was to put an emphasis on the devastating effects logging and industrialization has on the earth's heritage.

The gathering "was held to demand that these projects, which are funded by the world bank and other financial agencies, be halted," he said.

"It's good to put monies toward these kinds of things to help economic development of impoverished countries. But in the meantime they're detrimental to the environment."

He noted that 75 per cent of Canada's vast territories remain unsettled by society and are still inhab-

ited by Natives who need the forests to sustain their lives and livelihoods.

The World Rainforest Movement (WRM), made up of environment groups from more than 10 countries, had representatives at the press gala who echoed those statements.

Sean Cosgrove, director of the Alberta Rainforest Action Group in Calgary, said the six-month-old movement was organized to give the world's Native people a united voice in determining how their environment will be affected by the industrial onslaught.

"Alberta has the richest, untapped timber resource areas in the world. It's good

our Natives as a part of it. It's good to have a united front in an effort to halt the detrimental development, ranching and commercial logging that is destroying the world's timber resources," he said.

The WRM was represented at the UN gathering by delegates from countries in Asia, South America and Europe.

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Blood man's death suspicious

12 year-old death intrigues inquiry

By John Grainger
Windspeaker Correspondent

STANDOFF, ALTA.

Fort Macleod's former sewage plant supervisor said Christopher Twigg could not have entered the disaster tank by himself in 1977.

"Well, that's just my opinion, but he didn't go in by himself," said George Bota Thursday at the Rolf Inquiry.

The inquiry was ordered by Premier Don Getty to look into strained relations between the Blood Band and RCMP and Lethbridge city police after a request from Blood band chief Roy Fox who felt a number of sudden deaths were not properly investigated.

Blood band member Twigg was found Aug. 16 of that year, 12 days after he had gone missing from the town's hospital where he was being treated for alcohol abuse.

His body was severely decayed when it was found.

Bota told Judge Carl Rolf he was in charge of the sewage plant the day before the body was found.

"I found nothing out of place and if Mr. Pat Greenaway (plant worker and now supervisor) had found anything out of place, I know he would have reported it," said Bota.

The surrounding fence had not been tampered with until the day the body was found, he said.

"From what I could see, the gate had been forced," said Bota.



The digester tanks are covered with wooden and concrete covers and would be difficult for one person to lift, he said.

Once inside, getting out of the tank would be virtually impossible, he added, since the tanks had no handles under the lid.

When he and sewage plant engineers found the body, they noticed flesh had fallen off the fingers.

"It looked as though he clawed the walls," said Bota.

Responding to a question about whether Twigg could have treaded water for any amount of time, he said Twigg could have, but the water was usually very hot and Twigg would not last long.

Bota said he invited the plant's engineers to check the plant after he had noticed a stench emanating from the tank two or three days previous.

"As I walked into the yard, I could get a faint odor, not a sewer odor," said Bota.

A backhoe was used to

open the tank's covers.

A day or two later, Bota said they emptied the tank and found a billfold.

"An imprint of (a social insurance number) was embossed in the plastic window of the billfold," said Bota.

The card was found later and Bota took it to the town's RCMP detachment.

Bota said he received a less than polite response from the officer who told him, "What did you bring that here for, the case is closed," and threw it in the garbage, the officer told Bota.

In other testimony, a man has come forward to the commission saying he saw Ivan Garry Chief Moon fall from the Whoop-Up Drive Bridge Dec. 9, 1984.

Daryl Keller says he read a newspaper story from the inquiry July 21 of this year that brought the incident back to mind.

"I may have inadvertently seen someone die and not realize it. I guess I just dismissed it from my

mind," Keller told the commissioner.

Chief Moon was found dead lying under the bridge with a blood alcohol reading of .21.

Keller, who was working early that morning, was driving east bound down the bridge when he saw a man staggering.

He said he saw a City of Lethbridge vehicle go past the man after making evasive moves.

Keller said he slowed from 100 km/h to about 25 km/h when he saw Chief Moon fall.

Meanwhile, the pathologist who performed the autopsy on Dennis Bad Arm in October, 1987 said cause of death was a combination of alcohol and pain killers.

Dr. Barbara Happel said Bad Arm had a blood alcohol level of .16 - normally not high enough to kill a person.

But with the presence of pain killers, it would be enough for the central nervous system to fail, she said.

Bad Arm was found dead in Cardston RCMP cells after he was taken from the town's hospital where he was exhibiting violent behaviour, said commission lawyer Michael Stevens-Guille.

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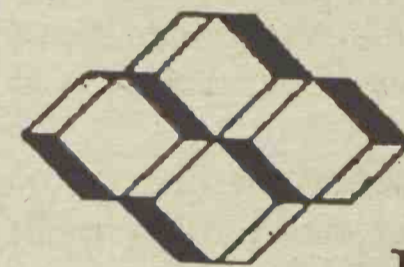
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Viewpoint

A struggle for autonomy

It's ironic that Kehewin band members are now seeking the help of Indian Affairs officials to resolve their internal leadership debate.

For it was the fact that the band's elections were governed under the Indian Act which was partly responsible for the overthrow of band chief Gordon Gadwa.

One faction of dissatisfied band members want to run their elections under band rules while another group would prefer that life goes on as it has on the reserve for decades.

Now, both groups are turning to the department of Indian Affairs to resolve a dispute over who really leads the band at this critical juncture in its history.

Is it Gordon Gadwa or is it the new council which overthrew him?

The leadership question has divided the band so bitterly, pitting families against families on this small reserve, many members say life on the reserve will never be the same ever again.

That prediction will likely ring true.

Kehewin will never be the same again. Nor should it be.

Like many Indian reserves in this country, the band is experiencing the growing pains of a band whose struggle towards self-government is impeded by its own inability to agree on one vision for its future.

The key to their future, however, is an out-moded and antiquated piece of legislation — the Indian Act — which if the Kehewin turmoil is used as an example, is hardly relevant to the present-day needs of Indian bands who want to govern their own affairs.

If anything the Indian Act prevents it from taking that leap towards independence.

It's this act which gives the power for Indian Affairs to recognize who shall lead a band and who shall not.

Unfortunately and unfairly, as has been the case for decades, the timetable for self-government will be in large part determined by the federal government.

In this dispute, it's clear that whatever Indian Affairs does, it will have to consider the fact that it has played a very significant role in forcing bands like Kehewin to this crisis point.

That role has largely been one which has failed to deal with the need by Indian bands who want to govern themselves.

Indian bands in this country have an inherent right to determine their own future like any other group of people.

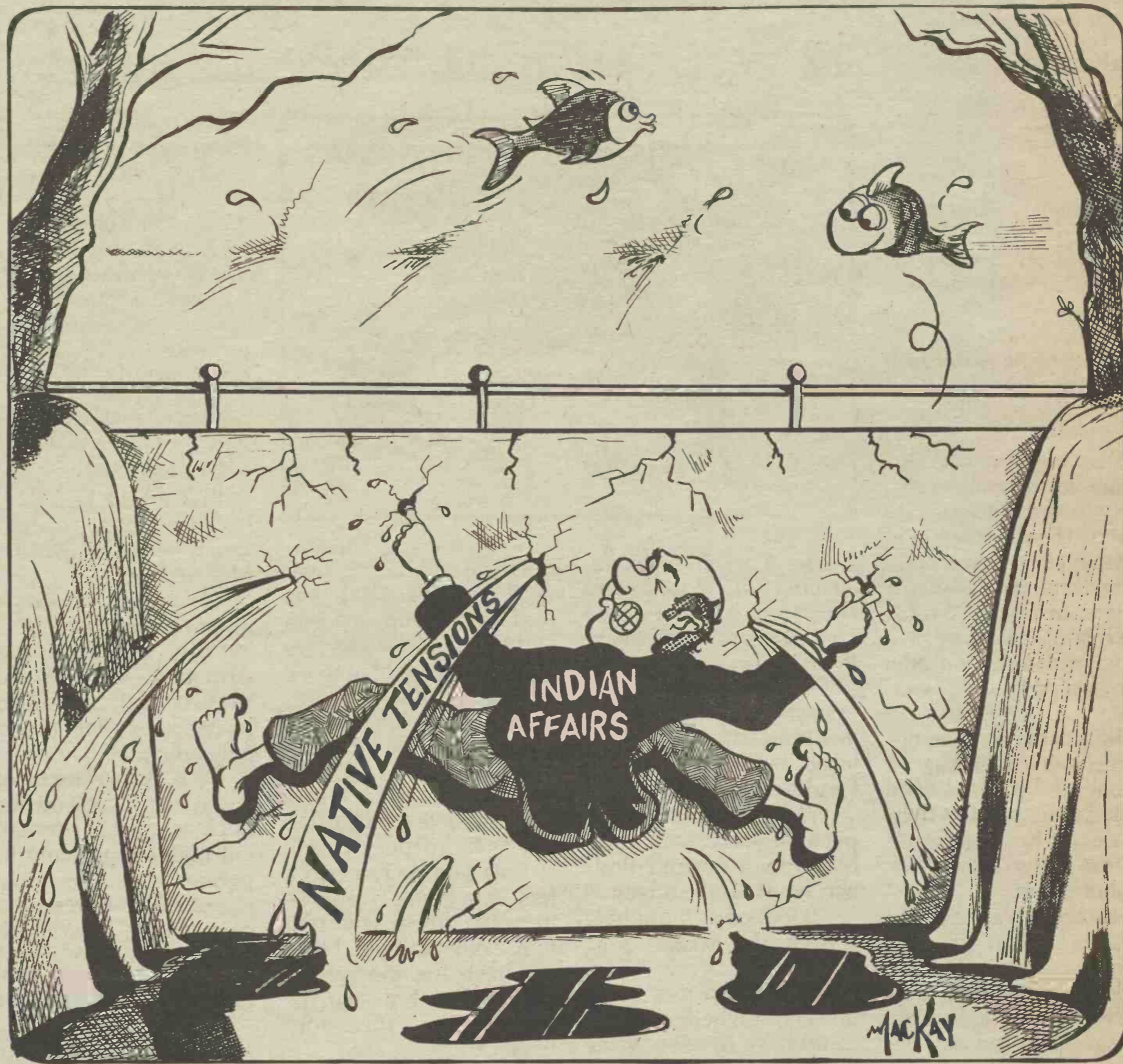
But the road to real autonomy requires struggle.

And if Indian Affairs believes in that, they will allow Kehewin band members to take that first step to decide their own future by establishing a mechanism that will give them this autonomy.

The bitter divisions in this band won't be cleared up with a legal battle over who leads this band.

The people want to decide who will lead them.

Only a democratic election will resolve that.



Walking the Red Road alone requires trust

Tansi, ahnee and hello. Changes.

Outside my window this morning there is bright sun in the sky. The sky that holds it is a hard blue. The air is clean, crisp and rich with the sounds of birds.

A new season.

At first glance it would almost seem like another lazy summer morning not unlike the ninety or so summer mornings which have just passed.

Mornings all have that quality, I suppose. Minus the presence of snow they are all, at first glance, as fresh and full of promise as any other.

The edges.

That first glance out my window only showed me the edges. Standing at the doorway with my coffee cup steaming in my hand, there is a separateness to this particular morning that sets it apart entirely from every other day.

Time.

It takes a bit of time to see it.

Somehow the world has changed.

I write this column Monday mornings. As I drifted through this past weekend the world drifted through some changes of its own. Funny how easy it is sometimes to get so caught up in your own affairs that something as spectacular as a change of season can go unnoticed. I missed it until now.

A change of season.

I find myself a single man again this morning.



TOUCHING THE CIRCLE

By Richard Wagamese

This last while I was in the company of a beautiful, creative and loving woman. I was in a home where dreams and reality were equally and with respect. I was part of a union.

Our people have always believed in the natural laws. When the Creator breathed life and motion into the universe, he did so with one breath.

With this one breath all things became related. When things are connected in this way, there is harmony and there is balance. There is room for all things to grow.

But the Creator in his wisdom also breathed motion into the universe. With this breath of motion was created one of the strongest of the natural laws.

The law of change.

When living things have room to grow they will. When living things grow they change.

The old one once told me that even wind on stone acts invisibly to alter or change the face of the stone. Because of the inter-relatedness of all things, the wholeness of the universe, change is everywhere.

This morning I face change.

I've come a long way in this. It wasn't all that many years ago when changes were the most feared thing in my world. Because change meant growth and I was very afraid to grow.

I was afraid that if things changed I might have to wake up to find myself alone. Back then I couldn't be alone because I really didn't like the me I was back then.

You see, I'd never taken the time to look around my world. I'd never taken the time to watch seasons change. Never taken the time to watch my family grow and change. Never taken the time to seek the wisdom of the elders or to find that place inside myself where there was no fear. The place that allows change in my life.

So many of us fight it and we suffer. What it comes down to is this. If we are truly trying to live our lives as close to the traditional way of our people as possible, if we are trying to live our lives according to the laws and will of our Creator, then we have to stop fighting change in our lives.

Walking the Red Road

is very much a trusting thing.

Trust. I do not know this morning why it is necessary for me to leave a home and a relationship with someone who cared so much for me. I do not know why I have to examine the feeling I have churning around inside me these days. I do not know why I have to be alone.

What I do know is that there is a reason. When I will discover that reason is up to my Creator. All I need to do for now is to take care of myself and to keep looking for answers. Answers to myself. Answers to the way that I want to deal with the world. Answers to changes.

Because another of the natural laws is that there are two ways to deal with the changes. There is the way that brings things together and there is the way that tears things apart. The healing way or the disappearing way. I seek healing.

So I am single again. There is pain this but there is also something the Old One told me concerning this.

He told me when the Creator breathed life and motion into the universe all things became related. Therefore all things are in relationship. Relationships then are like everything else in the universe. They never die, just change.

Until next week, Meegwetch.

Letters to the Editor

Native justice probe a waste of money — reader

Dear editor:

The creation of a committee to study methods to reduce the very high number of Natives in our jails is just another scheme to waste government money foolishly.

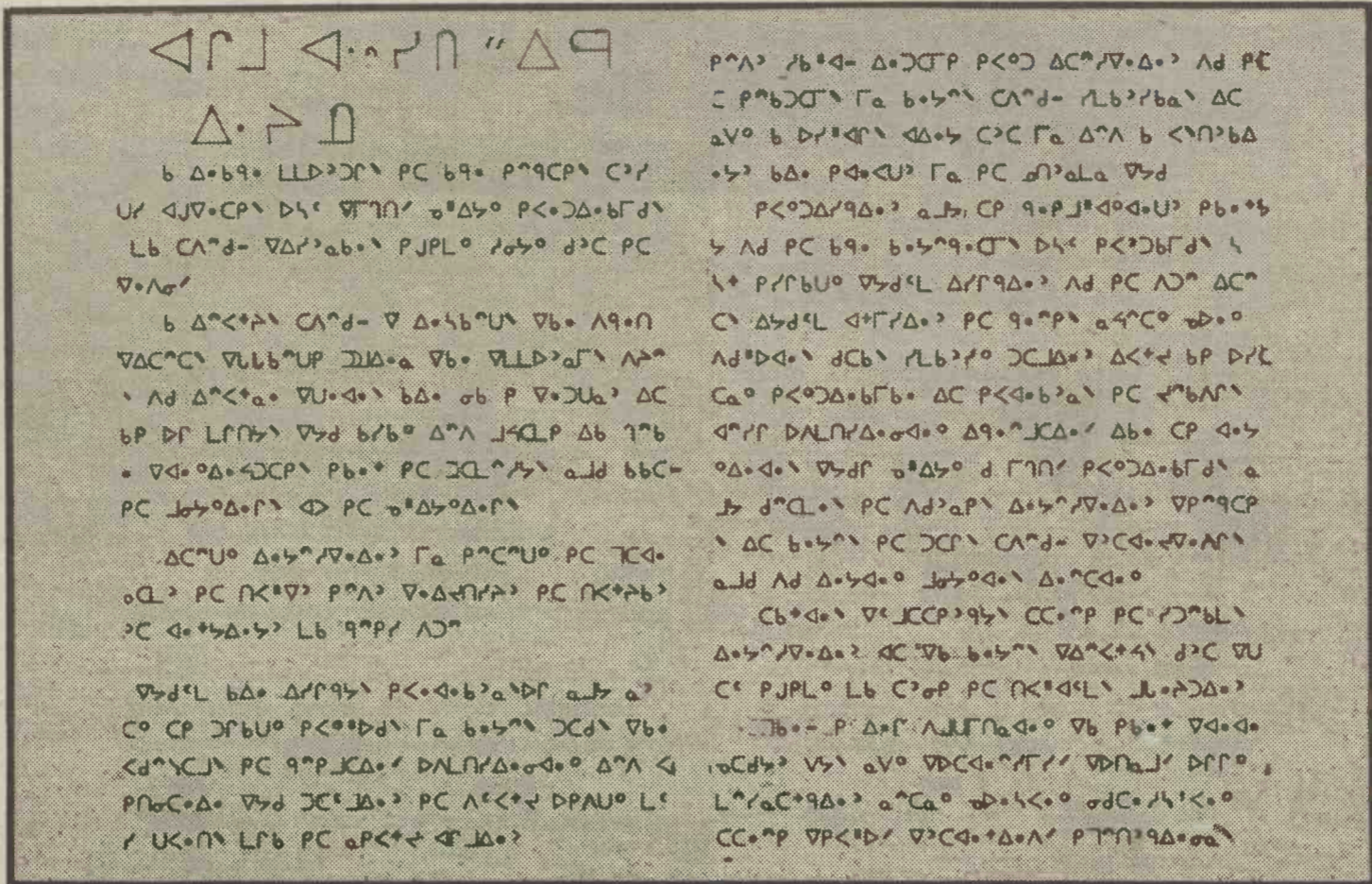
In finality and after the "hot-wind" has blown in all directions, the piles of expensive reports and recommendations are filed to gather dust, we're going to be back where we started...on day one where we'll come to the realization that we're just not ready to do anything constructive for our offenders.

It really does not matter whether they're Native or white.

The fact is, the laws are made and are pretty well universal. You play around with them, you pay by going to jail. If you are rich and influential, you can generally buy your way out. But that's another story.

Our system in dealing with offenders is practically unbreakable. Throw them in jail, give them all the comforts of home and hope they change their lifestyle upon release.

Keep the career-orientated system functioning. Turn a deaf ear to the "Screamers".



of rehabilitation, which is only about four per cent of our prison population.

The rest can be redeemed by the military method. We can't make our jails soft and home-like where offenders live the 'life of Riley' and are "conditioned" to return there.

This is basically why we have so many Natives in our jails. They are not afraid to commit crimes because they are going to a place where they never had it so good. It's like a paid vacation for practically everybody in fact...not only Natives!

We are digging deeper and deeper every year to support a system that operates at a tremendous failure rate. That is typical of our government of course but why should we have to pay for a lack of common sense?

So here I walk free among you. A man with a family that's been fingerprinted over two dozen times with sixteen years vacation at your expense.

If someone hadn't made me feel welcome on the first trip 22 years ago, I could have saved you a lot of money by not going back. so the message should be clear....

Sonny Susquatch
Edmonton

End of story.

Actually, if we want to do something constructive about our jail system where we get better and faster results, we have to go like the army where they make a man out of you.

Where when you're released, you're ready to meet the challenge of the street.

The jail system today is not designed for a rehabilitative purpose. It offers incentive to straighten out because the "hard-core" in the institution set the standard.

This is a problem that can only be remedied by setting up different units, one for the hardcore beyond the process

Social services treatment unfair to Indian kids Foster child supports couple

Dear editor:

I have been reading in your paper about the couple who lost their children by Social Services and I agree with these two people.

I was in foster homes too and Social Services used to tell me that my mother didn't want me back and I would be better off in their care.

I find that very disrespectful and also disappointing when I know that my mother will always love me.

I do not think that Social Services care or even think about what this may do to those children.



Vernon Soloway, McCarthy have reader support

When they apprehend us from our parents, they

should be thinking about all the attention and love we need because our parents are not there to give it to us.

If we are in better care when they take us away, why do so many unusual things happen in many foster homes?

It seems like everything happens to Indian children when they are taken away and nobody cares except the parents and other In-

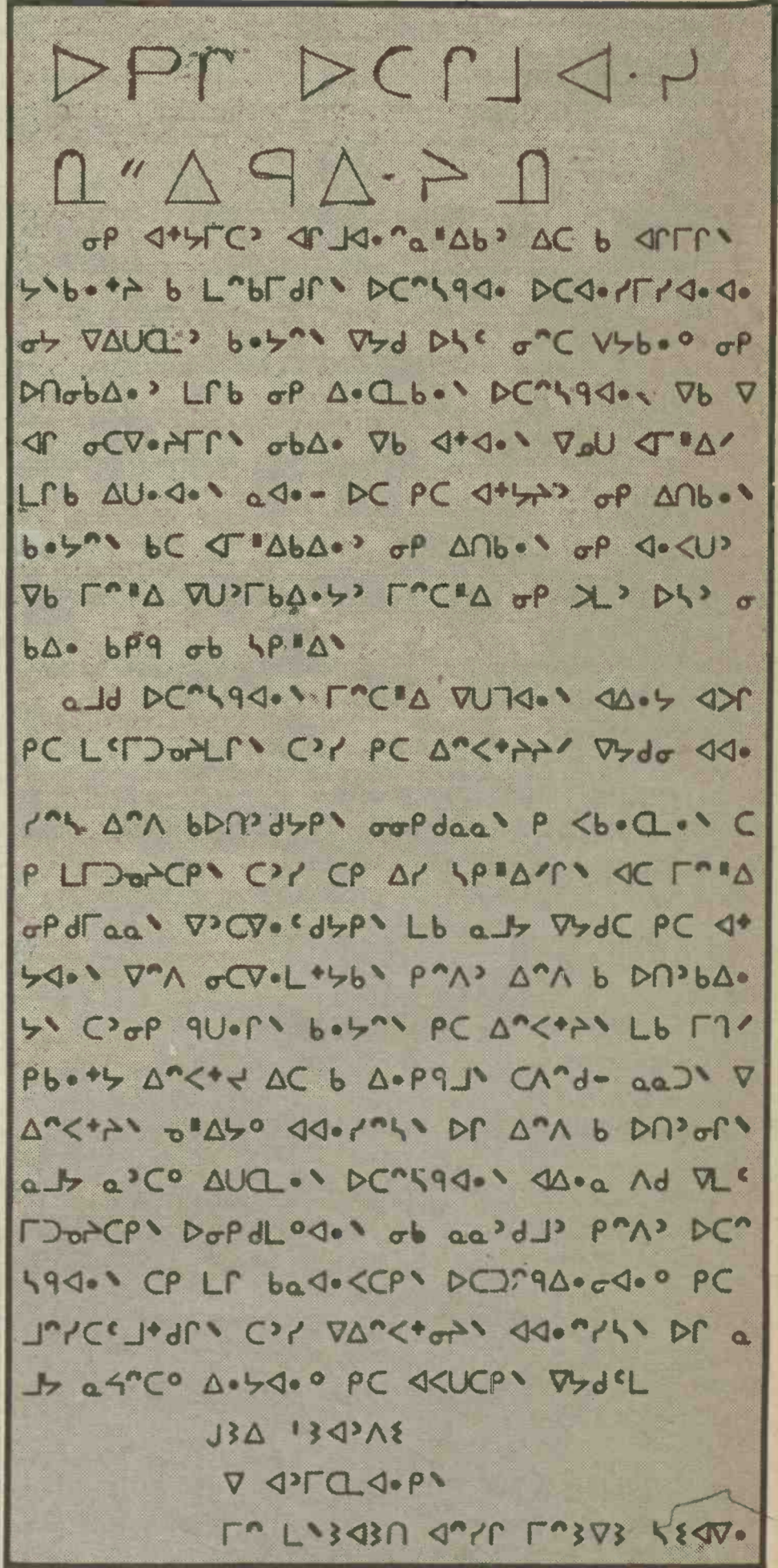
dian people.

I wish Social Services would start expressing a little bit of feeling into their jobs for the children's sake and not for what they benefit from it.

Julie Hamelin, Brownvale

A Supportive Reader for

Miss McCarthy & Mr. Soloway.



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Community News

Autumn's over, hockey season's here again!

Hi!

As I look out the window here at Windspeaker, I see that autumn has finally arrived.

This of course means many people in the northern part of Alberta will be busy hunting down moose, wildfowl and other wild critters that makes us city boys' mouths water.

As I look out the window and watch the leaves fall, I get awfully hungry thinking about all that northern food being stored, "plentiful!" in all those Native homes.

Think of me when you're skinning that moose! Think of all the times in the past that I have shared good things with you in Droppin' In. It might just urge you to share part of your kill with me...best friends of the North!

It's hockey time again and you guessed it! If we don't come up with some volunteers soon, good old Droppin' In, "you bet cha," will be coaching an Atom hockey team again this season of the blade.

There. I've shared something with you. Now it's your turn!

EDMONTON: Welcome to Droppin' In Stewart Stonechild.

Stewart is the voice (coordinator) for the Native Brotherhood at the Edmonton Institution. Right now, the Brotherhood is looking for musicians, singers, dancers and anyone else interested in visiting with them every Thursday evening.

Stewart mentions they are deeply interested in finding out the whereabouts of Terri Danils. So Terri if you're out there, please call Droppin' In.

ALBUQUERQUE: John Fletcher just returned from the States where he attended the National Indian Athletic Association (NIAA) Softball Championship games and you know what he tells Droppin' In?

"Rocky it was 94, 92, 93 and on the last day it became a little colder...it was 89. Can you believe that Rocky! 89 degrees above on the last day...it was awful Rocky!"

Thanks for rubbing it in John.

I understand some teams and individual baseball players from the Edmonton area also attended the games. Read all about it in this week's sports section.

GRANDE PRAIRIE: It's all happening from Oct. 6 to



Droppin' In

By Rocky Woodward



Chalifoux: Rodeo Family

9. Alwyn Morris, the gold and bronze medallist in the kyak event in the 1984 Olympics will be in this fair city as a guest speaker on those dates.

Isn't that nice? With a little help from my friends, Droppin' In has a scoop!

Youth worker Penny Dika, who works at the Cool aid Youth Drop-In Centre in Grande Prairie, says that Alwyn Morris is scheduled to talk at the annual youth conference on Oct. 7. A special reception will also be held for Morris, at the Golden Inn between 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 7.

Morris will be talking to youth about goal setting and

motivation.

Penny mentioned the youth centre caters to youth between the ages of 12 to 17. The centre offers a referral service, 24-hour crisis line, educational programs and other helpful services for youth in the city.

PONOKA: Residing in Ponoka but originally from the Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement are the Cartwright family! Just kidding.

Actually this is the famous "Wildbunch" that Droppin' In has been focusing on quite a bit during the "Great Rodeo Caper."

They are the Chalifoux family! Winners of many rodeo events, right Lloyd "Hoss" Chalifoux?

Like the Cartwrights, they have four members in their family, but when this picture was taken, Droppin' In did not realize that mother of the "Wildbunch" Corrine was even there. I am sorry Corrine. Maybe next year when that bugle in the early morning dawn calls on all cowboys to begin another rodeo season, I'll be there to capture probably the most important part of the "Wildbunch."

It was a great season for Dad, Lloyd Chalifoux, Lloyd Jr. and pretty Nicole Chalifoux.

DROPPIN' IN: Find the time. Keep people informed on what is happening in your neighbourhood. Call Droppin' In.

Remember communities that I have contacted, need to contact and should be contacting, I will eventually get around to doing it. My reasons for not contacting you are school time and a lack of computer knowledge!

Just kidding, my people.

My real reason is because of school hours which demand that I also spend much of my spare time at home occupied with school work, it has been a problem for me to work out a schedule. A schedule that will allow me time to cover properly the communities. Once I get in tune...it shall be done!

Now don't forget to keep those letters coming and also, I will now be expecting boxes laden with frozen moosesteaks, wild ducks and a five pound frozen chicken from Kim and Elmer Ghostkeepers store at Paddle Prairie!

Have a great weekend, everyone.

"Awsikan" A NATIVE HANDMADE DOLL EXHIBIT; Sept. 5 to Oct. 6; The Beaver House Gallery, 3rd Flr. 10158-103 Street, Edmonton; presented by the Alberta Indian Arts & Crafts Society; call (403) 426-2048.

HEALING MASS; Sept. 29, Native Pastoral Centre 10829-105 Ave. at 7:30 pm; the Celebrant will be Fr. Ray Guimond, for more info. call 424-1431 or 428-0846

INDIAN SUMMER WORLD FESTIVAL OF ABORIGINAL MOTION PICTURES, Sept. 20 - 24 1989; Pincher Creek, Alta: For more info. call (403) 627-4813.

THE NATIVE PERSPECTIVE/CFWE OPEN HOUSE; Sept. 22 at the Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta boardroom (15001-112 Ave. Edmonton) 9 am - 12 pm; news conference at 10 am with CFWE live broadcast, ribbon cutting and refreshments; for more info. call (403) 455-2700.

A WORKING CONFERENCE ON INDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Sept. 26, 27, & 28, Edmonton Inn, Edmonton; sponsored by Alberta Indian Economic Developers; for more info. call 428-6731

FORT VERMILLION INDIAN SUMMER INDOOR RODEO; Sept. 30-Oct. 4; Community Culture Complex; Stock supplied by the Lazy H Rodeo Company; entries will be taken on Sept. 25 only at (Central Entry) 653-4996 or 653-4997.

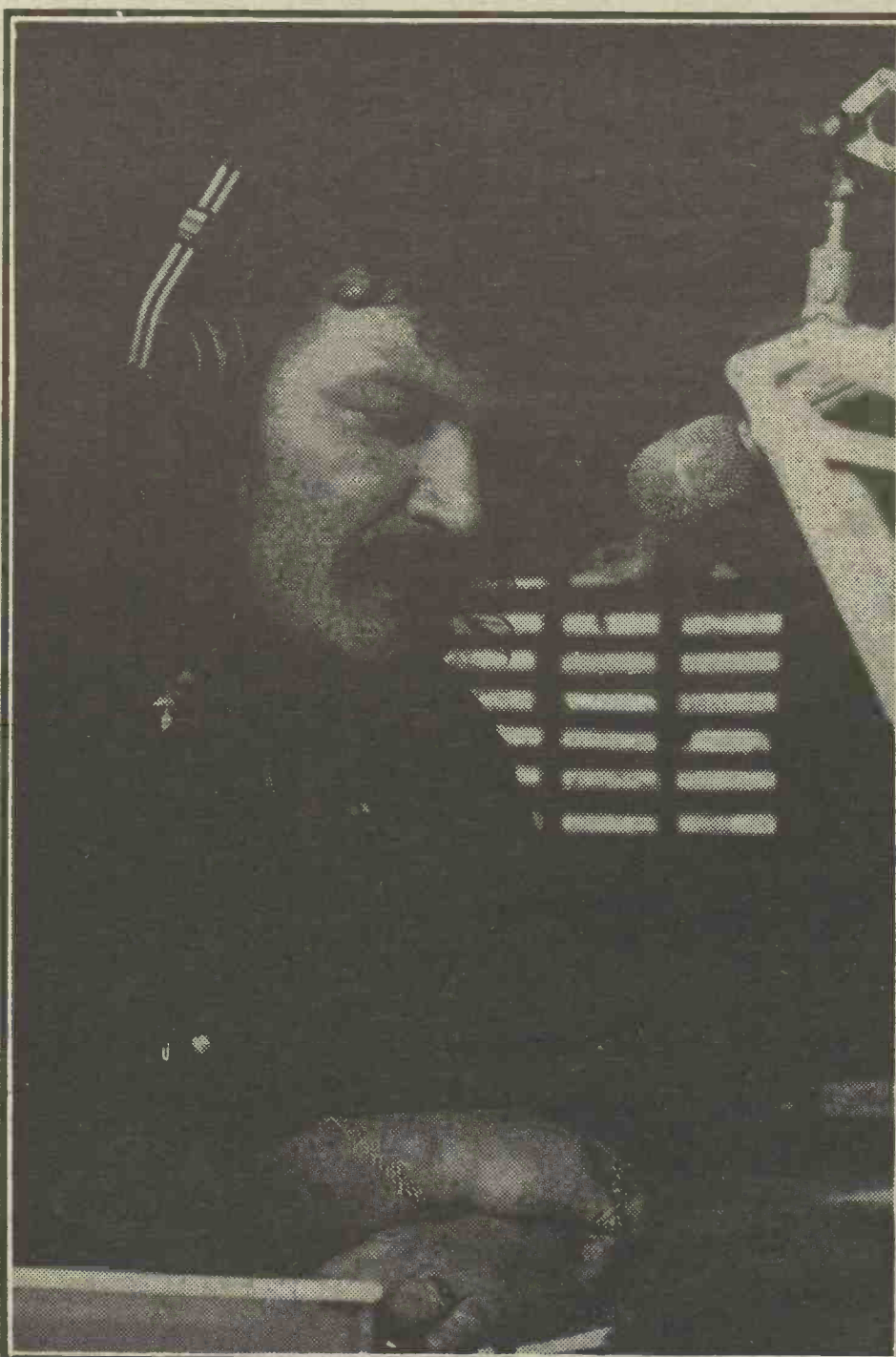
MUSKWACHEES CULTURAL COLLEGE GRADUATION, SEPT. 30 at 3:30 pm; Peter Bull Memorial Centre; dinner at 6 pm and dance at 9 pm at Panee Agriplex; for more info. call Rosella Ward at (585-3925).

SLAVE LAKE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE 'CULTURAL DAZE' SEPT. 29 - OCT. 1, for more info. contact Carol at 849-3039

14th ANNUAL BOWDEN INDIAN DAYS, Oct. 1, Bowden Institution, Calgary; hosted by the Native Brotherhood Society; traditional, fancy and grass dancing - Seniors and juniors; cash prizes; for more info. call Pat Harley, 227-3391 (ext. 352).

20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS (NAPI FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION); Sept. 20-24; open house at Friendship Centre (622 Charlotte Pincher Creek); Pow wow, artist displays, concession and crafts; for more info. call 627-4224.

Indian Country Community Events



CFWE program director Ray Fox will be on the air during AMMSA's Open House Sept 22.

NATIVE LEFTHANDED GOLF TOURNAMENT, Oct 7, 1989.

Wolf Creek golf course. Entry fee \$65.00 includes; green

fees, golf cart and stake. For more info. contact John Fletcher at 435-4424 or Ryan Vold at 783-6050.

AMERICAN INDIAN DANCE THEATRE Oct. 10, 1989. 8 p.m.; Calgary Centre for Performing Arts: for ticket info call 294-7472. For group sales, call Tina Nelson at 294-7455

THANKSGIVING GOSPEL SERVICES; Oct. 5-8th, 7:30 pm nightly; Native Full Gospel Fellowship Church, for further info. call: 585-2390, 585-4247 or 585-2298.

COOL AID SOCIETY; Oct. 7 & 8, 4-6 pm, 10011-102 st., Grand Prairie; lectures by Alwyn Morris for youths & family for an addictions free lifestyle; Oct. 7, 7 pm; Golden Inn; banquet and special lecture for those interested in/or working with youths. For more info. call Sandy or Penny at 532-9004.

25th ANNUAL ALL-NATIVE FESTIVAL; Oct. 13 to 14; sponsored by CNFC at the Westmount Community Hall and Montgomery Legion; vocal and jigging contests, dance Fri. & Sat. night; for more info. call the Friendship Centre at 452-7811.

NATIVE BROTHERHOOD SOCIETY 21st ANNUAL POWWOW; Oct. 21, 10 am - 4 pm, Drumheller. For more info. call Bret Cunningham at 823-3333.

BEN CALF ROBE OPEN HOUSE; Oct. 27, 11833-64 St. Edmonton; Father Gary Laboucane will be blessing the school.

RITA HOULE MEMORIAL AWARDS BANQUET; Nov. 4; Saxony Motor Inn, 15540 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton; dedicated Native Athletes must be nominated by a coach, school counsellor or Native organization by Oct. 27; for more info. call (403) 452-7811.

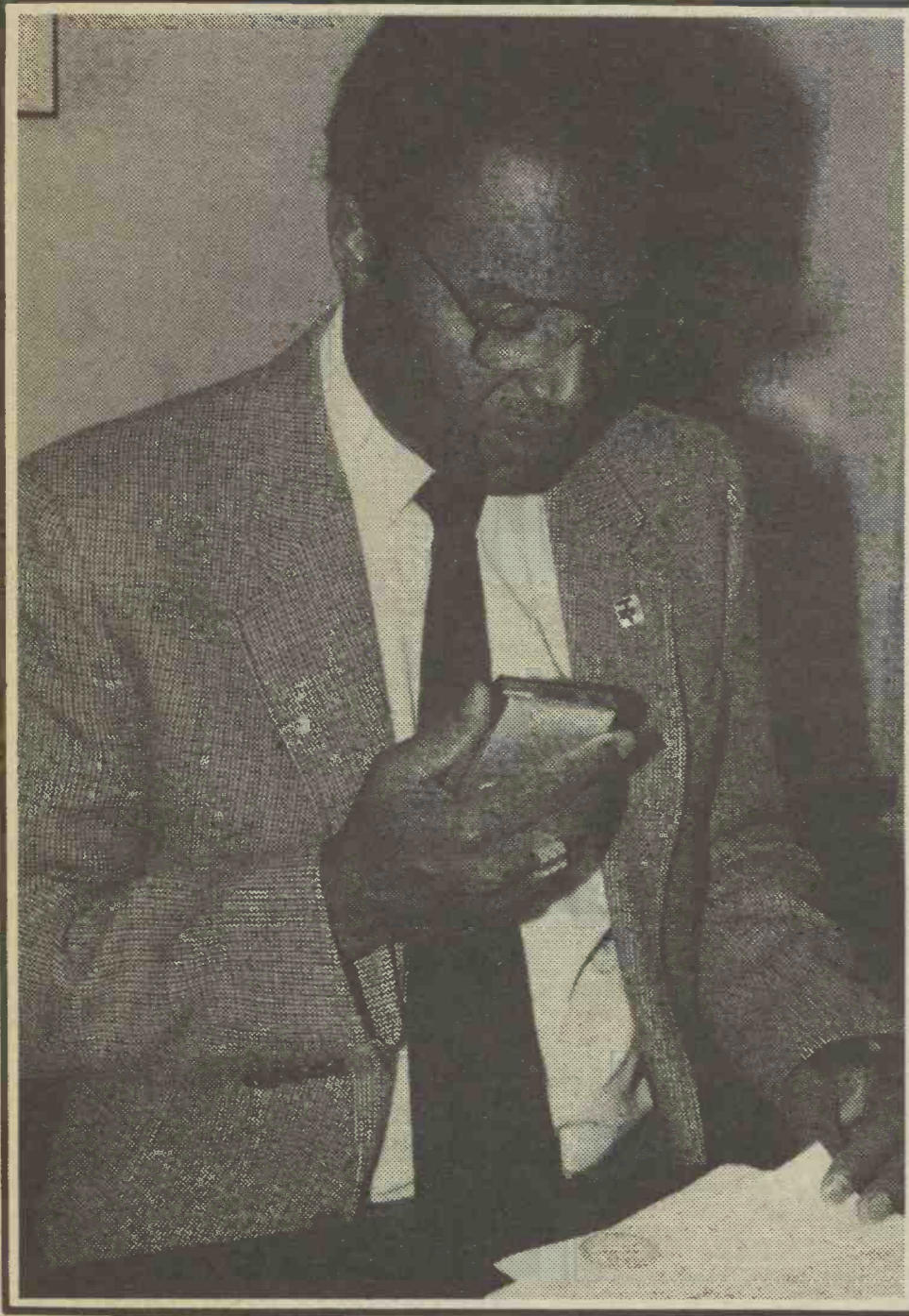
4th ANNUAL "MID WINTER GOLF TUNE-UP"; Feb. 2-5, 1990; Las Vegas, Nevada; for more info. call Gina at 585-4075 or 585-4298 or Bill at 585-2139.

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.).

Provincial News

Human rights commission gets its 'hands dirty'

Fraser launches province-wide meetings



By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The Alberta Human Rights Commission, which has come under fire recently for not being effective enough in cleaning up human rights violations in the province, is getting its hands dirty once more, says commission chairman Fil Fraser.

He said the human rights watchdog group is formulating a new process in dealing with complaints that fall under the 1972 Individual Rights Protection Act (IRPA).

Fraser, who was appointed as commission chairman in May, said he will be holding public meetings around the province listening to special interest groups that have experienced problems with discrimination. The meetings are the first province-wide effort by the commission to address such issues.

He said the commission will be more accessible to the public and its affairs will be more open to the media.

The best way to deal with potential human rights violations, he said, is to hear about them first-hand.

"It was handled differently before. We want to handle things on the individual level. The commission just wasn't active enough before. The style is different now (in handling human rights violations)," he said.

Fraser, a former television and radio broadcaster, believes there will be more complaints coming forward

now that he is making the office more available.

"We are here for all Albertans. We're here to stop people from doing bad things," he said.

Fraser said the commission used to meet in private every month in Edmonton or Calgary to discuss human rights complaints.

The commission is now scheduled to meet in Lethbridge and Red Deer as well.

In that October visit, Fraser will hold a round-table discussion with Natives in southern Alberta who are concerned with the racial tension and possible discrimination they are facing.

He will also be the focus of a radio phone-in show to answer questions about the IRPA.

"We've got some exciting things planned," he said.

The Alberta Human Rights Commission investigates complaints of discrimination in the employment, accommodation and service sectors.

Sometimes, Fraser said, things can be worked out on an informal basis. "Because some people just don't realize (they are violating people's rights). We try to resolve the thing by getting the parties together."

If it isn't worked out on an informal basis, the case is heard before a tribunal set up by the provincial minister of labor.

Fraser was appointed as chairman of the commission by Labour Minister Elaine McCoy. He replaced former chairman Stan Scudder whose commission drew heavy criticism for not taking a more active role in investigating human rights complaints.

Fil Fraser

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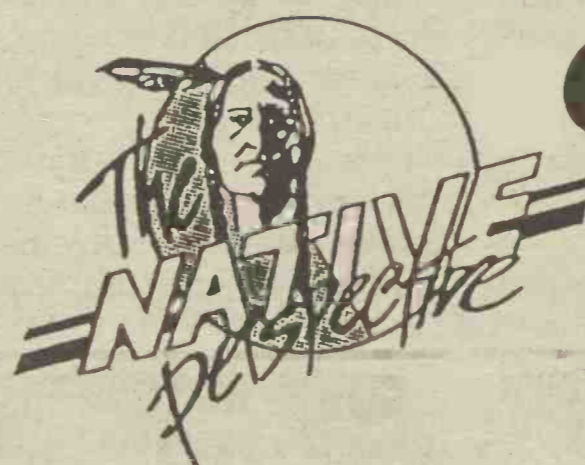
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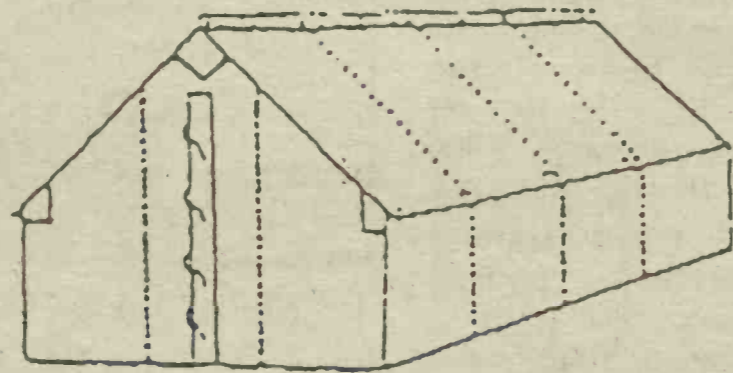
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SPECIAL REPORT - Hunting, Trapping & Fishing

Few changes in hunting, trapping regulations for Natives in 1989

EDMONTON

There are few changes in hunting regulations for Natives in 1989. The following regulations apply only to Treaty Indians:

Treaty Indians who hunt on a subsistence level (killing only enough to feed their families), can hunt on unoccupied Crown land and on privately owned land where they have gained special permission from the owner.

In these areas, Treaty Indians are not always required to follow Alberta's hunting legislation.

They are not generally subject to quotas being imposed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife on all other hunters such as the Metis or non-Native.

However, Indian hunters are required to register all big game shot this season to the nearest wildlife station.

"Registration of big game such as elk, trophy sheep, mountain goats, grizzly bear and cougar are compulsory," he said.

However, it remains illegal to kill more animals than is needed to feed the family.

Killing mountain sheep and elk, for example, and taking only the horns and trafficking are unlawful actions not permitted by Treaty Indians or any other hunter in the province.

Safety regulations such



Bill MacKay, Windspeaker

as those which prohibit hunters from shooting too close to houses, shooting from the highway, or travelling with a loaded gun in the vehicle are laws which also apply to Treaty Indians just as they do to non-Native and non-Status Indian or Metis hunters. These are considered laws of general application.

Indians are free to exercise their Treaty rights completely only when hunting big game and birds (such as ruffed and spruce grouse) that are

native to Alberta because these animals are completely under provincial jurisdiction.

However, the hunting of migratory game birds is governed by federal legislation when hunting these birds as non-Natives, except they do not need a hunting license. This means Indians must comply with hunting season designations, bag limits, possession regulations and other regulations.

This year, restrictions have been placed on the

harvest of pintails and canvasbacks. The duck season has been shortened and will close December 2, 1989.

It is lawful to kill starlings, crows, pigeons, house sparrows, magpies, blackbirds, common grackles, and brown-headed cowbirds.

The fisheries act is also under federal legislation, so Indians between the ages of 16 and 64, must have a fishing licence to angle or catch fish using a net. Licences for both types of fishing can be obtained from the government at no charge.

The department hopes to better manage the resources by issuing licenses to fishermen.

Indian trappers are also free to exercise their Treaty rights if the fur or meat is being used to feed their family even if another person's trapline was being used. However, if he or she sells the fur the individual must register the trapline or obtain a resident trapper's license.

Bill C-31 hunters and trappers'

First or second generation non-Status or Metis people still waiting to have their Treaty status reinstated under Bill C-31 legislation who want to exercise their hunting, trapping and fishing rights, can do so freely.

A fishermen's yarn

By Jeanne Lepine

Windspeaker Staff Writer

A way of entertainment for fishermen, is by way of a yarn.

Most fishermen, after a day of fishing would sit around a campfire sharing stories on their best catches.

The rationale behind the yarns was to see who could tell the biggest and best fish stories.

There's two northern fishermen that occasionally get a chance to meet and still share a few fish stories. These encounters usually draw a crowd.

Recently, I had the opportunity to sit in on one of these encounters, and would like to share a mini version of their fish story with the readers of Windspeaker.

Ernest Micheals of Fort McMurray and James Augier of Uranium City, have for a number of years taken pleasure in trying to outdo each others stories.

Augier: Hey Ray, have you ever caught a fish, that you were actually able to eat off of for a month?

Micheals: Don't tell me you got a whale in the Athabasca Lake?

Augier: No, but last winter when I had gone

out by myself, one day to set a net. And the very next day when I went to visit the net, I could hardly pull in the net.

I was sorry I didn't bring one of my sons along, now.

It took me a long time, but I finally pulled my net in. It was not only loaded with fish, but one of the fish was so big it tore my net really bad.

Well, I loaded the fish into my sleigh, and I had a rough time getting it to fit in my sleigh.

That fish provided me and my family with a lot of meals.

Micheals: That must of been quite a fish. That reminds me of the time I caught an old lamp in my fish net, and you know what? The lamp must of been a couple hundred years old. It was the kind that the old explorers like Captain Cook, most likely had used.

I couldn't believe it though. The light in the lamp was still on.

Augier: Come on Ray, that's impossible.

Micheals: Well, James I see it this way. If you take off a couple of yards from the length of your fish story, I'll blow out the light in my story.

That's all till next time.

Training program works for Natives

A provincial plan to help Natives learn more about the Department of Forestry, Lands and Wildlife is working out well, says Native Liaison official Ron Hanson.

Since the Native Resource Management Assistance Program was established by the province last March, seven students have taken advantage of the initiative that allows them to teach while they learn.

The training program allows Indian and Metis students to gain practical experience in the functions of the department for one year, then they can go on to college. It's also important because department officers can learn about Native culture, he said.

According to Hanson, the students are trained under the guidance of experienced game wardens.

He said his department is also conducting classroom and public awareness seminars about the functions of the fish and wildlife department.

"It's working out well so far. We have seven in place and three more students to come," he said.

Fishing ends after 47 years at Utikuma Lake

By Jeanne Lepine
Windspeaker Staff Writer

WHITEFISH RESERVE,
ALTA.

There will be no commercial fishing in Utikuma Lake this winter.

And the reason is there's not enough fish.

Fishermen discovered last spring that the northern Alberta lake 20 km north of Slave Lake, once overpopulated with fish, was depleted after a winter kill.

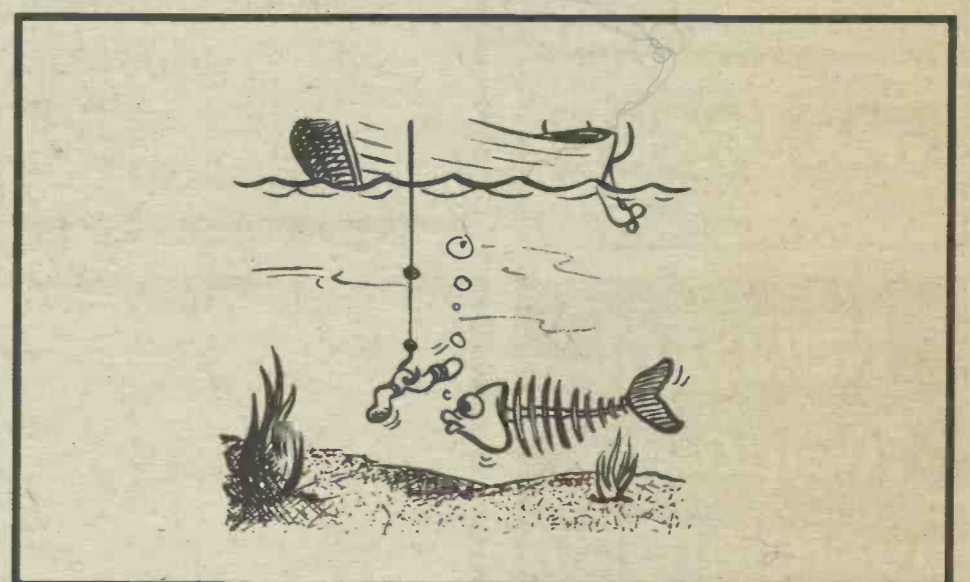
"A winter kill such as this happens when there is a heavy blanket of snow covering the ice, cutting off the sunlight necessary for the algae to grow providing food for the fish," says

Tom Mill, a spokesman from the provincial Department of Fisheries.

"This is the first time since 1947 that a winter kill has affected Utikuma Lake," he said.

But Chief Eddie Tallman of the Whitefish Lake Band says many Native people believe the disaster could have been prevented, if the fisheries department had properly monitored the lake for fish.

"The lake had an overpopulation of fish. For a number of years, the average catch for one net was about one box of fish and last winter the fisherman were averaging four boxes of fish per net. The quota of fish caught should have been raised," said Tallman.



Tallman along with other chiefs had met with environmentalists in the spring to discuss the disaster.

Recommendations for restocking the lake drew some concerns.

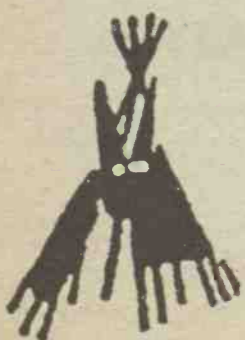
If the lake was to be restocked, fish from the

nearby smaller lakes should be used to assure that there will be an abundance of good fish in Utikuma Lake, he said.

In the future he would like to see people in the area being consulted on matters related to the environment.

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SPECIAL REPORT - Hunting, Trapping & Fishing

Indian goes to court in hunting dispute

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

Hunting on leased land pits hunters against owners

VALLEYVIEW, ALTA.

Indian hunter George Alexson never used to need help when he went into the bush to bag some elk in order to feed his family.

Now, he's facing a court battle with local ranchers who claim he's not authorized to be on their land.

Alexson says his status as an Indian permits him to hunt where he wants, and he's got the public to back him up.

When Alexson, 39, went tracking an 800 lb elk bull into the woods near Valleyview, Alberta last year, he caught the ire of provincial officials who charged him with hunting without a licence on Crown land.

The Fish and Wildlife department took him to court for the illegal possession of two elk. He was found not guilty by provincial Judge John Robbins in July, but the government has appealed the decision and the case is set for November.

The case has turned out to be a little more complicated than the government figured, says Alexson who has retained the help of the Alberta Fish and Game



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Association (FGA) and the Alberta Wilderness Association in his fight for traditional rights.

"These groups have been really supportive. They have even hired a lawyer to represent me," he says.

According to the Eden

Valley Indian Reserve resident, there is a long-standing dispute between area hunters, both Native and non-Native, and local ranchers who lease crown land to graze their cattle.

He says hunters have always been fearful of plying their trades on land

that is leased out by the province.

"But many times we don't have a choice. The areas we need are getting smaller," Alexson insists.

The province leases out more than 5.3 million acres of land. More than 4.5 per cent of it is crown land used

for grazing.

The FGA maintains that crown land is public land and hunters, Indian or not, should have access without asking the permission of the leasees.

The Alberta government and cattle commission disagree.

Lawrence Sears, chairman of the land use committee of the Alberta Cattle Commission says there are legalities and restrictions on the land that must be enforced.

"There is a difference between public land and crown land which has been leased," he said.

"When the government, the agent of the public, signs a lease, some of the public's rights to that land are relinquished."

Judge Robbins, who ruled that Alexson didn't need permission by virtue of his treaty rights, even went as far to say the ranchers had no right to put trespassing signs on the property to keep hunters out.

Originally from Saskatchewan, Alexson says he has been hunting elk to feed his wife and children, who are members of the Stoney Indian Band, for nine years.

"I would have rather been charged with trespassing more than anything. But to be charged with killing food for my family makes it even harder to deal with," he says.

Quarter century of trapping sees many changes

By Jeanne Lepine
Windspeaker Staff Writer

No longer profitable but still a way of life

FORT CHIPEWYAN, ALTA.

Trapping is not as profitable as it was 10 years ago, but to 57-year-old Metis trapper, Carl Granath it's the lifestyle he has always enjoyed.

A trapper for the past quarter of a century, Granath has seen why man changes in his time, not only in the prices of fur but also changes in weather patterns.

"There's about a month difference, in the weather. Up to about 10 years ago, freeze-up came a lot earlier, and it was not unusual for the temperatures to reach 50 to 60 degrees below zero and stay there for days on end.

"Now, freeze up comes about the end of October, and if we get 40 degrees below, it usually only lasts a few days," said Granath.

When Granath first started trapping, it was a way of life because there was no other means of employment in this isolated northern community.

Trapping was a seasonal occupation and most trappers did commercial fishing in the summer months.

Going to the trapline before freeze-up, Granath would remain on the line for months at a time.

Arriving at the trapline there was plenty of preparation needed prior to the actual trapping. Checking traps and snares was but a small part of the chores.

Having a winter's supply of wood and making sure there was sufficient fish hanging for dog food took a good part of the first month. By that time the ponds and lakes are frozen

over. At this point, trapping gets underway.

"Long ago, a trapper was able to make a good living trapping, today with the quota being placed on the furs it is difficult to even make a living," he said.

Last winter there was a limit of one lynx for the season with a good pelt worth between \$700 to \$800. Granath recalled 15 years ago when a lynx pelt brought a price of \$1100 to \$1400.

As a trapper, one must really depend on the cycles of the fur bearing animals. These cycles happen at different times for different animals. The lynx population is just about at its peak, and the beaver and muskrat population is on the rise, he says.

The best quality fur is

caught between December and January but in order to get the better price, Granath said a trapper has to make the fur sales.

This is one of the pressures faced by today's trappers, he said.

"The ski-doo bought one of the biggest changes in the trappers life. Today I can park my means of transportation for the summer months, whereas when I had dog teams I had to look after them year round," said Granath.

In order to survive Granath has to find other means of earning a living doing odd jobs when he isn't trapping.

However, being his own boss and the beauty of the wilderness will always beckon Granath back to what he considers his favorite lifestyle.

Fish and wildlife division district office phone numbers

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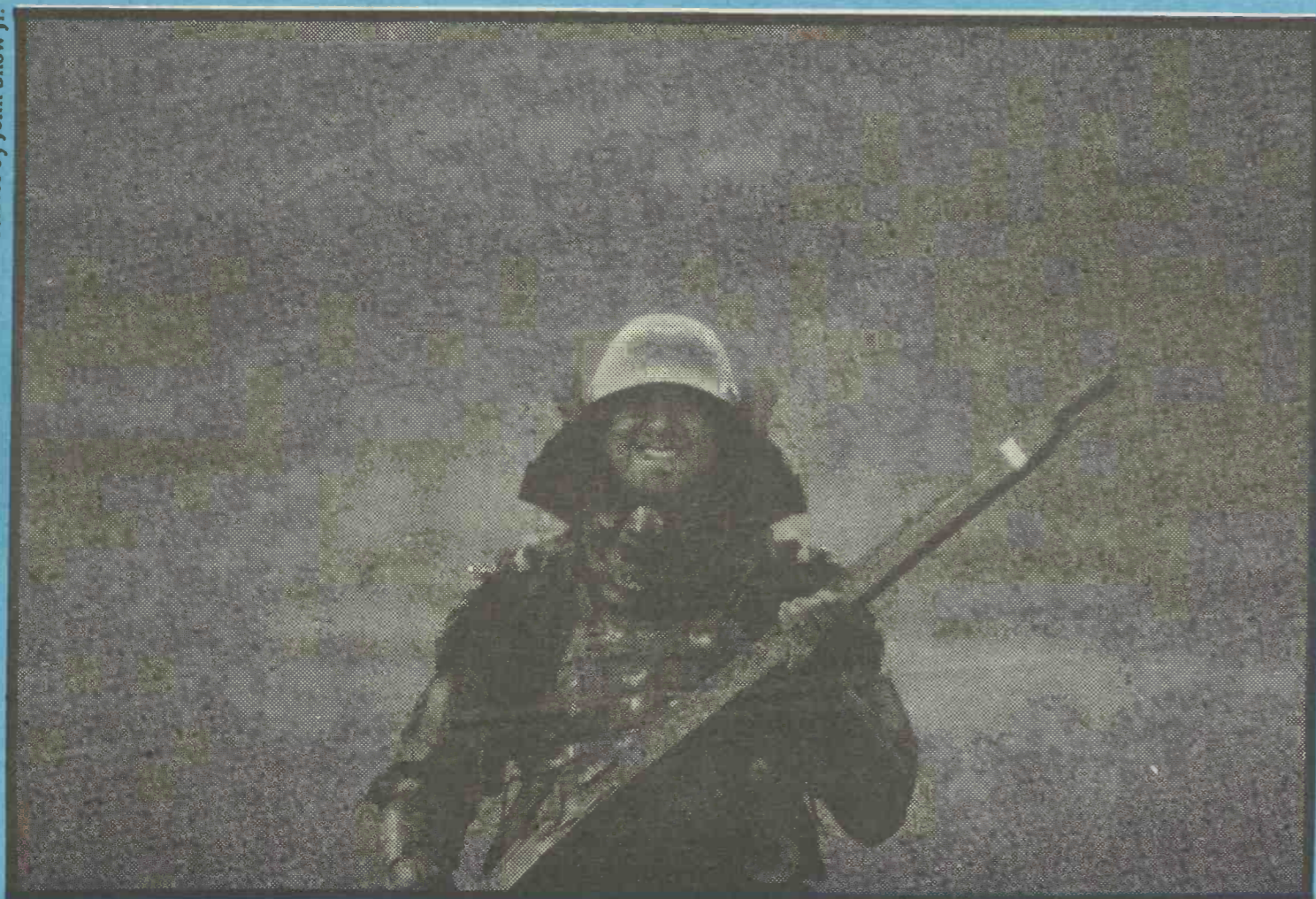


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Peter Snow of the Morley reserve

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On the Morley

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Members of the Stoney Indian Band in armour

Two months of filming ended at the GoodStoney Indian reserve, wrapped up for the \$46 million historical epic Japanese film.

For many of the more than 3,000 participants, including a number of Morley reserve members, it was an experience that they would never forget.

The film is the largest to be shot in the Western world in a single location. But it was the sharing of three cultures — the Japanese, the Morley reserve and the Stoney Indian — that made production of the massive project a success.

"We've never seen anything like it," said Chief John Snow, who has had several movies shot on the reserve for the past twenty years.

Snow said the film not only brought worldwide prestige to the reserve but also provided employment on the reserve during the summer.

While most of the people from his reserve participated in the film, Haruki Kadokawa, there were also managerial positions given to Morley reserve members.

John Snow Jr. was one of the film's production coordinators. He said that the Morley Natives in the film proved that if given the opportunity they could carry it through in the crunch.

"If given the opportunity, Indian people can carry it out," said Snow. "It was a good experience for us and I'm sure if the right situation came back."

Murray Ord, a film unit supervisor who was part of the Canadian production, said the co-operation and teamwork with the Native people helped make the film a success.

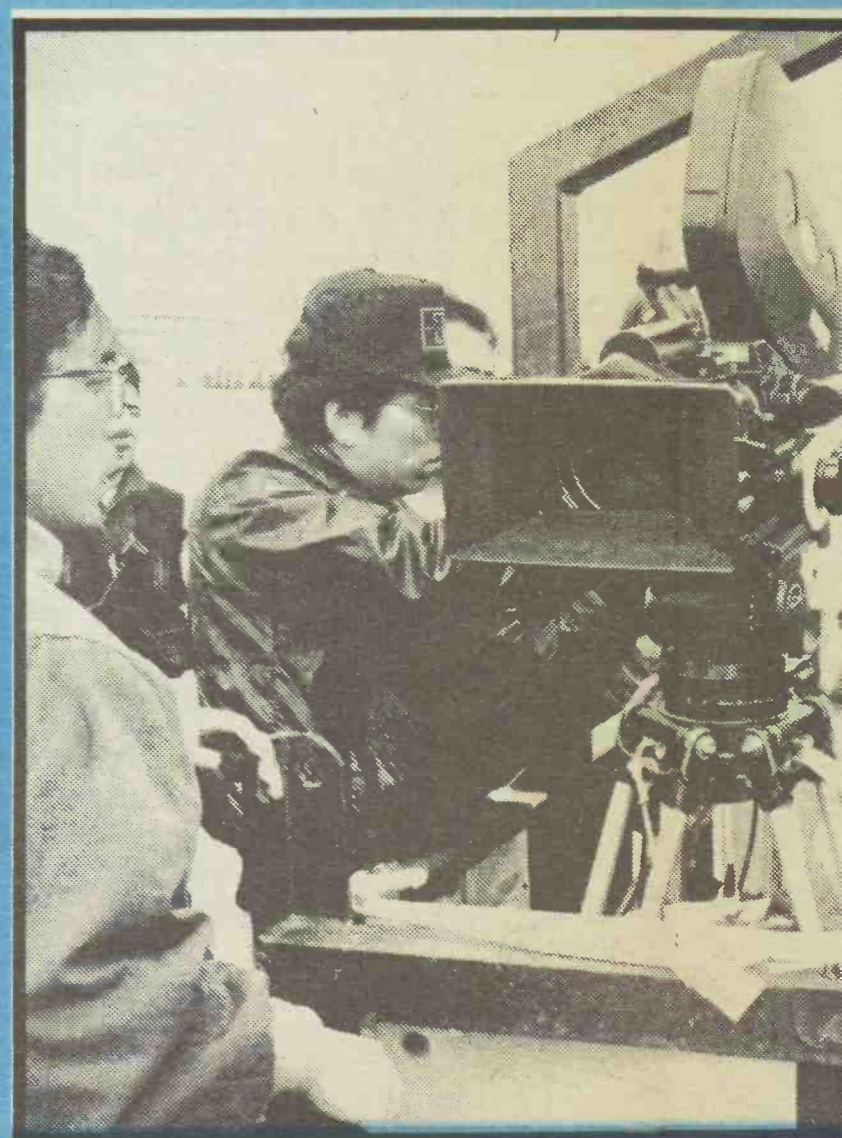
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After a two-year search, Morley was chosen as the site for the film because the scenery so much resembled ancient Japan.

Three additional months of filming will take place in Japan in the summer of 1990.



Hundreds of riders charge into battle



Director Haruki Kadokawa explains a point to



Photos by John Snow Jr.



Photos by John Snow Jr.

A group of flag carriers wait for a signal

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Morley Reserve

Goodstone Indian reserve in Morley Flats on Sept. 19 as shooting the epic Japanese film, 'Heaven and Earth.'

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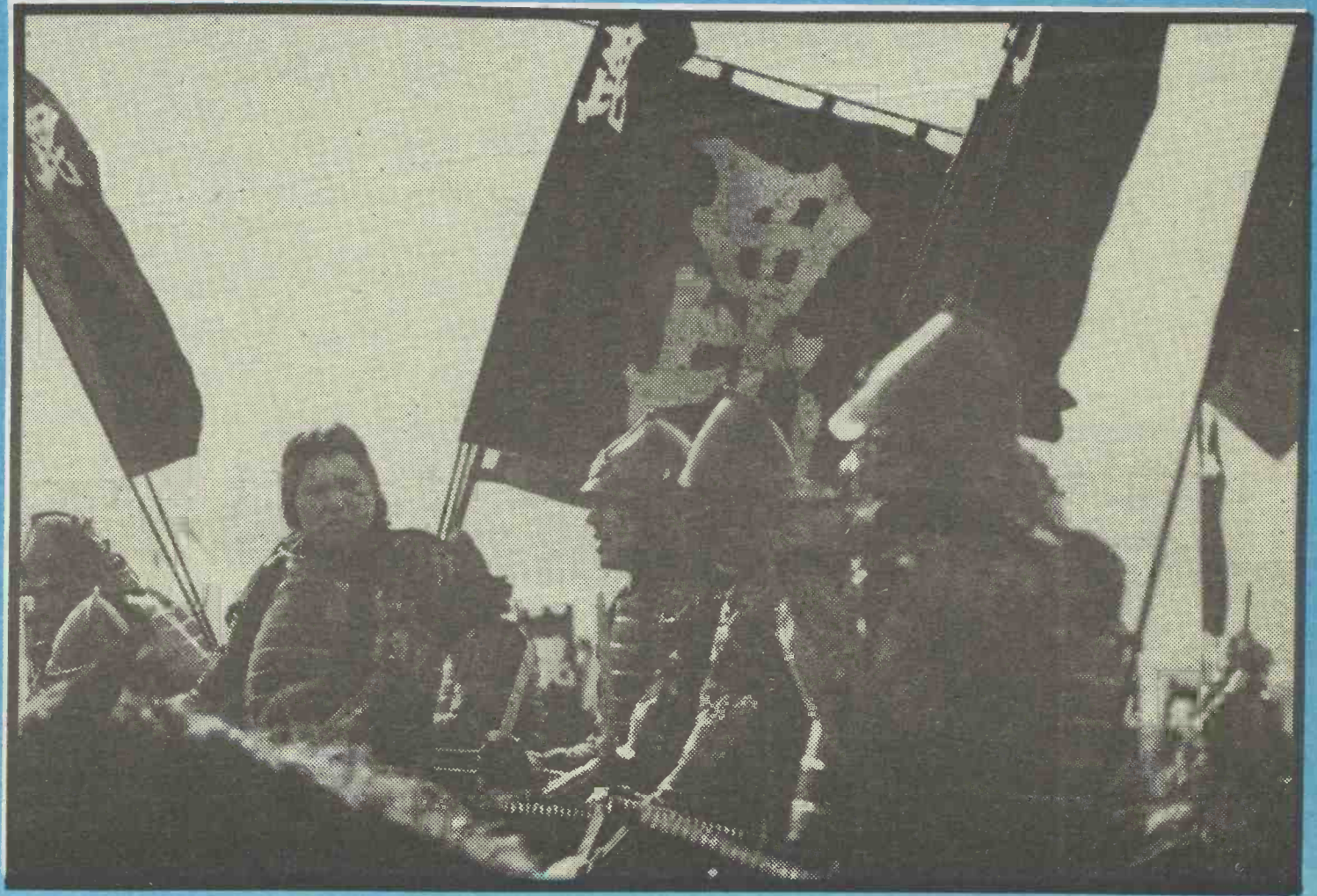
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Checking directions before the battle scene



...explains a point to his crew



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This \$7,300,000 project, covering 39 kilometres, provides an all-weather connection between Wabasca and Sandy Lake in the north and Calling Lake and Athabasca in the south.

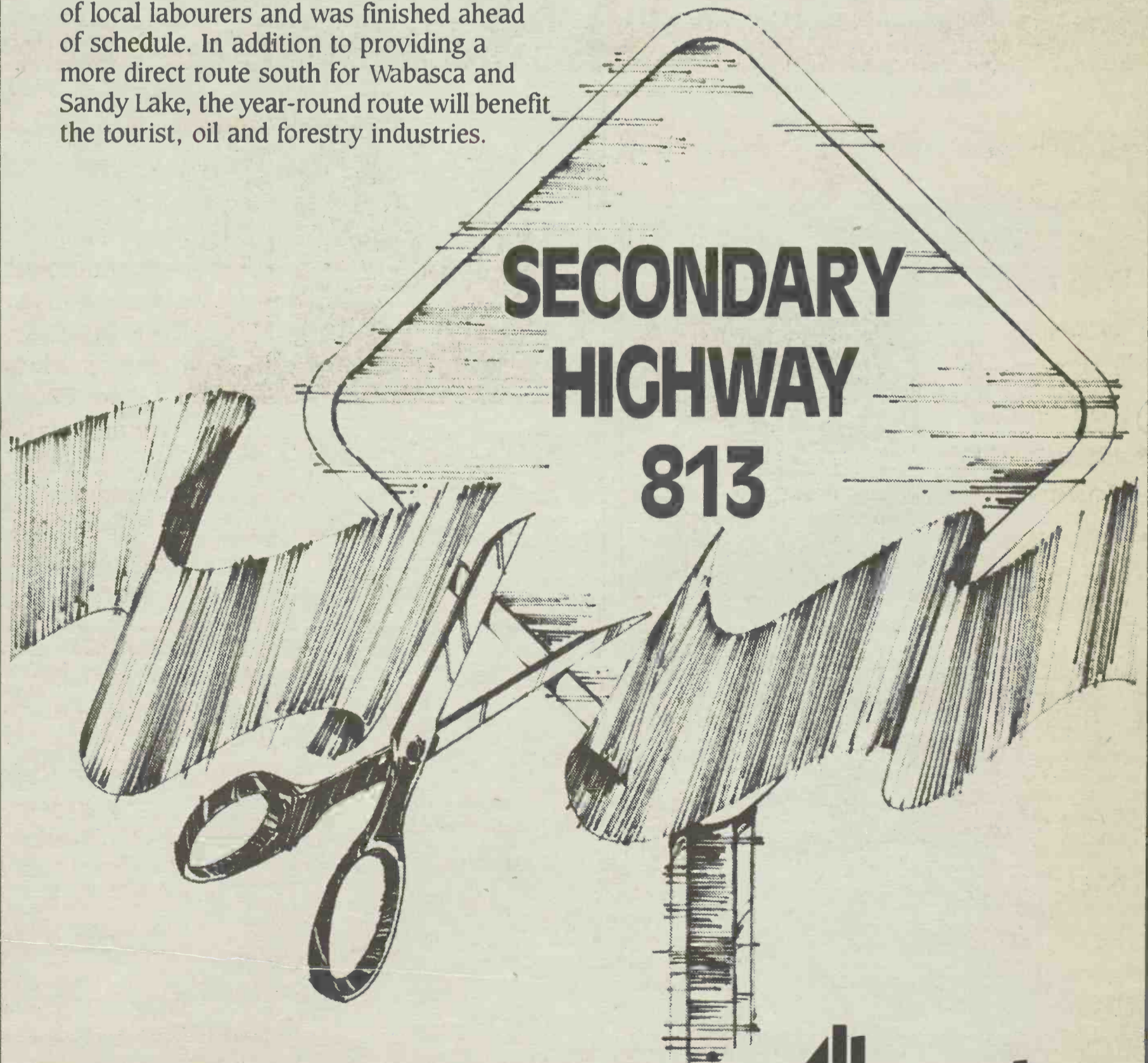
The project employed a large contingent of local labourers and was finished ahead of schedule. In addition to providing a more direct route south for Wabasca and Sandy Lake, the year-round route will benefit the tourist, oil and forestry industries.

Please join us in celebrating this important step for this area and all Alberta.

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Advertising Feature

Arthritis: a disease that doesn't discriminate

Scarce information on Native affliction

By Jeanne Lepine
Windspeaker Staff Writer

Arthritis is an indiscriminate disease.

Millions of people of all ages and backgrounds suffer from arthritis.

A study on the prevalence of arthritis in Canadian Indians was published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal on Mar. 15, 1969 compiled by Dr. H.S. Robinson and Robert H Hill.

Focusing on Native people from the northern coastal region, the study indicated there is a higher rate of certain types of arthritis in the Native population of British Columbia compared to other populations of the world. The three types of arthritis found to be most common were rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis and osteoarthritis.

All affect the joints in the body, rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis affect the joints in the arms and legs while ankylosing spondylitis mostly affect the joints in the back and neck.

The studies show that rheumatoid arthritis affects one to two per cent of Native people in most vil-

lages with women three times more likely to be affected than men. Children could also be afflicted.

Joints are hot, painful, red and swollen mostly affecting the wrists and knuckles, but the disorder may occur in any joint.

In many cases the disease spreads throughout the body, damaging organs and connective tissues. If the disease remains unchecked the diseased joints may stiffen in deformed positions.

Rheumatoid arthritis may be absent for weeks or months at a time enabling the patient to function at full capacity. When the arthritis flares up, the patient is often tired, without energy and may need special rest.

Painful, daily living activities such as walking, running and dressing are difficult for the arthritic patients.

Inflamed tissue and other substances in a joint erode the bone and cartilage in rheumatoid arthritis. Physicians believe the disease is caused by either microorganisms of autoimmunity (the body's attack on its own tissues) or both.

Osteoarthritis affects

men and women as age increases but rarely children usually affecting the hips and knees and usually just one joint.

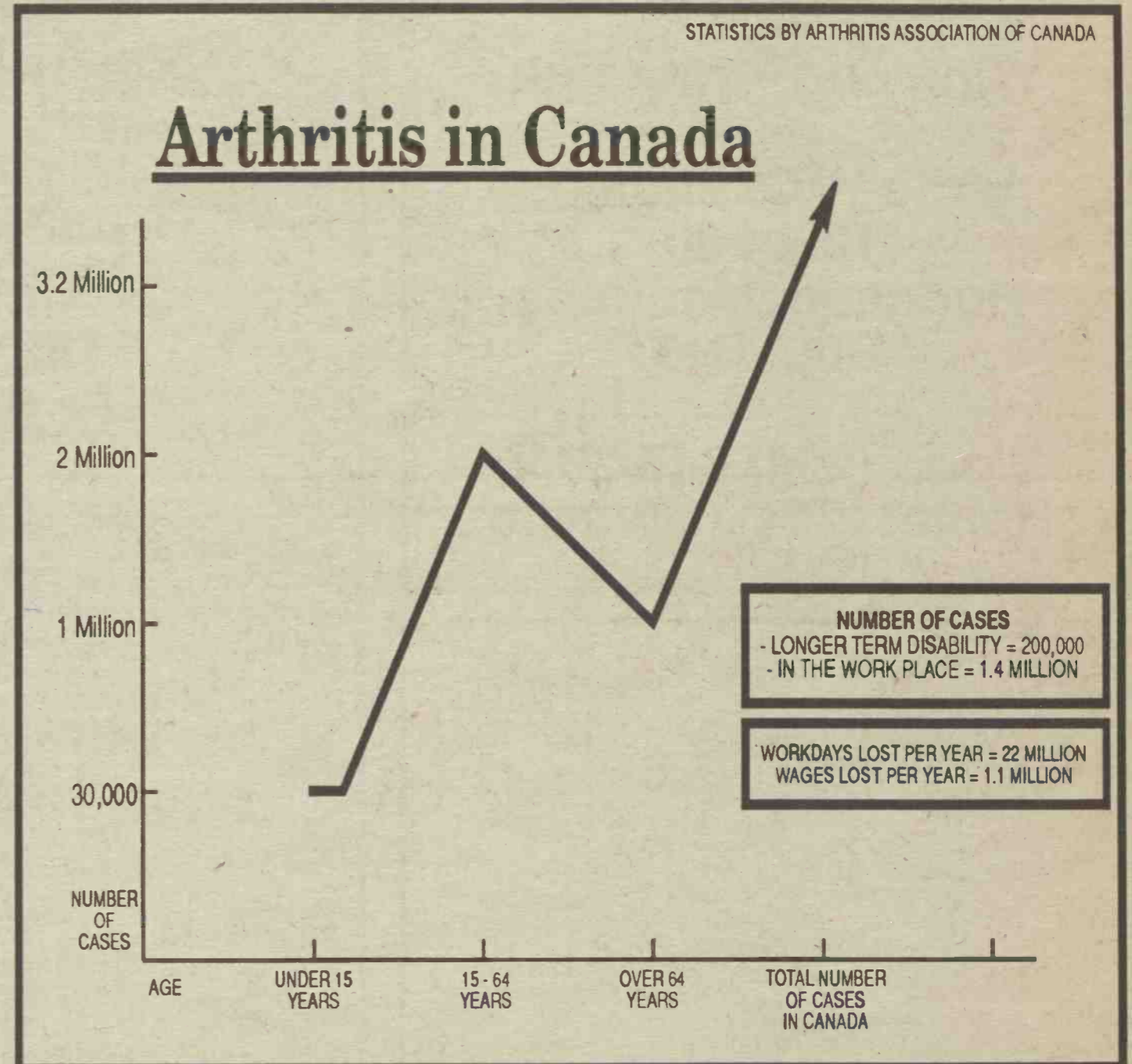
In osteoarthritis whose cause is unknown, the cartilage between two bones breaks down causing those bones to rub against each other. Hardened bits of cartilage and knobs of bone may develop in the joint causing swelling and deformity.

Patients suffering from this disease experience pain in the afflicted area and may feel a grating sensation when they move.

In the early stages of osteoarthritis, the pain and stiffness wears off with walking, but may worsen as the day goes on.

As time passes this can be come very disabling and the joint becomes increasingly damaged. Although the patient's general health is not affected they have trouble dressing in the mornings and walking any distance becomes unbearable.

Ankylosing spondylitis is usually found in men. According to the report about seven men are affected with ankylosing spondylitis for every women affected. The disease usually



begins with low back pain and morning back stiffness in teenagers, or young adults. Pain may also evolve down the back of the thighs for a few weeks to months at a time.

Although the cause of ankylosing spondylitis is not fully understood the reports states that hered-

ity plays a big part.

In the later stages of the disease, especially if untreated, the whole spine may be affected, becoming stiff and immovable.

Small rib joints may also be affected along the spine and often there is loss of chest movement. Patients may experience pain in the

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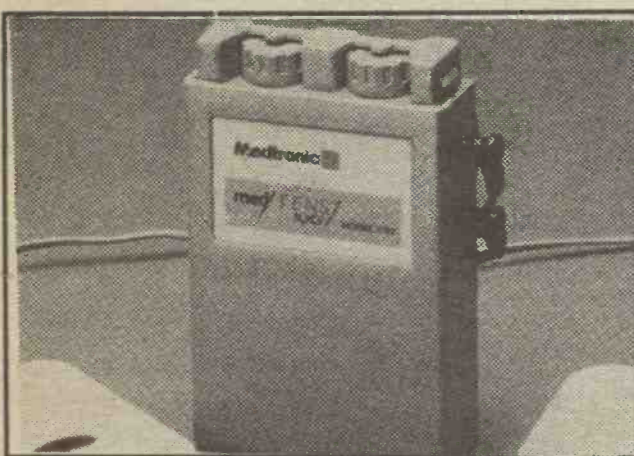
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	Little Maiden - 0 - 4 yrs
	Little Brave - 0 - 4 yrs
	Little Princess - 5 - 8 yrs
	Little Chief - 5 - 8 yrs
	Maiden - 9 - 12 yrs
	Brave - 9 - 12 yrs
	Native Princess - 13 - 18 yrs
	Kookum - 55 and over
	Mooshum - 55 and over
9:00 - 12:00 am	Family Dance, Fourth Generation Band Cost \$2.00 0 - 12 yrs \$4.00 13 and over

Saturday September 30, 1989 Day 2

8:30 - 10:30 am	Pancake Breakfast Cost \$3.00 per serving
11:30 - 1:00 pm	Jam Session
1:00 - 1:30 pm	Moose Calling
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Kiaskewan (liars) Contest
	Categories 6 - 12 yrs
	13 - 18 yrs
	18 and over
2:30 - 3:15 pm	Magician
4:00 - 7:00 pm	Jigging and Fiddling Contest
8:30 - 2:00 am	Dance (Cabaret) Fourth Generation Band Cost \$8.00 Advance Tickets \$9.00 at the Door

Sunday October 1, 1989 Day 3

12:00 - 2:00 pm	Team Challenge
2:00 - 5:00 pm	Bull and Queen of the Woods Contest
	Spike Driving Single Crosscut
	Log Toss Double Crosscut
	Log Chopping Power Saw Cutting
5:00	Horseshoe Tournament

SENATORIAL SELECTION PROCLAMATION



Chief Electoral Officer
Alberta

Senatorial Selection Act
(Section 46)

For the purpose of electing a person according to the Senatorial Selection Act, whose name is to be submitted by the Government of Alberta to the Queen's Privy Council of Canada as a person who may be summoned to the Senate of Canada for the purpose of filling the vacancy relating to Alberta. Public Notice is hereby given to the electors that the following are fixed pursuant to the Senatorial Selection Act:

Nomination of Candidates

Commencing immediately and continuing until 2:00 P.M. on MONDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1989, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, nomination papers may be filed with the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer during normal business hours at 12220 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton, Alberta, T5N 3Y4 for Candidates under the Senatorial Selection Act.

Voting Day

Voting will take place on the 16th day of October, 1989, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Announcement of Official Results

The announcement of official results will take place at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer on 26 October, 1989 at 10:00 a.m.

Additional information concerning Senatorial Selection may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, 12220 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton, T5N 3Y4; Telephone 403/427-7191 or from the Returning Officer in the applicable Local Jurisdiction:

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Fort McMurray, I.R. 175, 176, 176A, 176B	Marcel Ulliach	Fort McMurray	743-7162
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Arts and Entertainment

Country band looking towards Nashville

Night Wind recovers from drummer's death

By Cindy Arcand
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Life on the road for any up-and-coming country band has its ups and downs. For the Night Wind Band, an all-Native group from Morley, Alberta, tragedy hasn't stopped them from delivering their unique down-home sound to Albertans.

The recent death of their drummer Stuart Chiniki, who was killed in a car accident last winter, was a serious blow to the band.

For a short time, the band put a hold on their future to decide what they were going to do.

"We sat down, talked about it and asked ourselves: 'Well what would Stui want us to do?'" says Pat Cardinal, 26, lead vocalist of the band.

Band members felt he would have wanted them to continue playing. "That's basically what we went by and got back on track," said Cardinal.

However, the band had a tough time finding a replacement for Chiniki, and couldn't find anyone who had the same dedication as Chiniki.

Eventually they chose Marty Chiefcat, who had been doing the lighting on road trips for the band as well as playing some guitar.

At 18 years-of-age, Chiefcat is the youngest member of the band and is enjoying himself as a musician.

"Dedication is a something that the drummer had to have and I was travelling with the band," said Chiefcat, who moved from guitar to the drums.

Night Wind has undergone many changes with changes in personnel, money problems and the endless grind of travelling on the road.

"You have to be willing to leave work early on Friday afternoon and be home late Sunday night," said Cardinal.

"Being in a band isn't the most glamorous thing in the world. We have families that we leave at home and that gets rather lonely," says Cardinal.

"It's like chasing the sunset and it's not there."

"We're still getting to know each other as a band, but get along really well together. There is no animosity among the guys," says Cardinal, who is also a youth program co-ordinator in Morley on the Stoney reserve.

"We crack a lot of jokes and share a lot of laughs," says Pernell Burnstick, the light director for the band. "There is never a dull moment with these guys," said the 21 year-old.

The band recently did a recording session, doing a demo tape which they hope will go to the likes of country singer Tommy Hunter and the manager of Larry Gatlin.

"We hope that will give us a boost," said Cardinal. The biggest goal for the band is to make it to the big time in Nashville, Tennessee.

"That will get our foot through the door and we can keep going from there," said Cardinal.

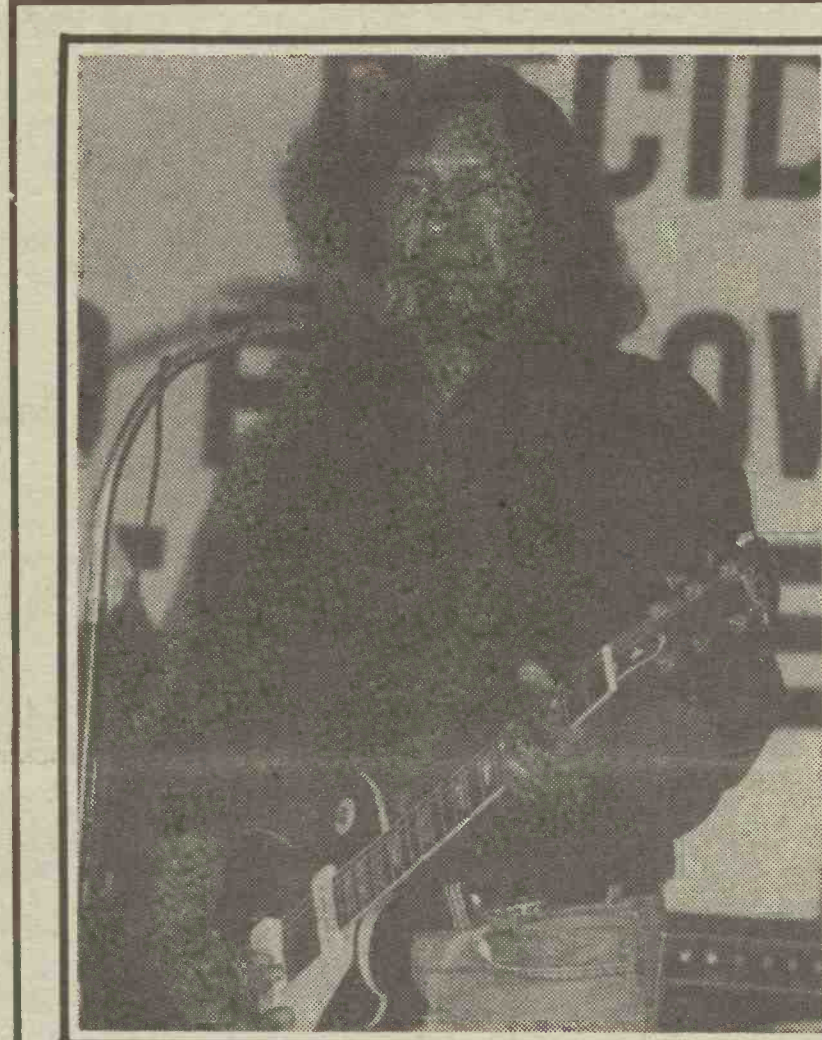
Currently, Night Wind is travelling and are booked right up until October and doing gigs throughout the province.

Dreams are slowly becoming reality for the six young men who are recovering from the loss of their good friend and still managing to keep themselves headed toward making it big in the music industry.

"If you can't dream, your dreams will never come true," beamed Cardinal.



Members of the Nightwind Band take a break after recording session
Photo by Dennis Charney



Singing gospel

Pastoral centre hosts gospelfest

For the second year in a row, Edmonton has been the scene of a Gospel Music Festival that has attracted hundreds of Native worshippers.

"It's a time of sharing and witnessing," said Lucienne Meek, director of the Native Pastoral Centre (10829-105th Ave.).

"It builds community and it builds a real strong spirit among our people," she said.

The event, which was held in the basement of Sacred Heart Church located at 10821-96th Street, started Sept. 15 and ended Sept. 16.

At any one time the

basement held upwards of 250 people, Meek said.

Most of the celebrants were of Roman Catholic persuasion. While it did attract some non-Native visitors, the talent was donated entirely by Native musicians, most of whom are professional musicians, she said.

Gordo Horn and the New Creation from Browning, Montana was the host band.

The talent included: the Life in the Spirit Band (Grouard); Oliver and Ann Shouting (Standoff); Frank Durocher (Rocky Moun-

tain House); Adelard Beaver and Dolores Wolfleg (Edmonton); Ernie Gambler (Edmonton); Spirit River (Standoff); Paul Wapahoo (Edmonton); Alvine Lowhorn (Standoff); Marlene Durocher (Edmonton); Sylvia Lowhorn (Standoff); Albert Thomas (Enoch); Horace Patenaude (Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement); Gerry Morin (Enoch); Robert Shephard (Enoch) and Harry Rusk (Edmonton).

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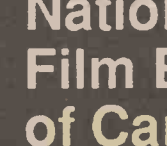
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Tsuu Tina Construction meeting challenge

Less than one year after its inception, the Tsuu Tina Construction Corporation is making inroads into the competitive housing market.

The company is one of 12 which will be started by Sarcee Nation next to Calgary. It commenced operations on Oct. 6, 1988 and in that time, it has become self-sufficient with a fast-growing business base.

Tsuu Tina Construction builds and renovates all the housing units — usually 1,200 sq. ft. bungalows — on the Sarcee reserve taking over from the Sarcee housing department last year.

The company was started by the band to become profitable, says general manager Brent Maitland.

"What the band is attempting to do is get all of Sarcee Nations activities put into the form of companies with directors in charge of the companies and those companies are expected to make a profit for Sarcee Nations," said Maitland.

Since he started one

year ago, Maitland and his crew of twelve to 20 full-time employees has taken a company which has never been self-sufficient in the past to a position where it is bidding and succeeding on getting building contracts outside of the reserve.

Its first project which it completed in July is the Spirit Healing Lodge on the reserve. The 8,500 sq. ft. facility is an alcohol and drug abuse centre which includes a tipi-structure that serves as a ceremonial room.

The centre replaces a small trailer and house which served the same purpose.

Currently, the company has started building homes in Redwood Meadows in Calgary and is starting renovations to the Morley health centre.

"It's a very competitive market," noted Maitland.

"Our goal is to make money and learn. We're attempting to have a company where apprentices can learn while going to school and have a place of employment," he said.

All the employees are members of the band. With its business base growing, the company is presently looking for well-qualified people.

Maitland estimates that in the first year alone, the company has generated \$1.5 million of work and he anticipates reaching the \$2 million mark this year.

But with only three new houses that will be built on the reserve this year, the company had to seek contracts outside the reserve to keep its company operating efficiently, said Maitland.

Most of its work has come through referrals and the company bids on work throughout the province.

"It gives us a chance to see how we do against city crews," said Maitland, who says the company maintains a very high standard of construction.

"It's something the clients appreciate," he said. Unlike the past, estimates are given on each individual job and are monitored.

The long-term goal of the band is to make such



The Spirit Healing Lodge on Sarcee reserve

companies run efficiently, said Maitland.

He says the key has been to put together a successful management team with continuity from those who had worked there before.

"The success can be attributed to the effort put forward by Sarcee Nation members," said Maitland.

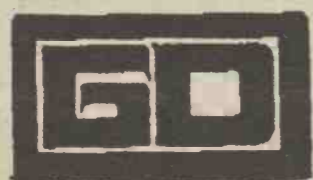
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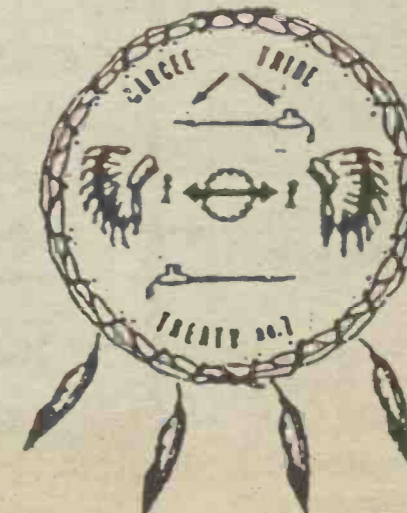
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Winning doll depicts Native grandmother

By Jeanne Lepine
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Reading about a Native doll contest in the Windspeaker sparked local resident Bertha Bird to put her sewing skills and imagination to work.

The 47 year-old sewing instructor entered her granny doll and won first place honors recently in the The Indian Arts and Crafts Society's Native doll contest.

Bird's award was a cash prize of \$1,000.

"The doll was conceived to remind the viewer to care and respect the Elders," said Bird.

Attention to detail and the endearing face determined the doll's first place finish.

When she first decided to enter the doll competition, Bird originally in-



hair, she tied back a black silk kerchief over the doll's head, in the same manner most elderly Native women do today.

The material picked for the dress and apron reflects the patterns and material of yesterdays. The bloomers, made from flour sack material replicates that kind of dress for Native women then.

The moccasins were fashioned in the early 1900's fashion, with porcupine quill design.

In essence, the granny doll, was made out of respect for grandmothers.

The winning doll will be on exhibit at the Beaver House Gallery until October 6, along with the other prize-winners.

tended to make a doll with Native attire.

But, after some thought, she decided to make a granny doll, representing the Native granny today.

All the other doll entries in the competition were dressed in Native attire.

Using flesh colored spandex material for the body, she embroidered the eyes, nose, and mouth.

Having taken a makeup artistry course, Bird was able to locate the perfect material for her doll's hair, spun fibre. Braiding the

Council hosts conference

Over 25 people attended a conference in Edmonton on Sept. 11 by the First Nations Resource Council.

Included among those in attendance were several Native leaders and representatives of Departments from Universities from Western Canada, Federal and Provincial Government representatives and several Native leaders and representatives from Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The symposium was

held to review the Socio-Economic Planning Manual being developed by the Centre for the Advancement of Native Economies of the First Nations Resource Council. The meeting also functioned as a think tank to measure and identify opportunities for economic development in Native communities.

Robert Rieter, Director of Research at First Nations presented an informative brief which addressed the legal aspects of reserve business. Chief Cry representing the Federation of

Saskatchewan Indian Nations states "I wish we would have had this type of planning model long ago". Conference organizer Daniel Skarlicki plans to hold 3 more conferences of this type in various regions in Alberta. "It's an opportunity for Natives to design their own planning process".

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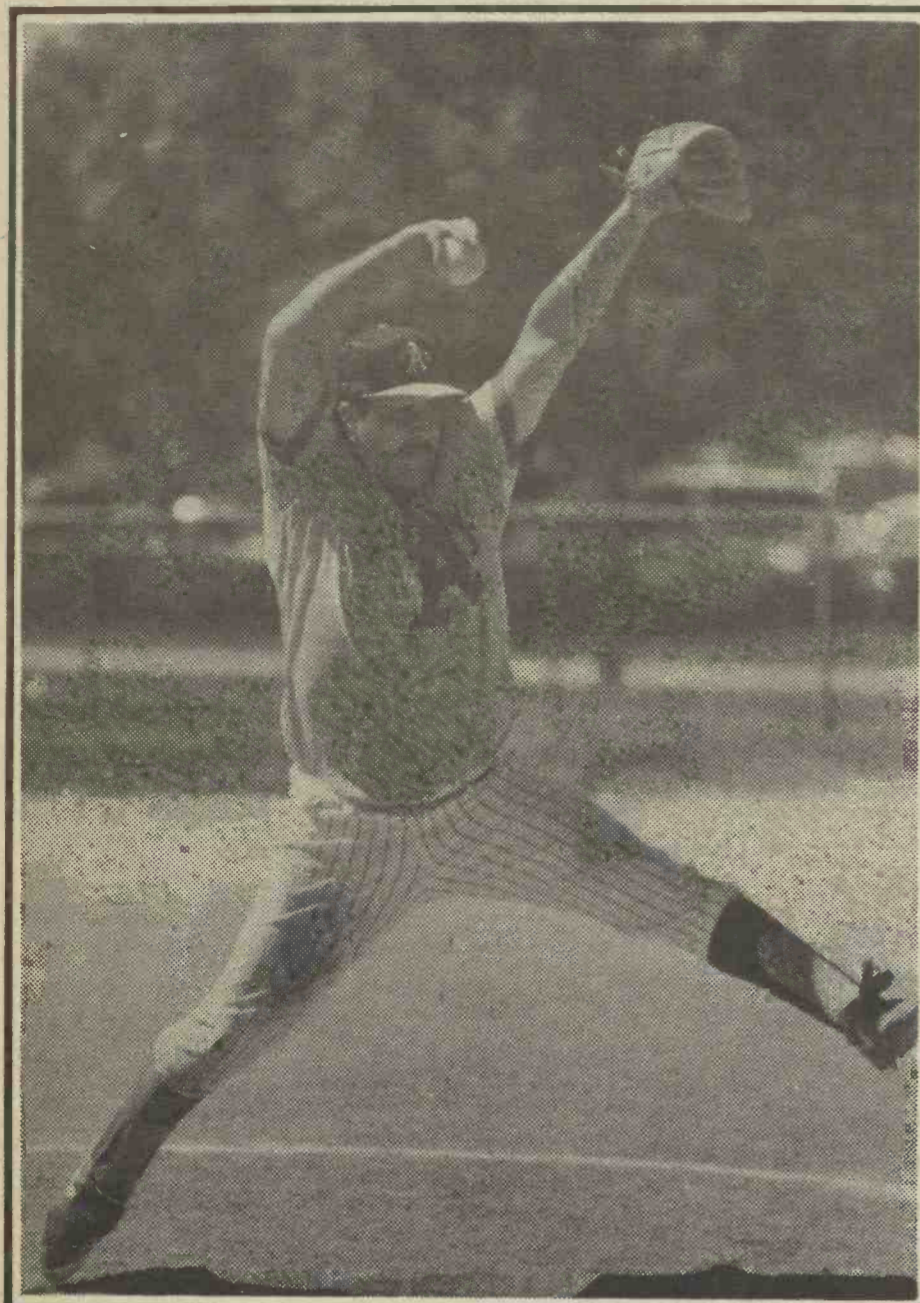


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Sports

SEVEN YEARS IN A ROW !!!

B.C. Arrows capture Indian nationals



Arrows' ace Darren Zack

Bert Crowfoot, Windspeaker

By Bert Crowfoot
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Labels like dynasty, team of the decade, come to mind when describing the BC Arrows from Invermere, British Columbia after they won their seventh national Indian softball championship in a row at Albuquerque, New Mexico last weekend.

The Arrows easily disposed of the Denver Colorado All Nations team 7-0 in the championship game of the National Indian Activities Association.

The Arrow's championship string started in 1983 and the Arrows have found many and varied ways of coming out on top. In 1987, the BC Arrows battled head to head for 21 innings against the McKay United team from Winnipeg, Manitoba before finally winning 2-1 at 4:30 a.m. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

In 1988, the Arrows had to come from the 'B' side and defeat the Sundance Team from Regina, Saskatchewan, two games before winning that championship.

This year the Arrows were just too powerful as they easily cruised through the 'A' side dumping the Concho, Oklahoma team 6-1; the Fort Smith, NWT squad 4-1; the Ochapowace, Saskatchewan team 5-0 and the Denver All Nations



Bert Crowfoot, Windspeaker

The B.C. Arrows celebrate their seventh consecutive championship after the final out.

team 4-2 in the 'A' final.

This loss dropped the All Nations to the 'B' final where they met up with the tough Alexander Teepee Crawlers.

The Teepee Crawlers were playing their fourth game in a row and just didn't have the stamina to compete with the Denver team, losing 6-1.

That win put the All Nations back in the championship game against the Arrows.

This time it was the All Nations team which ran out of gas and were blown out 7-0.

After the championship game, BC Arrows' captain Dean Martin exclaimed, "Seven in a row! With a team like this, it's not hard to keep that attitude alive. That attitude is what makes a championship team."

"I don't have to inspire these guys because they all know what they have to do. When they put on the A's jersey, it's like putting on the 'S' in superman. If they can sniff the championship, they want it."

Dean concluded by saying it's not getting harder to win and that he still gets goose bumps when he stops to think about the Arrows' accomplishments.

Arrow coach Chief Paul Sam, selected as the tournament's outstanding coach, thanked the committee for the excellent tournament and for preventing a repeat of an incident last year when the team's vans were vandalized by a losing team in Sacramento, California.

The All Stars for the tournament were: Bernie

Morrisseau - McKay United; Windy Ward - Oklahoma Indians; Rod Tacan - Ochapowace; Terry Gauthier - Alexander Teepee Crawlers; Harvey Cardinal, - Alexander Teepee Crawlers; Darrell Hogan Jr. - Denver All Nations; Darren Zack, - BC Arrows; Dean Martin - BC Arrows and Smoker Marchand - Denver All Nations.

The outstanding coach was Chief Paul Sam, BC Arrows, the most outstanding player Ron Kassnavoid, Denver All Nations and the most valuable player was Lyle Norman of the BC Arrows.

There will come a time when the Arrows are no longer champions, but if the Arrows play the way they did in Albuquerque, that time is still a long way off.



(L - R) Charlie Kihega, Dean Martin and Duke Cooper

Alexander Crawlers capture 3rd at Nationals

By Bert Crowfoot
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

The Alexander Teepee Crawlers men's fastball team kept coming back to haunt opponents at the 1989 National Indian Athletic Association Softball Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Four games in a row, the Teepee Crawlers dug themselves a hole and four times the Alexander team crawled out to win the game.

But in the end it wasn't enough as the Crawlers simply ran out of gas after playing their fourth game in a row on Sunday and bowed to the Denver All Nations team from Colorado 6-1.

The team finished a respectable third out of 24 teams and was the best showing of an Alberta team at this year's championship.

Against Denver, their opponents jumped to a quick three-run lead in the first inning and Alexander replied with one run in the bottom of the first inning.

Alexander kept getting men on base throughout the rest of the game but failed to score, leaving them stranded.

The Crawler defense was awesome as two double plays in the fifth and sixth innings kept them within striking distance.

The All-Nations team finally nailed the coffin shut in the top of the seventh inning by scoring three more runs.

"The guys played well but we kept digging ourselves holes. We kept getting out but couldn't do it in the end," said George Arcand Jr., the team's general manager.

"The sticks weren't coming in bunches and to play four games in a row in one day is tough," he said, adding that two of the games went into extra innings.

In the past, the secret to doing well at the nationals is to have good pitching, hitting and to play together as a team.

The Crawlers played well over a hundred games this year but Arcand concluded while he was proud of what the team did, the Crawlers would give it one more shot next year to bring back the gold from the Nationals.



Third place trophy presentation (L - R) Alexander manager George Arcand, NIAA board member Duke Cooper, Alexander captain Kurt Burnstick and tournament chairman Charlie Kihega.

Sports



Irene Hunter slides safely into home in the top of the fifth inning to give the Native Americans a 3 - 0 lead

Bert Crowfoot, Windspeaker

Native Americans win women's national title

By Bert Crowfoot
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

The Native Americans from California made it their second National Indian Activities Association Softball Championship in a row last weekend in Albuquerque, tying a record set by an Edmonton team.

In 1981 and 1982, the Canadian Native Friend-

ship Centre Native Daughters were the only other team to win two women's championships in-a-row.

The hard hitting California squad pounded their way through the 'A' side defeating the Laguna Indians from New Mexico 7 - 1 in their first game.

The Okmulgee Bingo team from Oklahoma was the next team to fall by the wayside 5 - 2 to the Americans.

The 'A' final game featured the finalist from last year's championship, the

Six Nations Native Daughters.

The Native Americans made quick work of the Native Daughters, blowing them out 11 - 3.

The Native Americans never recovered from this loss and made a quick exit against the Okmulgee Bingo team in the 'B' final 6 - 2.

In the championship game, the Native Americans showed no mercy to the tired Bingo players and jumped to a quick 1 - 0 lead in the top of the third in-

ning on a run by Dee Dee Jackson. They continued to add to their lead scoring 11 more runs before the game finally ended.

Native Americans coach Denny Mojado said he loved to come to these tournaments to see Indian teams play.

It was special to win but the most important thing was the sportsmanship and interaction with other teams, he said.

The First Edition Snowbirds from Hobbema were

Alberta's only representative and they were knocked out two games straight losing 9 - 6 to the sixth place Petaluma California team and 13 - 12 to the fifth place Victoria, British Columbia team.

The All Stars chosen were Lynn Simas - Petaluma; Claire Williams - Victoria; Lisa Smith - All Tribes, Oklahoma; Cheryl Bomberry - Six Nations; Alisa Johnson - Six Nations; Benita Berryhill - Okmulgee Bingo; Marcia

Johnson - Okmulgee Bingo; Laurie Alvarez - Native Americans and Irene Hunter - Native Americans.

The outstanding coach was Denny Mojado of the Native Americans; the most outstanding player was Kathy Hill of Six Nations; and the most valuable player was Pricilla "Beanie" Jay, pitcher for the Native Americans.

Next year the Native Americans will be gunning for a record third championship at Sioux City, Iowa.

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Sports

Native inmates hold Special Olympics
6th annual event kicks off Sept. 30

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Native athletes will join with other inmates at the Edmonton Institution Saturday, Sept. 30 in the Sixth Annual Special Person's Olympiad.

"That day there's nobody in jail here," said Rick Levesque, executive vice-president of the Special Olympics' Committee.

"They're here but not here."

The Olympiad will run from 11 a.m to 9 p.m. in the federal maximum security penitentiary.

One hundred inmates will be paired for the day with 100 mentally-disabled athletes.

There'll be 15 events including a 100-metre dash, shotput, a team-relay race, a tug of war, bowling and a standing broad jump. The Olympiad is sanctioned by Alberta Special Olympics.

John Schimmens, president of the Lifers' Group, said Natives are an important part of the day.

"The majority of the Native population gets involved. They do a wonderful job with us," he said.

"They've been involved for many years."

The penitentiary's native inmates group, the



Bill MacKay, Windspeaker

Native Brotherhood, is also very active in the special day, he noted.

Native elders, as well as those who have participated in previous Olympiads, will be taking part.

And one of the sponsor's of this year's activities is Native Counselling Services, said Schimmens.

The athletes are from Edmonton, Strathcona, St. Albert and Red Deer.

When the first Olympiad was held in the fall of 1983, there were but 17 special athletes and 35 inmates involved.

Today most of the prison population is involved, except for those who are segregated.

Edmonton is the only federal penitentiary to host such an event.

Schimmens said he was "shocked" when he made contact with a mentally disabled athlete.

"Then I got to realize they're people, too, that they're people with needs," he said.

He said the inmates aren't trying to get positive media coverage. "It's what we want to give.

"That day we all get along together. It's like a truce," he said.

Levesque, who's in jail for bank robbery and conspiracy to traffick heroin, said his participation in the Olympiad has helped change his behavior.

Six years ago he said, "you'd always find me in the hole."

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"It's easy to understand mentally disabled athletes," he said. "They're in jail and we're in jail, too."

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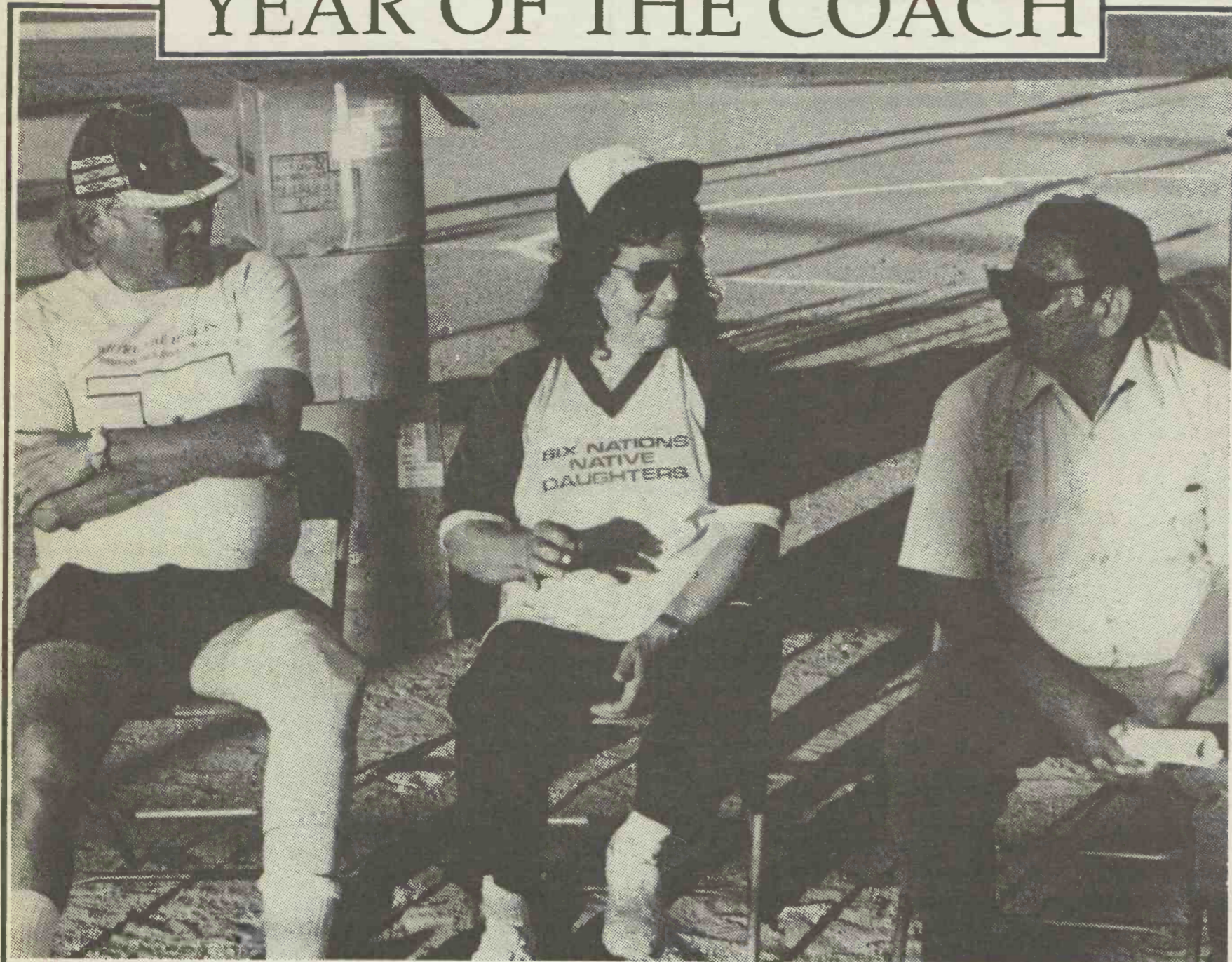
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Sports

YEAR OF THE COACH



Bert Crowfoot, Windspeaker

(L - R) B.J. Kassnavoid, Dolly Anderson and Vernon Buck

By Bert Crowfoot
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

In commemoration of "Year of the Coach", the National Indian Activities Association honored three coaches and players at the national championship in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The three individuals were BJ (Blackjack) Kassnavoid, Dolly Anderson and Vernon Buck.

BJ was proclaimed the most outstanding softball player at the world softball championship in 1967. In his era, he was a proficient pitcher and a hitter.

Dolly Anderson, coach of the Six Nations Native Daughters from Ontario has played over 30 years of organized ball.

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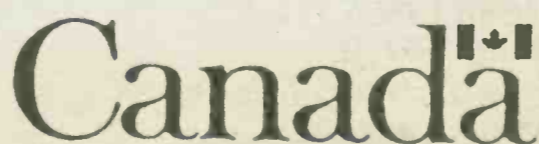
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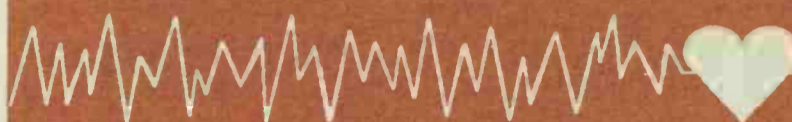
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