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## Challenges ahead

# IAA must prioritize issues to cope with substantial cutbacks by DIA

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The Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) is faced with tough challenges in the face of substantial cutbacks by Indian Affairs.

For the second straight year, the IAA has received funding cuts to its average annual operating budget. Last year the organization had its budget cut by nearly \$150,000. This year financial cutbacks have exceeded that figure by more than \$50,000.

The IAA had operated on a budget of \$950,750, which is now reduced to \$750,000 and core funding received from the federal Secretary of State has been decreased as well.

IAA president Gregg Smith responded initially to the cuts by putting a hiring freeze into effect. Smith said, "No staff will be laid off. We told our 17-member staff that job security is more important and their salary levels will remain the same this year."

The IAA has been working with an outline designed before the budget slash three months ago.

Additional funds are needed to make up for the cuts. Treaty 8 vice-president Lawrence Court-orielle says in order to balance the budget the organization may now have to lay off some employees.

Another alternative to combat cuts involves prioritizing issues. Court-orielle says monitoring and interpreting new government policies, which may effect treaty rights and control of services, is a major concern. He adds the IAA wants to ensure that Indian fishing, hunting and trapping rights remain intact.

IAA administration executive director Wayne Wells said alternative

funding agencies are being looked at, but IAA officials are worried that this might compromise treaty rights.

Smith explains, "In the past, IAA did not want to deal with the province because it may jeopardize treaty rights. But there are services or programs that treaty Indians can take advantage of without hurting their treaty rights."

Smith criticizes Indian Affairs bureaucrats, saying their main goal is to reduce the federal deficit and not carry out the obligations of treaty rights.

Ken Medd, director of the executive secretariat for Indian Affairs, denied that the IAA received a cutback because of the federal government deficit.

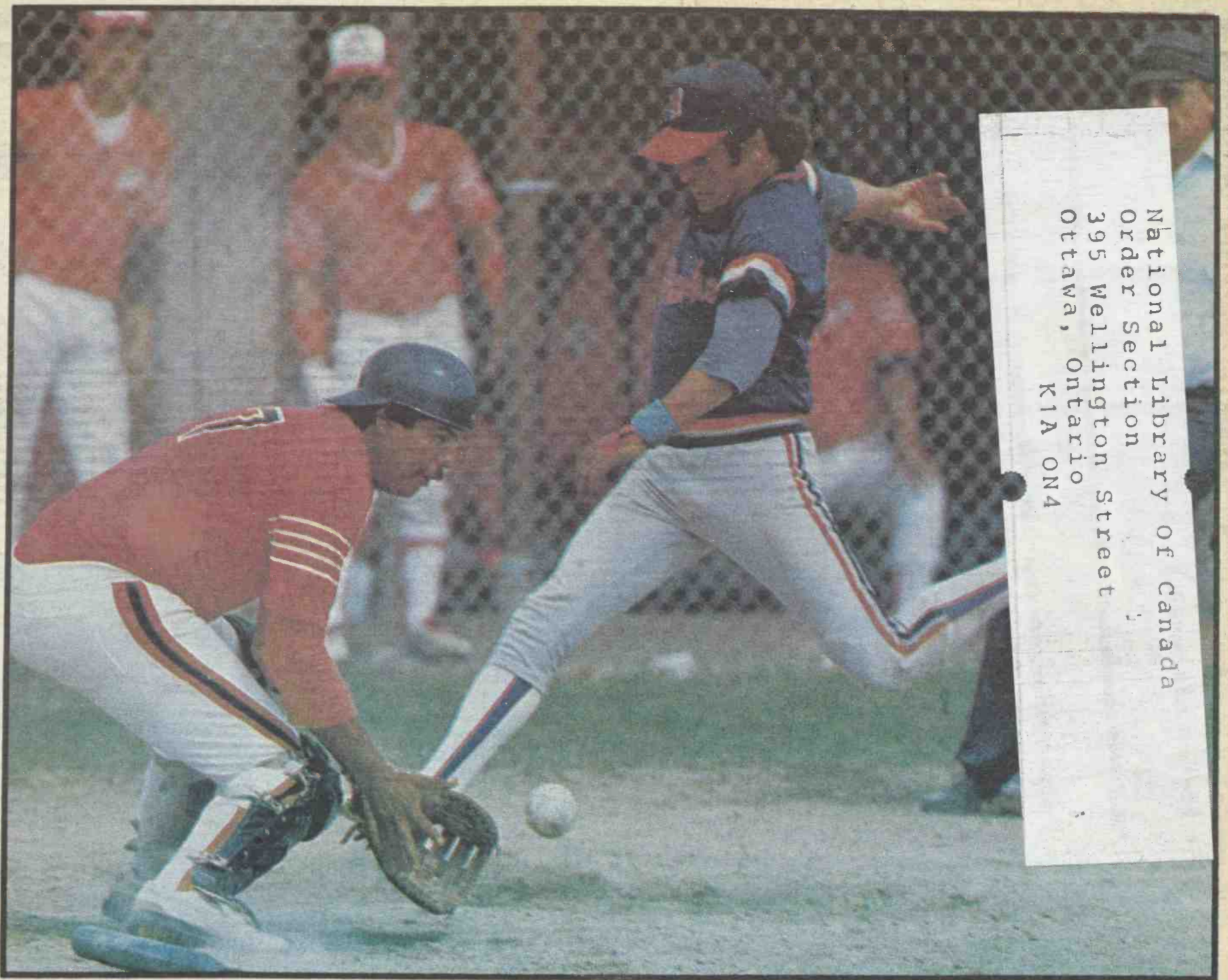
"We just have more legitimate need for money than to provide money solely to the IAA. Nobody will get the same level of funding as last year."

He also explained that the money is being distributed among the Alberta Indian bands to explore such issues as band council, roles and function.

Smith counters: "It's a sad situation across Canada because many Indian bands are facing cutbacks in their budgets. For instance, the Enoch Band, west of Edmonton, received only \$3 million in Indian Affairs funding compared to an annual budget of \$16 million in past years."

In a recent interview, Smith said the IAA's main goal is to protect the treaty rights of the 120,000 treaty Indians in Alberta. But, he said it will be more difficult in the face of cutbacks from Indian Affairs.

Issues which the IAA dealt with in the past year included land claims, child welfare, post-secondary education and helping bands establish membership codes.



## THE PLAY AT THE PLATE

Winnipeg catcher Roger Montour attempts to put out a Regina ballplayer, driving for the plate at the Native Canadian Fastball Championships.

The B.C. Arrows are the champs for the third straight year. Windspeaker has full coverage on pages 20 and 21.

--Photo by Bert Crowfoot

# Bill C-31 an imposition according to band survey

By Terry Lusty

Even though Alberta Indian Bands lead the way in submitting membership codes under Bill C-31, several have voiced exception to this imposition, maintaining they, not the government, have the right to determine their own membership.

In a recent survey of 11 Alberta bands by Windspeaker, spokes-persons for the bands note that the Department of Indian Affairs (DIA) up until late June, had been arbitrarily reinstating members to band lists. The members have not been added by bands, but by government.

Some bands do not hesitate in voicing their disapproval of the reinstatements through DIA, rather than the bands themselves. In north eastern Alberta, Cold Lake, Heart Lake, Beaver Lake and Kehewin have expressed the opinion their respective bands should determine membership.

Beaver Lake councillor

Ron Lameman says, "We have protested every reinstatement" by DIA. He contends that the approval of new or former members onto the band lists should be up to the general reserve population.

"It's not something that can be approved by another government," said Lameman. "It has to come from the people as has been our tradition," he argues.

In Lameman's view, it is the people at large who should have the say regarding membership. "They are the ones who are going to say, yes, this person can be reinstated or 'no, this person can't be reinstated'. I think that's what you call true Indian government, with no pre-conditions."

The Beaver Lake Band is not alone in its thinking.

Chief Gordon Gadwa of the Kehewin Reserve also feels his band has the right to install members according to their own traditions and the provisions of the treaties. That

is why his band has not applied to Ottawa for formal approval of its membership code.

Heart Lake and Cold Lake follow the same line of thought, as do many other bands in Alberta and Saskatchewan which fall under Treaty No. 6.

The Treaty 6 Coalition has been well-known for its determined stand and strong opposition to bill C-31 and the membership code issue.

As of May 31, the number of requests (nationally) for reinstatement as Status Indians in accordance with Bill C-31 was 90,051. Close to 9,000 of 24,708 newly registered Indians were deemed eligible for immediate inclusion as Status Indian.

Another 26,000 were being processed and an additional 33,000 registrations were pending review.

In Alberta, there were 2,721 registrations with 1,004 of those being added to existing band lists.

Although many reserves

are quite concerned about the possibility of overcrowding and depletion of their resources and an escalation of services due to the reinstatement of former members or the inclusion of new members, Heart Lake is something of a "lone wolf" in this respect.

Chief Eugene Monias has indicated Heart Lake welcomes the thought of adding to its small population, especially those who may contribute to the betterment of the community.

Barb Louis, who works on membership for the Samson band at Hobbema, was asked by Windspeaker to spell out some of the specifics of their membership code.

She was reluctant to divulge particulars because "it's really difficult...the code has not been approved and what I tell you and what you may print may be entirely different after we receive word that we (may) have to make certain changes."

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# Provincial

## Symposium held to protest school cutbacks

By Mark McCallum

A National Education Symposium is being hosted by the Alexander Tribal Government from August 17 to 19, to deal with the issue of education cutbacks.

Cutbacks to post-secondary education and band controlled schools total about \$600,000 over a two year period in Alberta.

University student Adele Arcand, of Alexander, said: "Ottawa has been closing its doors...The government is refusing to look at input from the Native people. Policies are being introduced so quickly to the Native community that no one has had a chance to study them or understand them fully."

She says school administrators want him hardest hit. Schools in Alberta will get \$180 per student for administrative positions. In the Alexander band-

controlled school, where 200 students attend classes, \$32,000 will be allocated for administration—a figure less than the yearly salary of a principle's position, which also falls under administrative costs.

The cuts are being felt nationally as well. For example, Quebec has been cutback by \$7 million and will not receive additional funding for the next seven years.

Arcand is the chairperson of the National Education Symposium organizing group, which is pleading with Native and non-Native organizations to join forces and confront the government on a national level.

"We don't want hand outs, we want self-sufficiency. And, education is the only way to get this," she concludes.

For more information about the symposium, call 939-5887.

### Bill C-31 From Page 1

Close scrutiny of the number of Indian bands which have submitted proposed membership codes for approval from Ottawa as of May 31, reveals that Alberta is over-represented on a national level.

On a per capita basis, Alberta has submitted the largest number of proposed codes.

Seven Alberta bands have already had their codes approved and are now in control of their membership according to the communications division of the Department of Indian Affairs (DIA).

They are: Ermineskin, Driftpile, Sawridge, Swan River, Fort McMurray, Horse Lakes and Lubicon.

Another nine bands in Alberta have sent in proposed codes, but three of them, Heart Lake, Beaver Lake and Kehewin, submitted without requesting official approval from Ottawa.

In contrast, only six B.C. bands applied and two of these have received approval; only two Saskatchewan bands have applied with one being approved; and Ontario had nine applicants of which only two have been approved.

Of the 42 Alberta Indian bands, 33 received federal



RON LAMEMAN

... 'we have protested every reinstatement (by DIA).'

Funding towards the development of membership rules and 490 of Canada's 592 bands received funding according to DIA.

In the final analysis, however, less than one-

third of Canada's bands had met the June 28 deadline for mailing their proposed codes to Ottawa.

Ottawa says those bands which have not submitted proposed codes as of June 28, will be subject to the

guidelines of the Indian Act.

It is not known at this time how many bands have actually submitted proposed codes since the June 28 deadline. In a future issue, Windspeaker will publish an update.)



### OTTAWA REPORT

By Owenadeka

Bill McKnight became the Minister of Indian Affairs one year ago. He didn't celebrate then because he didn't want the job. But he's worked at it ever since. Now, twelve months later, Bill McKnight still doesn't have much to celebrate. He hasn't accomplished much and he doesn't seem to care. As a result, most native leaders want him replaced. A look at McKnight's record over the past year explains how this happened.

After he became the Minister, McKnight said he would work toward two main goals. One of them was economic development. Twelve months later, Bill McKnight can't brag about his record in that area. The only new initiatives he's taken have been so small they're almost invisible.

His second major goal is self-government. He's made little visible progress in this area as well. His only "achievement" was the Sechelt self-government legislation and most of the credit for that goes to his predecessor, David Crombie.

McKnight is still negotiating with about 40 other bands who want their own deal on self-government. But progress is still a long way off and it's a long way from the kind of self-government that most of the other bands in the country are talking about. His only other experience in the field of self-government has been a bad one. In March the Cree of Quebec sued the Government for \$31 million. McKnight and the Tories, they say, are refusing to honour an agreement to finance the full cost of self-government for the Cree.

Over the past year, McKnight has made just one major policy change. He fixed some, but not all, of the

## McKnight's track record shows he should call it quits

problems in the Government's land claims policy. It's been six months since he introduced the new policy. There is still no light at the end of the lands claims tunnel.

Over the past year, McKnight has had to deal with Bill C-31 and it's given him plenty of headaches. When he became the Minister, the reinstatement program was out of control. McKnight got the program on-track and reduced the huge backlog of applications. On the other hand, though, McKnight refuses to give any assurance to the bands that he will provide them with the extra land and services they'll need to take care of the increase in band populations.

When Native groups complain about money, McKnight likes to point out that he has increased the level of overall spending in his department. Despite the increases, though, the spending levels have never matched the level of need. What's more, they've helped to hide the spending cutbacks that have taken place in a number of program areas. One of the cruelest cuts, for example, will affect student financing for post-secondary education. Another cutback will kill the hopes of 100 bands across the country that want to separate or relocate.

Those, then, are the, "highlights" of the Minister's record this past year. It's not a pretty picture. In fact, the ugliest part of McKnight's bad-guy image has nothing to do with programs or policy. His biggest fault seems to be that he just doesn't care about Native people or their problems. When he's faced with native people or Native misery, McKnight shows all the care and concern of a cash register. The one message he has delivered throughout the year goes like this: "things are tough all over so be grateful for what you've got."

For his part, McKnight call the past twelve months "a learning year". He says his biggest failure was not meeting the financial needs of Indian and Inuit people.

He says his biggest success was "building up a relationship with Indian leaders."

Some relationship! In June the Assembly of First Nations passed a resolution, unanimously, calling for McKnight's replacement. The resolution called him "negligent" and "incompetent". The Inuit are just as angry. The national Inuit organization passed a resolution in April calling for him to quit and be replaced. Even Thomas Suluk, the Inuit Member of Parliament and a member of McKnight's own party, says he should be replaced.

But not everyone has a low opinion of McKnight. People who watch him in Parliament say he's doing a good job. He's got a reputation as a solid and dependable team player. From the Government side of things, he does deserve credit for keeping a lid on a crisis-ridden portfolio. He's had some help in that regard since the first Ministers process shifted attention away from his department for most of the past year.

But the focus is now increasingly on him and his department. It's clear that McKnight's own political agenda has gone nowhere. What's more, he faces some whopping financial problems that will only get worse. He wants out of the job and he has been rumoured to be part of a summer cabinet shuffle. Native leaders want him replaced even though a shuffle will freeze progress in the department for at least six months while a new minister learns the job. If McKnight is shuffled, they say, it won't make any difference -- the bureaucrats will still be running the show. They say that a new minister -- almost anyone -- would be an improvement.

So what this all adds up to is a message for Brian Mulroney: if you're reading this Brian -- move Bill McKnight out of Indian Affairs, for his sake and for ours.



**ERNE HOULE**  
...announces recreation plan for English bay

## English Bay recreation plans unveiled at annual treaty days

By Donna Rea Murphy

**COLD LAKE:** The Cold Lake First Nations (CLFN) has announced plans to develop a recreation area in English Bay. The plans include a water slide, driving range and tennis courts plus concession stands selling local arts and crafts.

CLFN Recreation director and planner, Ernie Houle, says a child care program is also in the works that would "give parents a chance to enjoy their holidays without having to babysit through it all."

Houle unveiled the project while overseeing the annual CLFN Treaty Days held July 9-12. He said the project will go ahead in three phases.

Funding will come from

various sources. Recently the band received a \$17,000 provincial grant from Community Recreation & Culture. That money paid five reserve residents who were contracted to build picnic tables and fire pits, wall up the dance floor area and clean up the main beach and camping sites. Funding yet to come, Houle said, will pay for phases two and three. Those phases will include landscaping for the water slide, tennis courts and driving range and construction of washrooms and showers, a cystem water supply and a manager's cabin at the campground.

Houle's announcement follows on the heels of an announcement made in June by the Grand Centre

Native Economic Development Society. They announced plans to build a lodge and guest cabins at Sandy Beach, a piece of Crown land next to English Bay and is approximately 2 km down the beach from where the CLFN facilities will be.

Houle says he sees no conflict in the developments but can see where tourists and locals could use both facilities. "Free enterprise is encouraged here," he explained, "we want the local people to be able to benefit directly from this development." Anyone wishing to set up a booth to sell art or handicrafts would be able to apply for a license or permit to sell. Food concessions would also be operated on

the same basis.

The band will soon hire about fifteen people to work for 20 weeks on the next phase of the development. When all facilities are in place, hopefully by August 1988, there will be twelve seasonal staff, plus those who will run their own booths.

Houle says an important part of the plan is the advertising and promotion campaign. "The '88 Olympics will be held in Calgary and we plan to have an information package of some sort to take down there and have them distributed that way. People from across Canada and the world will be there and our brochure will be available to them. We could reach a lot of people."

## Radio station may broadcast this year

By Donna Rea Murphy

**WABASCA:** A new radio station broadcasting in Cree may soon be on the airwaves as the newly-formed Wabasca/Demara's Broadcasting Society sets about raising community support and financial backing for their project.

The Society was formed

by local residents who saw a need for a community news media to give daily information on community happenings. It would also give local agencies and governments a channel to advertise and promote their programs.

Residents felt this media should utilize the Cree lan-

guage as much as possible to increase the area's pride and interest in the Native culture, both Indian and Metis.

The WDBS proposal states "it is clear...that a low power FM radio station is the best means of providing this community with the information source it

needs. (It) would provide news, public affairs, music, cultural and community events and information relevant to the Wabasca/Demara's area and the surrounding area. It is projected a population of 3,500 could receive the broadcasts."

The proposal points out the station would benefit

the economic sector as well. A soon-to-be-built road linking Wabasca to Athabasca through Calling Lake will provide a market alternative to Slave Lake, 125 km. south and the closest large center.

Currently, communications in the area consist of a scattering of Edmonton AM stations whose signal in the area is weak; and the CBC-TV (including three hours in the morning of Aboriginal Radio & TV Society (ARTS) broadcasts from Lac La Biche). The print media consists of a local newsletter in English and outside publications. Telephones are few and scattered.

WDBS envisions a radio station on the air by the end of 1987 that will broadcast for three hours per day, increasing with program needs and abilities. It will broadcast mostly in Cree and cover a radius of 35 km. reaching Wabasca, Demara's, Sandy Lake and the surrounding reserves.

Progress so far has included establishment of the Society, obtaining a site, raising funds from local and national groups and initiating local and national efforts.

Still to be completed is a technical evaluation of the site, filing of an application with the Federal Department of Communications

and the Canadian Radio & Television Commission (CRTC); acquisition and assembly of all facilities including a building (ATCO Trailer), transmitter, studio, office equipment and supplies; selection and training of employees and volunteers; program development and further fund-raising.

All acquisitions are dependent upon adequate funding arrangements (some studio equipment has already been donated by Sunwapta Broadcasting Ltd.). Similarly, most training and program development is dependent on the acquisition of a facility.

These needs are offset by a list of local volunteers and the local Opportunity Corps technical training facility has agreed to aid with construction needs. ARTS has agreed to assist with some training.

Most importantly, Frontiers Foundation has provided a volunteer to assist in research, planning, development and management.

The board of directors includes Ray Yellowknee, former Wabasca resident and Western Co-ordinator of Frontiers Foundation and Tom Barrons, a former volunteer with CKEV FM radio in Inuvik, NWT.

Yellowknee, newsletter publisher and potential trainee Larry Gladue and Wabasca Anglican Minister Jim Speer toured ARTS last week as part of an orientation session.

The Frontiers Foundation, a non-profit benevolent works institution based in Toronto, has been concerned mainly with helping communities with house construction programs by providing them with volunteer labour.

The Foundation should soon begin involving itself in helping communities by placing volunteers skilled in community research, planning and management. Thus the creation of Frontier Foundation Northern Alberta Development Projects. The Wabasca/Demara's station is a development out of that phase of the Foundation.



### STRUTTING THEIR STUFF

The Edmonton Canadian Native Friendship Centre entered a float in the Klondike Days parade, July 15, to help celebrate its 25 years of service.

On the float from left to right, is the White Braid Society princess Melody Auger, the CNFC junior dancers who are jiggling to the Red River Jig. The music is being supplied by Don Sauve and Taste of Nashville.

The parade kicks off the annual celebration that will run from July 16 to July 25.

The friendship centre will be hosting a Klondike breakfast on July 19 and a Kiddies Play Day on July 23 at their location at 10176 - 117 street.

--Photo by Dianne Meili

# Competitive powwows saving culture

By Mark McCallum

Elder Eric Cardinal is in favor of competitive powwows because they help to develop a link between North American tribes.

Cardinal, 51, who has been the master of ceremonies (MC) for about 100 powwows, explains people from all parts of the country attend competitive powwows for the cash prizes awarded. But, more

tribal customs and ideas are exchanged at these powwows as compared to traditional powwows, which may only attract communities closer to the event because of the limited money involved.

He believes powwows teach young people about the Native culture. "The young people enjoy powwows more than sitting in class learning Indian traditions and customs that Europeans teach them," he

says.

All of his family members participate in powwows, round dances, seat lodge ceremonies and sun dances. Cardinal from Saddle Lake, says, "I don't think enough people include their whole family in traditional events. I try to live how I think an Indian should live and I'm proud my family does the same."

Over the 12 years that Cardinal has been an MC, he sees powwows going in a positive direction. He says the dancers and drum groups are getting better every year.

Cardinal started doing MC duties simply because someone asked him, too. He guesses it was because he is fluent in both the English and Cree languages.

The only time Cardinal can MC is on the weekends because he works at the Edmonton branch of Alberta Health Care Monday to Friday as a stock keeper.

But, Cardinal will always have a job as an MC because even after the powwow season ends, round dances still continue through the winter months.

He doesn't get paid to work either event, however, sometimes he gets a gift or gas money for the trip home.

When the dancers are kicking up dust on a windy day, Cardinal reaches for his jar of tea to clear his throat. If that doesn't work, he chews on rat root. "It



**ERIC CARDINAL**  
...is in touch with his culture

soothes the throat", he said with a smile.

The biggest powwow Cardinal ever attended was the Crow Fair in Montana, where nearly 100 tribes attend the event each year. But, he didn't MC at the powwow because "it's too big...one MC can't do it alone".

While attending powwows across the nation, he has noticed some differences between tribal customs. For example, he

says the Eagle Feather ceremony is done differently among the Cree, Stoney and Blackfoot Indians.

In the ceremony, when a feather from a dancer's outfit falls and touches the ground, the powwow is stopped so the feather can be retrieved. Cardinal explains the Stoney and Blackfoot tribes will hold an Eagle Feather ceremony everytime this happens. However, the Cree Indians

will do the ceremony once and will stop the powwow. But, if it happens again, a ceremony will not be performed. Instead, an Elder will be asked to pick the feather up and the powwow will continue.

"When I get old and can't move anymore, I'll be happy in the knowledge that I participated in all the Native ceremonies...it's the only way to live", he concludes with a chuckle.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled by Kim McLain

### B.C. will get national park to preserve land and culture

This Saturday, July 11, B.C. Premier Bill Vander Zalm and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney will sign a pact that will form a new Canadian national park. The agreement comes after years of political manoeuvres with money and negotiations with the Haida Indians.

The park is to be established in the South Moresby region. The area, which is rich with unique and rare plants and animals, escaped the last ice age.

In addition, the park boundaries will include Haida totem poles and longhouses.

Mike Nichol, executive director of the Haida Nation Council, says he is cautious about the prospect of a park.

### Status without land leaves Indians in limbo

Leaders of six Ontario bands say they have been left in limbo after being granted band status by the federal government.

They say that they are not eligible for financial support since they have no land base. Without federally funded education programs, the children of the 431-member Key-Way-Win band have not attended school for years, ever since they were granted band status.

A department document prepared for Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight points out the "enormous costs" of funding education, health and social programs and new bands and reserve land will be granted only if there was a legal obligation or health and safety were threatened by natural disaster.

An official in Mr. McKnight's office says the question of legal obligation to provide living services is being referred to the department's legal services.

Meanwhile, the six chiefs have returned their annual treaty payments to Ottawa to protest.

### Americans capitalizing on the Pope mania market

Pope John Paul II's visit to the United States is still a few months away, but he's already got American entrepreneurs in a frenzy.

Pope paraphernalia is beginning to fill the shelves of American stores. Some samples of the merchandise include: T-shirts, one of the hottest selling features a canine beer mascot in papal hat and robe and reads "The Original Vatican Animal." Another memento is a lawn sprinkler -- the water squirts out of a plastic "Pope's hands" and the marketing slogan is "Let Us Spray." A Florida businessman has proposed a flavoured ice bar sculpted to the Pope's likeness, call the Popesicle. And finally, a company called Popepourri Ltd. is marketing a plastic gold painted ring with red lips attached. "When you kiss it," says the owner of the business, "it'll kiss you back."

## Cultural advantages

# Training valuable to volunteers

By Donna Rea Murphy

The Frontiers Foundation/Operation Beaver is looking for Alberta Native volunteers, 18 yrs. and over, male and female, to work in northern Ontario Native communities or NWT Dene communities.

Ray Yellowknee, Western Co-ordinator for the Foundation and former resident of Wabasca Demarais, made the bid for aid during a recent meeting in Lac La Biche. Yellowknee was part of a group promoting support for an FM radio station to be set up in Wabasca/Desmarais.

Yellowknee says young people who volunteer must commit their time for at least two months although they will be welcome to stay longer.

"The Foundation doesn't pay any wages, however, all expenses are paid and the volunteers will learn valuable skills in the construction field."

He points out there is the added benefit of working hand-in-hand with other young people from differing

cultures, traditions, languages and lifestyles to bring a definite advantage to a community.

The non-profit Foundation relies entirely on donations from the private sector and government grants for its funding. Since 1964, Operation Beaver has helped build or renovate approximately 1,120 homes in disadvantaged areas, 26 community and adult training centers, a tannery, several schools, three parks, an outdoor sport arena, fishery co-op, renovations of churches, two log pit houses, two hockey rinks, three greenhouses, ten frame cabins for children and a host of others. Over 1900 volunteers have worked on 298 varied projects. There were 23 Canadian projects and two overseas.

Local projects include four homes built in Peerless Lake in the late 1970's and the Wabasca/Demarais Recreation & Sports Center. The logs and lumber for the sports center were cut entirely from the Bigstone Band

timber lease nearby and many social activities are carried out there.

Yellowknee says the Foundation is recruiting because "in many Native communities we find there are too many young people with a lot of free time and free time and problems usually go together."

Most times, he says, a change of environment is the best medicine for preventing problems.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer may contact Yellowknee at Box 1895, Slave Lake, AB or may telephone collect to 849-5497.

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# Qualified trainers sought for program

By Mark McCallum

There is a need for qualified trainers of all occupations in the Native Community.

Born out of frustration and a need for these trainers at the Nechi alcohol and drug abuse training centre, a new program has been designed there to "teach potential trainers."

Program training coordinator at Nechi, Butch Wolf Leg, says there are a number of unqualified trainers not doing a

sufficient job at training people in the Native community, no matter what occupational subject is being taught.

The new program called "Training of the Trainers" is to begin this year and is open to those who are interested in teaching others about their own occupations.

Wolf Leg points out not all trainers have their facts straight. Experience and factual information is needed to be a qualified trainer, he adds.

The program will begin training a maximum of 20

individuals, interested in entering the training field, in November. It is aimed at people in any sector of the work force, including economic development, administrative management and counselling services.

However, applicants must have at least two years experience at their job and they must also have a sponsor. This will enable them to start training others when they finish the program.

Wolf Leg says a large number of organizations have expressed interest in sponsoring applicants and

making a permanent position as a trainer available to graduates of the program. He listed some of the interested groups: the Medical Services Branch, Attorney General's Office, Friendship centre, Indian Affairs, correctional institutions and band offices.

Program trainees will learn how to motivate and draw out hidden capabilities of the people they train.

Following 25 days of classroom instruction, program trainees will receive practical experience as a trainer from a sponsoring organization.

When the one year program ends, the then-qualified trainers will be invited to evaluation workshops, where suggested changes to the program will be examined.

Funded by the Canada Manpower Innovations Branch for the next three years, the program will accept applications until this September. Call 458-1884 for more information.

## National Assoc. of Friendship Centres

### Renewal affirmation wanted for program

The National Association of Friendship Centre (104 in Canada) has just concluded a 16th Annual Assembly in London, Ontario.

Significant resolutions passed at the assembly include a call for the renewal affirmation of the Native Friendship Centre Programme, commencing in April 1988. Other business dealt with included:

- Financial support for the North American Indian Veterans tour of Europe in November 1987, to conduct a traditional memorial ceremony for all Native Veterans who served in World Wars I and

11, and in post war peace keeping forces.

- A call for DIAND to launch an independent investigation into outstanding grievances of disabled Indian war veterans regarding benefits for Indian Veterans; their treatment received from the Federal Government; and their experience upon returning home from both World Wars.

- Support for the Gitskan Wet'suweten People who have undertaken a basic challenge to the Constitution of Canada for ownership and jurisdiction of their traditional territories.

- Support for the reinstatement immediately by the Department of Justice Canada for the Saskatchewan Native Courtworker's and Counselling Association Programme.

- A call on the British Columbia Government for a moratorium on the adoption of Native Indian Children by non-Native families and to begin working constructively with Native People to develop programmes, procedures and legislative changes to help prevent further undue apprehensions of our children.

- Unanimous support for

Miriam Youngchief as a lifetime member of the National Association of Friendship Centre Movement. Youngchief, has given 15 years of continuous voluntary service, locally, provincially and nationally.

Elections were held for National Leaders:

President - Nelson Mayer from the province of Manitoba, Vice President - Karen Collins from the province of Alberta, Treasurer - David Newhouse from the province of Ontario, Secretary - Judy Parcaud from the province of Quebec.

## Northlands superintendent hired

EDMONTON - Education Minister Nancy Betkowski today announced the appointment of a new superintendent for the province's largest school district

"Mr. Brian Callaghan has accepted the position of superintendent for Northland School Division #61, effective July 13," says Mrs. Betkowski. "The size of the division and the location of some rather remote schools makes the

job a challenging one; Mr. Callaghan's nomination was enthusiastically approved by the trustees."

Mr. Callaghan was most recently the principal at the Kativik School Board in northern Quebec where the population was mostly of Inuit ancestry. He is a graduate of Concordia and McGill universities and is presently completing his master's degree at the University of Alberta. His thesis is on native expectations for local

control.

"Brian brings a lot of experience and a fresh perspective to the division," says board chairman Jeff Chalifoux. "We join with the Minister and staff of Alberta Education in welcoming him."

Northland School Division #61 operates 24 schools in the northern half of Alberta, stretching from Nose Creek south of Grande Prairie north to Fort Chipewyan and from

the British Columbia border to the Saskatchewan border. Over 2,500 students mostly of Native origin attend these schools. The division has 175 teachers and almost 90 teacher aides.

"We are pleased with the partnership relationship that has been established between the government and the Northland trustees," adds Chalifoux. "I am sure that Brian's appointment will help continue the tradition."

## Political goals override kid's needs

Two recent tragedies involving Native children has put Manitoba's new system of Indian-controlled child welfare agencies under criticism.

The agencies were established in the early eighties after controversy about adoption of Indian children by white parents. The agencies were established to ensure that Native children are placed with Native families.

However, the agencies have been criticized recently for their handling of certain cases.

In one instance, the Awasis Agency arranged to have a 14-year old girl returned to her natural parents on a reserve, even though she has been raised by a white foster family for 13 years. After a

few months, the girl reported she was gang-raped on the reserve and asked to be returned to her foster parents.

In another case, a 10-month old Native girl suffered brain damage as a result of an incident after Awasis placed the baby in a Native foster home. Police are investigating the incident.

Critics say the Native agencies sometimes let their political goals interfere with their obligations to protect the children's interests.

In the Manitoba legislature this week, calls for a provincial takeover of Awasis were rejected, saying the agency is being hampered by a shortage of federal financial assistance.

## PROVINCIAL NEW BRIEFS

Compiled by Kim McLain

### Women's shelter stays closed despite protests and pleas

EDMONTON -- A 20-bed shelter for women in crisis will not be reopened, despite efforts of women's groups.

Social Services Minister Connie Osterman says that Edmonton's Hilltop House was closed June 30 because of budget cuts and because former residents can be served by the department in other ways.

Osterman says, "I believe there are (other) counselling services available, but the gals (the women protesting the closure) think these people need someone with them at night as well -- sort of a total atmosphere."

Jane Wiley, a board member of the Alberta Status of Women Action Committee (ASWAC), says the women formerly served by Hilltop House will likely not be reached by the department in other ways.

"We'd like to find those women and hear their stories," she said, urging them to contact ASWAC. "We'll take their stories back to the minister."

Hilltop House opened in 1965 and had a budget of \$300,000 per year.

### Man, 22, charged with murder following death of boy, age 3

A 22-year-old man has been charged with murder following the death of a three-year-old Swan River Reserve boy.

RCMP say autopsy will be performed to determine whether Nathan Robert McCue died as a result of injuries received in a beating.

Hugh Richard Chalifoux, 22, of Swan River Reserve, is to appear in Slave Lake provincial court July 15.

RCMP are still investigating the incident which occurred in Kinuso, 240 km north of Edmonton.

### Metis fear for future because of census error

Statistics Canada revealed last week that up to 125,000 people -- many of them immigrants -- have erroneously identified themselves as Metis, Inuit or North American Indian on the 1986 census form.

The mistake has made Metis Association of Alberta board member Ben Courtrille very unhappy. "I'm not happy at all. We need those statistic very, very badly."

He says the association needs to know the count if they want to plan for the future and to budget. "We don't want to be negotiating hypothetically for 15,000 Metis (if) we really have 100,000," he adds. He says the Metis need the complete picture of Metis life, including education levels, housing conditions and employment.

Although the federal government keeps population and other statistics on status Indians, there is little data on the Metis.

The census holds little interest, however, for the Indian Association of Alberta, which didn't sanction the June 1986 enumeration.

Many national Indian groups, wary of how the census would be used, also refused to take part.

"The data they would have collected wouldn't have been good data anyway" because of low participation, said IAA spokesperson Lou Demarais.

# Editorial

## Example set in Sask.

The apparent "disintegration" of the Saskatchewan Metis Association may well set an example to Alberta's Association if infighting, alleged dishonesty and accusations continue to run rampant amongst leaders and members.

A good, long, hard look must be taken at the candidates in the upcoming election. A faultless method of selecting the leaders must be utilized. Most importantly, the ethics of the elected individuals must be rooted in a firm commitment to serve the electorate only and leave personal goals aside.

If all this is done, perhaps the question of how to ensure the accountability of officials in the association will not need to be answered. Neither will the search for a method to remove those whose performance is unsatisfactory or questionable be required. With responsible elected leaders, perhaps the conflicts of the past can be largely rectified and the slate wiped clean. There is strength in unity and it will be found if everyone pulls together.

## The giving and taking

Everyone agrees that the \$106 million pledge to establish the South Moresby region of the Queen Charlotte Island as a national park is a high price to pay, but well worth it. At the ceremony, in which the 145,000 hectare area was signed over by the B.C. government, no Haida representation could be seen because they were conducting a potlatch ceremony in a reserve village. Interestingly enough, the ancient ceremony they were holding, was once punishable by imprisonment in Canada.

The Haida were probably thankful for the South Moresby decision, but still mindful of all the government has taken away from them, now, as well as in the past.

## More support called for

Mainstream journalistic headlines were filled this week with the story of government ward Joe Samson, whose body was found (after an alleged beating) in a water treatment settling pond near Grande Prairie.

The unfortunate Samson had been dropped from Alberta Social Services care when he turned 18 and had managed to survive a year on his own before he died.

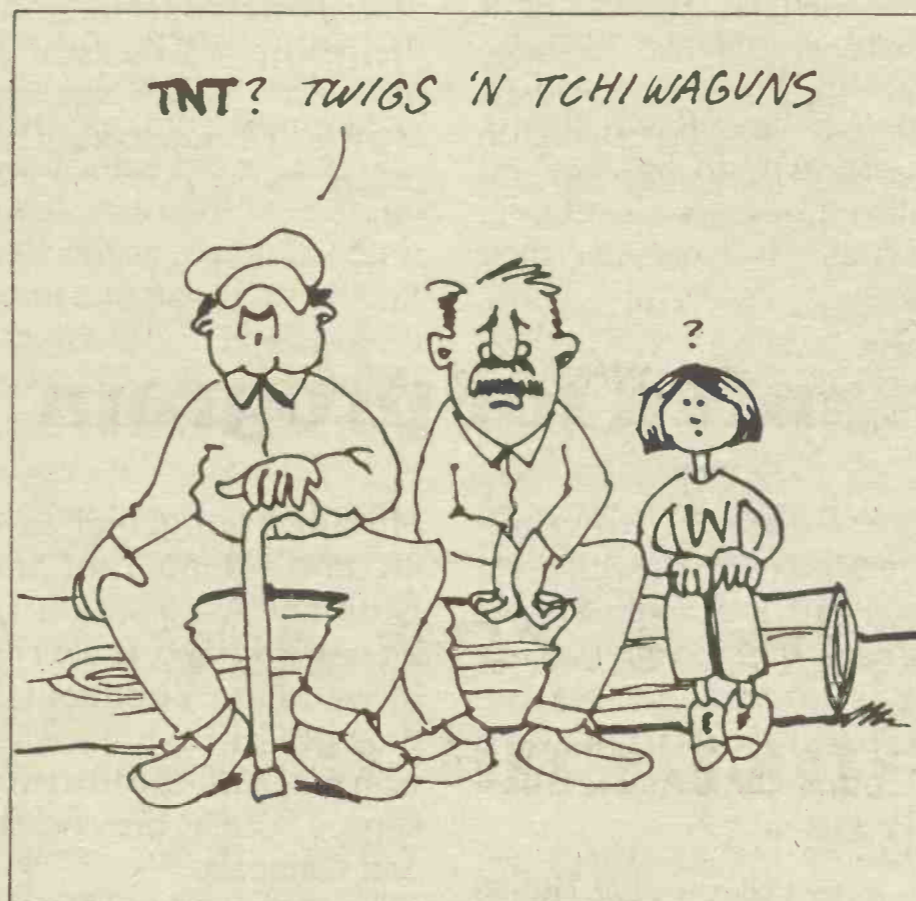
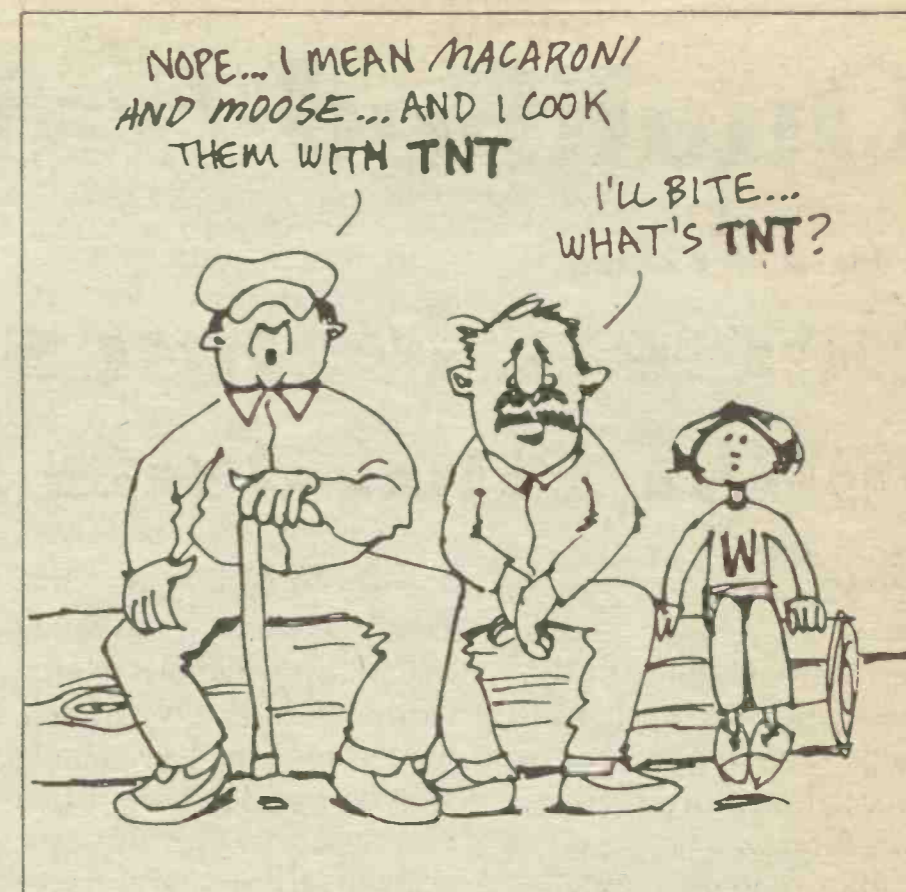
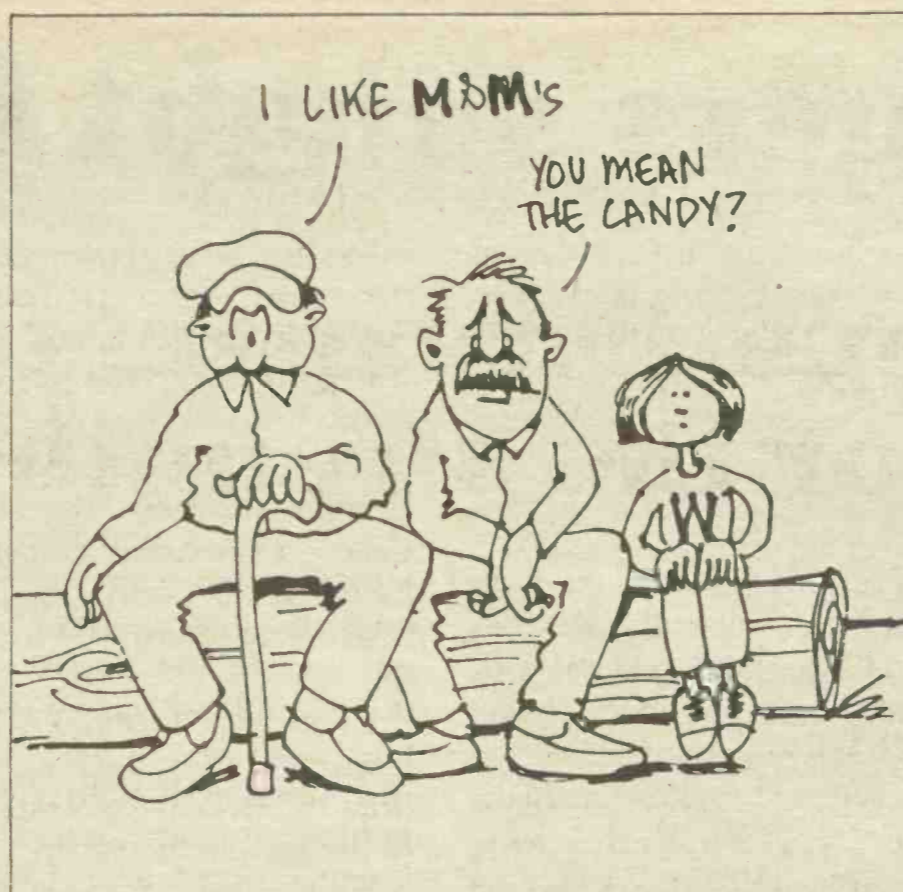
The story was sensationalistic, due to the gruesome details behind Samson's demise, and gave the impression such incidents are isolated.

Unfortunately, we'd all have to agree, the death is just one of such tragedies that often occur. Samson was just an example in a stream of young people who fall by the wayside when set free from care and left on their own.

Some kind of support should be set up for these kids when they are let loose. They are often unprepared for the rough world out there. As well, studies have shown that emotional and psychological difficulties are suffered by many wards -- many who are moved around from foster home to foster home and often abused.

If the government is going to turn over the responsibility of native child welfare to natives themselves, then we must be sure to provide some kind of support for wards after they turn 18 -- we can't just turn them out.

Our job is, of course, to do as much as we can to keep them out of the system in the first place. This may call for changes in the child welfare act itself, which we can lobby for. Also, each on his own can strengthen family ties and rediscover how important the family is, and was, to our ancestors.



## Addictions director

# Kicking the nasty habit

**Nechi director Maggie Hodgson**

**Interviewed by Ruth Morin**

**Ruth:** Have you ever smoked cigarettes?

**Maggie:** Yes, I have smoked for the past six years and previous to that I smoked or I didn't smoke for two years and I smoked for ten years before that.

**Ruth:** Were you addicted?

**Maggie:** I like to smoke. I was addicted. It was a habit. I think there were a combination of things I was addicted to. There was certain rituals tied into what I was doing.

**Ruth:** How did you know you were addicted?

**Maggie:** Every time I wanted to smoke I would get this big, knotty fist in my stomach that would say, I don't want a smoke, I don't want a smoke, get me a smoke and I will be happy. Once I would inject that smoke into my lungs I would sigh with relief that this need for nicotine was there. I would go without eating and I didn't mind it, that I would miss a meal, but I couldn't seem to go without smoking.

**Ruth:** What were some of the ways in which you defended your smoking?

**Maggie:** I defended my smoking by saying it was a way I was dealing with my stress for one thing. The other thing was I wasn't like an impaired driver. I didn't go and kill innocent people on the highway with my smoking, like impaired drivers do. I defended my smoking by ignoring comments like people like you would make. I never thought of all the people who burn by going to sleep with a cigarette in their mouth or that young driver who killed those young bicyclers when he was driving and bent down to pick up the cigarette he dropped on the floor.

**Ruth:** Are you affected by smoking?

**Maggie:** Now that I have quit, I'm a born-again non-smoker. Now other people's smoke bothers me. If I'm at a big meeting where a lot of people are smoking, it bothers me. When I was smoking I would go by my secretary's desk, steal her cigarette and would have a few puffs, it was a ritual for me to have that mischievous puff. I'm affected by other people's smoking when I'm in a stress situation and I see someone else in the same situation lighting up a cigarette. I'd think I'd love to have that cigarette. I've got to smoke! Give me that cigarette!

**Ruth:** What if you wanted to? How would you handle that?

**Maggie:** If I really wanted to, I would say out loud, "I really want to have a smoke but I'm not going to."

**Ruth:** Did you ever try to quit?

**Maggie:** I tried and I tried until I almost died.

**Ruth:** Why?

**Maggie:** I have a kidney disease and because the last thing I should be doing is smoking. My throat would taste like somebody crawled in and died and forgot to get out by morning. I'm sure my mouth would taste as bad as people who wake up with a hangover would taste after having a big night's smoke; staying up with my friends talking and smoking cigarettes. I knew I use to hate myself in the morning for having smoked the night before because I'd even wake up with a slight headache from smoking too much.

**Ruth:** What were some of the ways in which you tried to quit?

**Maggie:** I tried to quit by using Nicodents. I tried to quit by capitalizing on other people's praise who said, "Oh, Maggie, doing a good job not smoking, doing a good job." I tried to quit by saying it wasn't too good for my health. I tried eating. I thought if I tried to eat my way out of my smoking addiction by buying gum and candy, the sunflower seeds or anything I could put into my mouth. But it didn't work.

**Ruth:** What method did you use that was accepted for you to quit smoking?

**Maggie:** I quit smoking because I didn't intend on quitting. That's how. I fasted for better health. When I came out of my fast, in the weekend of September 27, I came out with really no desire to smoke. When I used to want to smoke, I'd get a really big fist in my stomach from wanting a smoke. I haven't felt that since I came out of my fast. I suppose when I said I wanted better health that's one of the consequences.

I still intellectually think I would like to have a smoke but I think that is more from the ritual of having a smoke when I get on the phone, or having a smoke when I got into the car. The actual desire in my stomach, I don't feel that.

**Ruth:** What do you think is the point of becoming and staying sober if we're perhaps killing ourselves with tobacco?

**Maggie:** I think that it's a new awareness of the different kind of addictions we have. Rather it be addiction of food or in this case smoking, or others have addictions to sex or gambling. I think there are many ways of creating chaos and of making our lives unmanageable. Through the program of self-help I belong to, which helps me to be aware how I can change things to be better in my life, one day at a time.

# Opinion

## Society leader says disrespect toward brothers must end, asks for the strength of his people

Tansi:

Hoping I find you in strong spirits and good health. I am writing to you to try to find a Cree brother from Alberta who wrote to me after reading an article I sent to you and you printed. This outspoken and strong brother's name is Juffery Lafontaine. If you're out there, brother, let your brothers of the Warriors Society of Canada know. Direct your letter to me at P.O. Box 2140 Springhill, N.S. BOM 1X0 or to the National Office 1837 Atkinson St. Regina, Saskatchewan S4N 3W4.

I would like to take this time to speak out on Native injustice against our people from within the non-native justice system. I am talking about everything from words to not respecting our culture, from attempts to murder to murdering our people inside the Iron Houses across North America. Some of these people in this non-native society from the first time the white man stepped on Turtle Island which the Great Spirit put us on Mother Earth to be the Caretakers of, have abused our people and at times tried to destroy our people.

I often ask -- why do these people abuse the Aboriginal People of this land and I always remember what a Blackfoot brother wrote "We are the Warriors of the Past" -- We are the Warriors of to-day -- We fight for our rights -- We have the right to practice our religion. We, like any other people have this right. In prison why do these authorities abuse their authority on us? Is it because their jealous of us? Cause we are the colors of Butterfly's wings? By Phil Bear shirt/1984.

We as people must watch close and always be

aware for these people who can be very dangerous, even using the people of our own blood against us. Our Freedom to walk on Mother Earth has been battled for from when our Great Lakota War Chief destroyed Custer, who was nothing more than a butcher of women and children and our old people. But his day came to an end with Warriors from many Nations of the Red People led by Crazy Horse whose Spirit still roams with us for strength. Even now in the 1900's we must watch these people closely. Look at our leader Leonard

Peltier, who has been thrown in jail because he is a strong Lakota Warrior and Leader to the people, look at how the F.B.I. tried to destroy A.I.M. American Indian Movement, their Leaders and Warriors.

There has been much disrespect towards our people for too long. This must come to an end, but how some may say? well, one way is to speak out and tell the Leaders and the people, if we are together as one we are strong but we need everyone's strength to remain a strong Nation.

We have strong Leaders and Warriors inside the Iron Houses and outside,

go to them for help. Go to the Elders, Spiritual Leaders and Traditional People for guidance. Reach out, there are people, our people in heart everywhere that will help, just ask. Our people's advice is free. Our way of life is free, it can't be bought. Our people's are not like the white man - that everything has a price.

**MAY ONLY GOOD SPIRITS WALK AND PROTECT YOU ALL, NOW AND FOREVER.**

**Larry Carlston  
Leader of the Warriors Society  
of Canada**

### Reader asks why Cree are criticized for lost customs

Dear Editor:

This letter is in regard to Mr. Starlight's statements in the Windspeaker June 19, issue. He states that the Cree have lost their traditions and customs.

Out of all the tribes to criticize I wonder why he chose the Cree. I think the Cree are one of the tribes that are keeping their traditions and customs. We do not paint our tipi's because of the respect of our traditions and customs involved in maintaining a painted lodge. There are procedures to follow in obtaining

a painted lodge, either through a vision or as passed on to a person by an Elder.

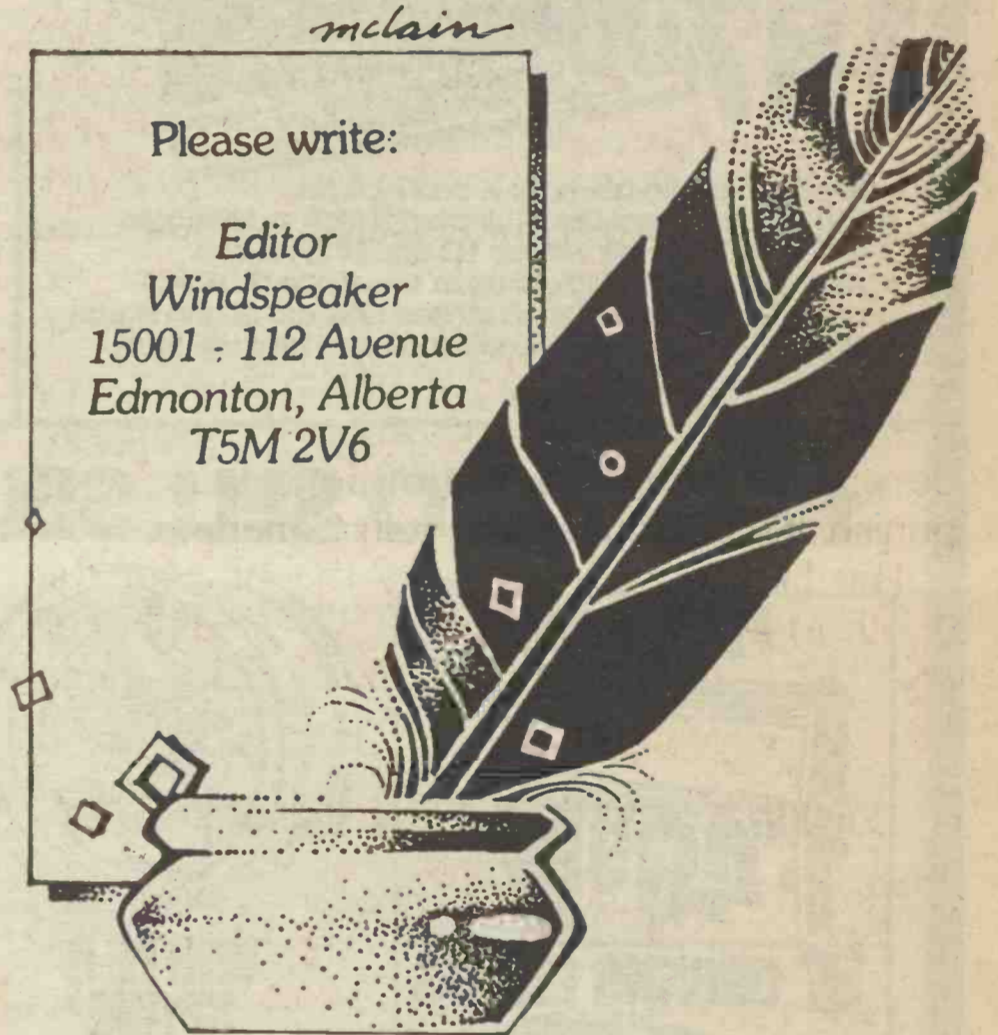
Some of our Elders know the names of each tipi pole and their significance. We do not paint our tipi's for side show displays or as a tourist attraction. We also respect our traditional artifacts and religious items and do not display them to prying eyes.

There are some painted lodges in our community, used at ceremonies, that we are still maintaining. To name a few ceremonies we still use: the Sundance, the

Ghost Dance, the Give-Away Dance (which we have special songs for at a Sundance or at a Pow Wow), a Give-Away Dance that is used only in the winter with their own special songs; we have the Horse Dance, the Pow Wow Kettle ceremony which is considered very sacred, the Prairie Chicken Dance, the Tea Dance, and the Round Dance (with a ceremony before it starts, it is not just an additional Dance at a Pow Wow). All these ceremonies and others have names in the Cree language that the majority of our people still speak.

As for the fairness and politics that are involved at a Pow Wow, one need only look at the past winners at dancing, drumming contests, and at tipi displays at his local Pow Wow. As a final note, the Cree do not need a "Wild West Show" like the Calgary Stampede to keep their Cultural Traditions and Customs alive. It only serves to perpetuate the racial stereotype of Native People.

**Jackson Roan  
Cultural Co-ordinator  
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# Impromptu party given for longtime worker

By Donna Rea Murphy

LAC LA BICHE - If you counted up the number of meals Alvina Lavalée has dished out at Alberta Vocational College (AVC) over the past eighteen years the number would run into the hundreds of thousands.

Last Thursday Alvina hung up her apron after almost two decades of feeding students. Her career began with the fledgling Alberta Newstart program that later became Alberta Pe-Ta-Pun, now

the multi-million dollar AVC facility and student housing complex.

"When I started in '69," she says, we worked in trailers. Jack Shields Athabasca MP was involved in starting it up with Barry Jaeger (since deceased). There was only sixty students then. Things sure grew since then."

At first, Alvina worked only part-time, but later gave up a job at a senior citizen's lodge to work full-time serving students in the

cafeteria. "When I served I was with the students. This is like your home when you're working. At a certain time you go home and camp and then come back here," Alvina explains.

At an impromptu retirement party in the staff lounge, AVC President D.E. (Ted) Langford spoke for the staff, saying they would miss seeing Alvina in the kitchen and would especially miss her sharp wit directed toward student and staff alike.

"This lady speaks her mind and she's never been afraid to say what she feels," Langford told the gathering. It has been his experience that when students come into an institution, one of the first things they complain about is the food.

"With a great deal of pride I say there have been some complaints but compared to other institutions there have been very few. That says alot about our kitchen staff."

Alvina was presented with a plaque from the

Government of Alberta's Advanced Education Minister Dave Russell and a framed moosehair tufted floral design. The design was created by a student enrolled in the AVC Native Cultural Arts and Crafts course.

With her newfound spare time, Alvina says she's going to relax and play bingo. Since her health is ailing, she says she doesn't contemplate getting involved in other activities.

"Maybe later I'll get into something, maybe work

part-time, but right now I'm just going to enjoy retirement."

Alvina was born and raised in nearby Owl River. She raised nine children and one foster son. All her children are grown but she still has one daughter and a granddaughter living at home.

The retirement party was held to also thank the retiring head cook, Bruno Ferro, for his twenty years of service to AVC. Mr. Ferro was likewise presented with a plaque and picture.



## DROPPIN IN

By Rocky Woodward

Hi! Well I went out on the golf course again with my son T.J. and for the second time this ummer, I lost to him. This is getting embarrassing, however I did up my score from 134 to 127. And he only beat me by 10 points rather than 24 the first time, so I say this is a sign that I am getting better. Lots of summer fun and I'm not going to let you know how bad he beat me at tennis...forget it!

While I was in Enoch for the flea market, checking prices and working on a story, I visited with two great friends of mine, RITA MORIN and "outlaw" ROGER MASSE. They had a fire going outside and Roger brought out his cassette radio.

Well, let me tell you, I was never entertained as I was that evening. Rita and Roger's two little granddaughter's put on quite a show. First, little Tammy sang us all a great bunch of songs and if she gets voice lessons, she's going to be one heck of a singer. Too bad in growing up, they have to go through the crazy "heavy metal" routine before they get real serious and start to sing good country music. Right Roger? Although Tammy did sing country.

After that, Tammy and her sister Jody got up on a picnic table and while the cassette played the "Red River Jig", they performed as only good dancers can. TAMMY AND JODY DONALD, thanks for the great time.

Now, what's this joke Roger told me? Oh yeah. There was this guy taking a bunch of penguins to the zoo when he suddenly remembered an important meeting he had to make right away. Seeing a stranger on the street, he asked him if he would take the penguins to the zoo for him and he would give him some money. The stranger said "yes" and off he went followed closely by the penguins.

Sometime later, and after the first guy had finished with his appointments, he was walking down the street and low and behold, there was the stranger followed closely by the penguins.

"I thought I asked you to take them to the zoo," he said.

The stranger looked at him kind of dumbfounded and replied, "I did, but since there was some money left over I thought I'd take them to a picture show."

Roger your jokes are killing me literally.

**ANZAC:** The whole community has come together in planning the "Great Anzac Days" celebration. According to Joan (Hopegood) Fornburg, the Metis local, recreational board, school committee and a great bunch of other people have two fun-filled days of kiddie events, races, hotdogs and you name it scheduled for August 1-2.

Now I know Anzac, which is about 60 km east of Fort McMurray, is a very nice community to visit, Anzac days or not. The people are friendly and the lake...it's a must to visit the lake area.

I am hoping that our editor will see fit to cover the event and who knows, they might even send me. I don't think Dianne (my editor) would hold it against me just because my roots originate from there? But...I'm not sure.

## Two singing and jigging sisters may grow up to hit the big times



**KIKINO:** Here is a young lady who made her presence felt on the Native Nashville North show last June. Recognize her?

The lady is none other than PRICILLA MORIN from the Metis Settlement of Kikino. Pricilla recently had the opportunity to win the COOK COUNTY TALENT CONTEST and then, back up ARTS on CFCW in Camrose and, of course, on the Native Perspective radio program.

So, for all you country fans out there, keep your eyes and ears open because I'm sure it won't be long before Pricilla Morin's name is household word.

**GIFT LAKE:** "Rocky I missed work today because I'm sick!" gasped Leonard the awesome over the mobile.

"I wonder why, Leonard...if you know what I mean?" Before I begin, I must make an apology to the Atikameg Steelers, who I called the Gift Lake Steelers last week. So, for all you women on the slowpitch team, don't kill your coach, Leonard the great...it was my mistake. Sorry.

On July 11-12, Gift Lake was the sight of a baseball tournament that saw the Jousard T-Birds come out on top to win the championship trophy over second place Loon Lake, and the third place Gift Lake Steelers, out of eight teams entered.

"I would like to thank all the donators to the tournament and would also like to thank myself,;; Leonard said.

Okay, Leonard. I'll bite. What for?

"I donated a trophy that cost me \$35 big ones and I missed work today!"

Think of it this way, Leonard. When you let your grip go from those dollar bills to pay for the trophy--that's reward enough. Anyway, Dropping In thinks you're great.

Leonard would also like to thank Angeline Anderson for helping to keep score over the two days and the umpires--this must be Leonard's thank you day.

**ASSUMPTION:** Handgames, roast duck, sack races, bannock, canoe races and good company. What do they have in common? They go hand in hand with the HABAY DAYS scheduled for the community of Assumption this August 14-15-16.

"I don't have the full agenda right now, but we have a lot of activities planned," said Recreational Director Lorney Metchoooyeah.

I have to say, I once took in the Habay Days and although the weather was not at its best, the Habay Days is exactly what you're looking for.

**EDMONTON:** Once again, a reminder for those of you who are late on updating your membership cards or want to belong to a Metis Local. You do not have very much time to obtain a membership card, in order to have voting rights at the annual assembly, August 15-16.

The Assembly this year will be held approximately three kilometers from Grimshaw at the stampede grounds called Bear Lake.

This year, the president's chair is up for election and candidates for the position have until the end of July for nominations. For more information you can call the Chief Electoral Officer John Sinclair at the Metis Association of Alberta at 455-2200.

**SAMSON BAND:** Hobbema is now in the process of putting the finish touches on a major new TELEVISION PRODUCTION FACILITY.

The faacility, almost ready to begin production, consists of a 25 foot by 40 foot studio and attached control room.

Once completed, the facility is expected to be used both within the education program as a major production facility for a wireless cable system to provide modern electronic communication to the entire reserve area. The studio will also be made available on a rental basis to other bands of the four bands in Hobbema.

Present plans for the facility to be operational late in 1987, following an intensive training program for local people. The cable facility will begin on air transmission almost immediately. "The is an expensive undertaking, but the Elders recognize that communication is the key to solving many problems in our community," commented Pat Cutknife of the Samson Education Trust Fund.

The cable system is being developed by Anchor B communications, a locally owned company.

I wonder if my friend Percy Johnson will now be a lead anchor man on the telly?

**DROPPING IN:** That's all for now. Ya all have a great weekend, ya heah!

# People

## From psychedelic to gospel to country... Herb Desjarlais has played it all

By Rocky Woodward

He came to sing...and sing he did while winning the hearts of many fans during his taping on the Native Nashville North show last June.

Herb Desjarlais has been singing and playing most of his life, ever since a baby sitter taught him three chords on the guitar with a laugh, he says the first song he learned was "wooden heart."

Born and raised in High Prairie, Alberta, Desjarlais comes from a large Metis family of 11 children. The family moved to British Columbia in the late 50's while he was still a young boy and still "practicing the guitar."

"I took lessons once, but they only lasted a half hour. It cost me \$11 so I got fed up and walked out." After that he learned on his own.

With much of his schooling out of the way at age 16, Desjarlais felt he was good enough to challenge the entertainment world and landed various gigs working carnivals as a singer. He says it was a hard life with very little pay, but the experience was necessary.

You have to start from somewhere, so why not the bottom. That's where I started and learned as I went along. I guess it's

called paying your dues."

The very first band he played in during the psychedelic years, was called "Nirvana." "You wouldn't have recognize me. I had long hair and used to jump all over the stage."

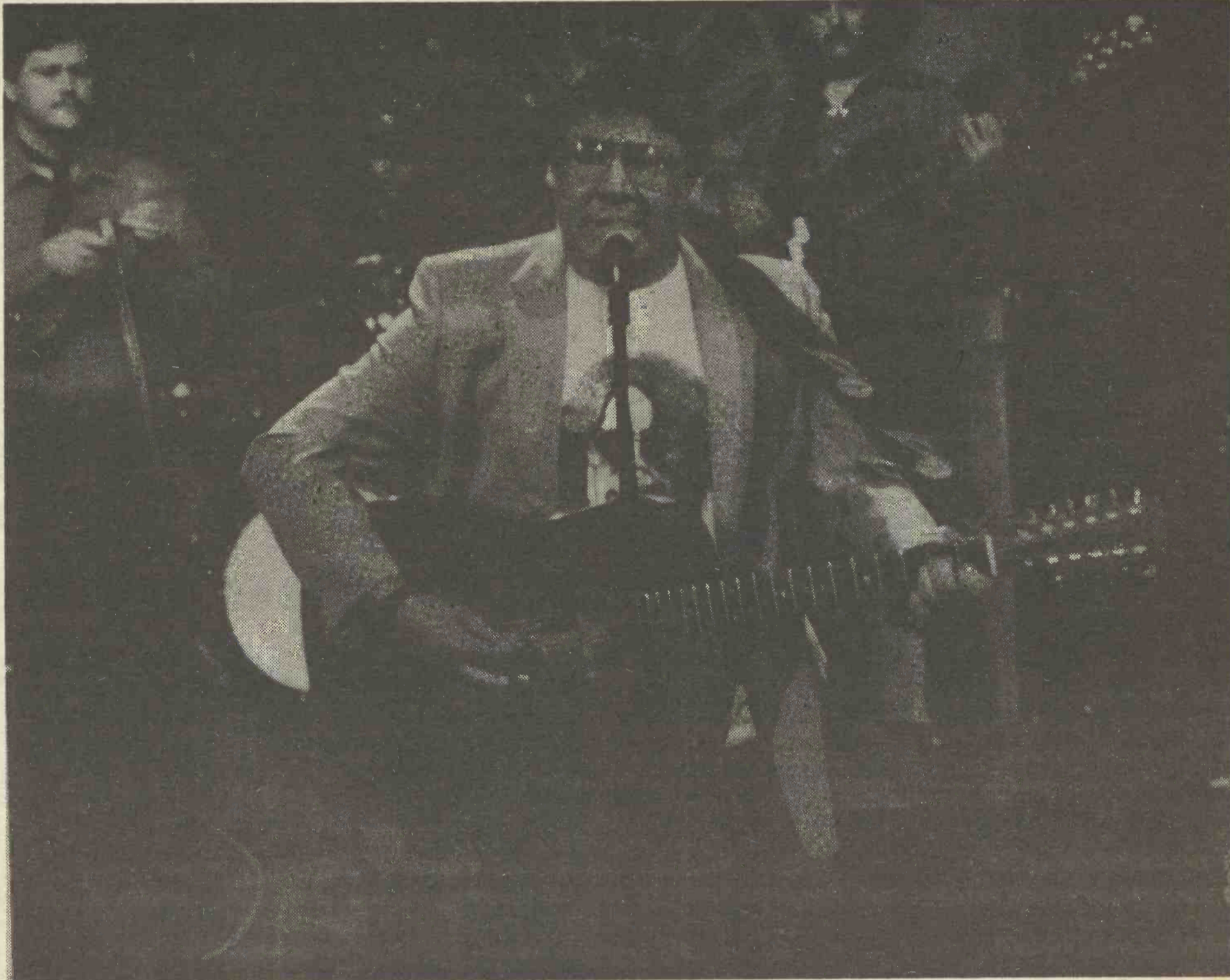
Desjarlais recalls the last band he played for, called "Tribe", signified a turning point in his life.

"I played rhythm guitar and back-up harmony with the band for many years, then I quit because of drinking. I knew I had an alcohol problem and it wasn't getting better," he said.

For three years after leaving the band, Desjarlais worked hard to straighten out his life. He joined a church and began singing only gospel music. It was then that he started to write gospel songs. For three years he stayed away from alcohol.

"I never went to alcoholics anonymous meetings because I always believed I could change if I really wanted to," Desjarlais admits, saying he's controlled his drinking problem for seven years. "Sometimes I have a beer that's about it."

Since that time, Desjarlais' life is "an upward swing." Believing in himself and his writing ability has helped.



HERB DESJARLAIS

...I don't want to be still playing in bar rooms when I turn 45 or 50'

Currently, he is considering recording an LP and has joined a five piece Alberta band called "Iron Horse."

"The one thing I don't want is to still be playing

gigs in bar rooms when I turn 45 or 50. If there is a chance to make it I might as well try here in Alberta, for now anyway," said the musician, whose songs

have been played on British Columbia radio, where he lived for awhile.

One of the songs that Desjarlais sang on Native Nashville North is called

"Ride on Lonesome Rider."

An original, it proves this versatile and distinctive performer on the verge of making it in the country music world.

## Reunion successes encourage volunteer to work with Parent Finders group

By Rocky Woodward

In 1984, Ray Ensminger placed an ad in Windspeaker and through it a mother and son were eventually reunited.

It is successes like this that fuel Ensminger, a ten year volunteer and consultant with Parent Finders, a group of search and support adults working to reunite families separated by adoption.

Ensminger says he was a social worker for a number of years and during that time it opened his eyes to "the other side of the coin" of adoptions.

"I used to place children up for adoption and I can honestly say that at that time I was a very naive about adoptions, separating people. But through developing, professionally and growth I realized that some issues are different." He feels his work with Parent Finders is a more sincere way of helping people.

Parent Finders deals with any youth wishing to

find his or her birth parents, although Ensminger admits it is sometimes difficult to reach those Native youth who have a "negative" background.

"Native kids raised in white families do have problems. They are in some cases given a negative impression about Native people and it creates conflict for the kids. Essentially they've been told that Native people have a negative background, because of what is said about Native people, but they have that right to know or at least search for their birth parents," Ensminger said.

Asked if adoption reunions are disruptive to the child, Ensminger answered using a quote he sent to Ann Landers.

"I can appreciate the concerns of adoptive parents that they don't want to be 'temporary and second best.' I certainly agree that adoptive parents are real parents, however, that does not negate the fact that

adoptees have another set of parents. In an adoption, if a strong parent-child relationship is established and then maintained into adulthood, an adoptee's search for and reunion with birth parents will not disrupt that relationship."

He sees a reunion between two people or family as the most powerful example of growth and resolution in people's lives.

A birth mother will always wonder how her child turned out for whatever reason. "She will wonder if she made the right decisions and a reunion can help to answer some of those questions."

Ensminger adds there are many different circumstances as to why parents let their children go. He knows that many youth looking for their real parents are concerned about this, but adds that in most cases there are valid reasons.

"When we find parents the kids are always concerned about rejection, but this is very uncommon.

Maybe a social worker decided it was best, maybe they could not take care of the child because of illness or many other reasons." Ensminger believes that even if the adoptee's parents are mixed up out there somewhere -- the child still wants the truth. "It's better to deal with fact than fantasy," Ensminger states.

Ensminger reminisced a Native youth adopted and raised by a white family who were "certainly negative."

"He knew his mother neglected him and his adopted parents emphasized it, so he worried. He was told his mother was a drunk and a prostitute, but it turned out she was quite a better person than that. So, I believe people should find out, other than fantasize."

Ensminger says he is certainly not suggesting that adoptee's searches and reunions are always positive and without problems. "However, I am confident that reunions are generally more positive and

create fewer problems than is commonly understood."

He explains that adoption reunion is a very emotional issue. "When reunion is attempted, many feelings and personal concerns surface, feelings of anger, frustration, disappointment, fear and a lifting of spirits." Because adoption reunions are very emotional, it is important that the individuals involved understand each other's positions and feelings.

"Professionals involved in reunion cases should pay careful attention to the experience of other jurisdictions, and the results of research."

Through Parent Finders, Ensminger says there is only a small portion of people looking for their birth parents, but he adds throughout Alberta thousands are searching.

Birth parents are also looking.

"A lady phoned Parent Finders and said she did not want to give up her child; regrettably she had given

up her child 25 years ago. Of course this hurt her deeply. A number of birth parents go through this, so we also support and search for children of birth parents."

Ensminger believes that many people involved in adoption are becoming increasingly aware of the complexity of the issues involved and are more sensitive to the needs and feelings of others. Still, reunions are and always will be intense emotional processes.

He says the "jury is still out" regarding the ideal adoption process. Education, support and cooperation will contribute significantly to the development of such a process.

"I guess if I was to sum it up, I would say that it is a normal, natural thing for people to want to get together, who are separated."

For more information on Parent Finders call 466-3335 or Ray Ensminger at 963-6152.

# Children's services exec director is the driving force behind better care of government wards

By Mark McCallum

Metis Children's Services (MCS) executive director Carolyn Pettifer, is the driving force behind the organization.

Though a leader in her field, she doesn't pretend to have all the answers for child care because she feels "it's really in the hands of the community."

Pettifer, 32, sees herself as an educator which the community can tap for information about the child welfare system. She wants people to know exactly what Alberta Social Services can and cannot do to children who have fallen into the system. And, as Pettifer stresses, she wants the community to take responsibility for wards of the system.

Pettifer first became involved in child care in Ontario, where she was

born, and worked in a school for wards of welfare. She was openly bitter about staffing procedures in the school populated by more than 50 percent by Natives. Yet, it only employed less than 25 percent of Natives in staff positions.

The operation and expectations of the school also made Pettifer unhappy because "it was giving the kids luxuries they were not accustomed to. It was like a Holiday Inn for them. But, when they went back to home to nothing, there was no support system in place for the kids, to help them deal with the readjustment into their communities. You'd hear horror stories of kids drinking solvents and gasoline...getting killed and committing suicide."

Pettifer decided the child welfare system was not properly meeting the needs of children. After moving to

Alberta, she helped form MCS in 1985.

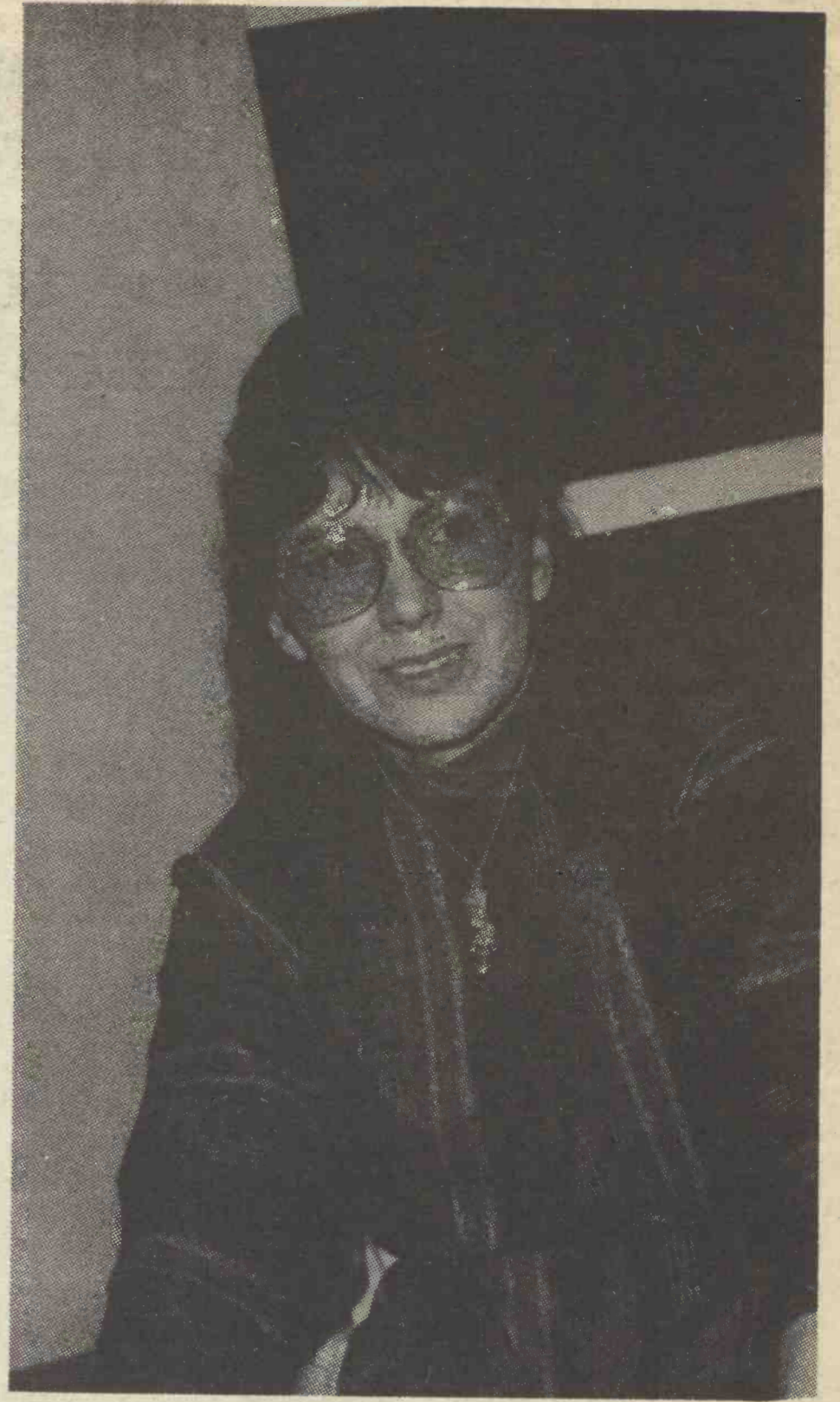
Since then the organization has not changed its goal to prevent children from being apprehended by welfare and to put children into their own cultural setting with an extended MCS continues to encourage the Edmonton Metis community to become more involved with it. To do this, a decision was made recently to give Edmonton Metis Locals the opportunity to select the organization's board of directors. Nine out of the ten locals, with the exception of Local #83, signed an agreement on June 23 which enables them to select a more rounded-out board from different parts of the city.

Pettifer was disappointed, however, when MCS had to drop one of its five staff members due to an increase

in administrative costs.

Regarding the self-satisfaction her job gives her, Pettifer says: "It's hard to say at this point that it's rewarding because there's such a high number of kids in wardship. But, there's positive things happening. I do see the community becoming more involved and more aware, in terms of what's happening to kids in the child welfare system. There's also a higher success rate in cases where kids are being taken out of the system and put back with their families."

The recently released child welfare act does not shed much light on who is responsible for Metis child, Pettifer comments. She would like to see Metis children put under a different category of child care legislation, which would enable Metis families to assume this responsibility.



CAROLYN PETTIFER  
...driving force behind MCS

# Three seasoned rodeo veterans tell it as it was

By Donna Rea Murphy

GOODFISH LAKE — Rodeo season brings out the cowboy in virtually all of us, but it's particularly strong in three long-time friends from the Lakeland area.

Even after 40 years Art Pruden, Steve Whitford and Sam Cardinal still follow the circuit and make the yearly trip to the Calgary Stampede much as devout Moslems go to the Mecca.

Although these seasoned veterans have had more than their share of biting the dust each one says he'd go right back into it if he was young and just starting out.

Pruden, from Kikino, explains that he and his friends have followed the rodeo's in this area since the 1920's and '30's. "It was much rougher then," he says. Open air rides minus the benefit of a corral to contain a wild saddle bronc were normal.

Hylo resident Steve Whitford grins as he recalls "the money was pretty slim.

We went through some hard times sleeping in barns and drinking moonshine."

Cardinal, a Bonnyville Native, is the youngest of the trio. Although none would divulge his age to Windspeaker, the fact they've known each other for forty years and all are

retired, provides a clue.

Was rodeo life harder back then? All agree it definitely was. "We had to ride these big, strong farm horses that had roamed free all summer and were half-wild. This wasn't rodeo stock," Pruden explains. "Some of those broncs were real mean."

With such experience under their belts, what advice do they have for a younger generation wanting to get into rodeo life? "Don't do it," says Whitford, "it's too dangerous." All said they wouldn't encourage a young person to go into this line of work. Parents used to try and stop me when I was young, but you couldn't tell me nothing - I wanted to rodeo and I did. But I wouldn't recommend it," Prudent says. Whitford says if he had a grandson who expressed interest in the rodeo life he "wouldn't coax him to go, you never know what might happen."

The three don't travel together, but always manage to find each other at all the local rodeo's. They seem to be as much a part of the circuit as the contestants.

Rodeo gets in your blood. It is almost a way of life that continues long after you've ridden your last bronc and eaten your last mouthful of dust, all three agree.

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# Job creation program in isolated areas employ and train local men

By Darlene Nadeau

Gulf Canada has taken advantage of the Canada Job Creation program by hiring four local native men as trainee/employees in the Battery Operations plants at Senex and Trout Mountain, near Peerless and Trout Lake areas.

A high unemployment rate has plagued this isolated region for many years.

The available employment is either in the logging industry or in the Alberta Opportunity Corps training program. The downfall in these industries is that work in the slashing and power saw operations is only seasonal and the Opportunity Corps requires employees to take an 8 month skill training program.

It is hoped that Gulf Canada's hiring of local people will serve as an incentive to other oil companies in this area. According to Gulf's Carey Johansson, Coordinator of Socio-Economic planning, "We are following the Local Affairs policy, which states that the company use local people and buy consumer goods locally."

Bill Forchuk, Operations Supervisor explained the importance of drilling activity in this region: "Gulf Canada has been drilling for the past 2 years in this area, two years at Senex and one year at the Trout



**ANDREW ORR**  
...receives instruction from Leon Chateaufeuf

Mountain site. Out of the 14 wells at Senex, 12 are productive, 1800 barrels of oil are pumped out of this site daily whereas out of the

17 productive wells at Trout Mountain, 1500 barrels are pumped out daily." The manpower on staff at this point for the com-

plex operation consists of 10 men on an alternate shift of 8 days in and 6 days out. Average work day consists of 10 daylight hours.

With the development of the Trout Mountain battery and sufficient reserves having been discovered at Senex there was a need for more battery operators. Coordinator Carey Johansson's job was to set up a recruitment process to hire local people. He enlisted the aid of Don Cunningham, technical coordinator of Community Vocational Centres (CVC) in Slave Lake.

Don relayed to the communities that Gulf wanted men to work as trainees in their operations.

Carey states, "Gulf considers themselves outsid-



**EDWARD GLADUE**  
...looks to advancing with Gulf

ers, so therefore individuals in the communities are unknown to us, while people in the community such as the community association leaders and CVC Community Education Committee members would have a better idea as to who should be recommended for employment." Carey stressed the importance of "community participation" in the success of their company's role in the community. In November, Don Cunningham set up the interview between Gulf and the 6 men recommended by the committees.

One of the three men selected was Edward Gladue, single, aged 20. Gladue had previously taken a CVC oilfield maintenance program. He found the H2O certificate and the class 2 operators' licence he received from the program a valuable asset to his present employment.

Paul Houle, aged 21, a married father of two, was the second chosen candidate.

Andrew Orr, aged 33, a married father of six was the third employee picked.

This was Orr's second application for employment at Gulf Canada. He had applied 2 year previously, but was told to wait on development of the battery

and sufficient reserves to be discovered.

These three men were selected on the basis of age, work history, work experience and oil industry related training programs. "A factor such as age played a key role in the selection process," explained Bill Forchuk, operations supervisor.

In January 1987, it became evident that another man was needed and as a result, Jack Cardinal, age 32, was selected as the fourth man to be a part of the training program.

Jack Cardinal and Paul Houle agree the work is "pretty good." They also enjoy the lifestyle their new jobs have enabled them to live. These men are well aware of the advantages that their responsibilities to Gulf provide and would not jeopardize their future employment with the company. Their family and social life has changed for the better; they can now acquire material goods such as a new truck or new furniture.

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# Squadron members asked to contribute to book

By John Copley

On February 14, 1953, David J. Wright, chairman of Edmonton's 700 Wing (RCAF) signed and forwarded an application on behalf of the St. Albert Indian Residential School to the Air Cadet League of Canada in Montreal.

The application was a formal request for the school to support a new project - an air force cadet squadron.

Approval was granted and on April 20, 1953, the corp, called the #570 Edmonton Indian Residential School Squadron was formed.

Though Donald Gillis was endorsed on the application, as the first commanding officer, it was Canadian Air Force Flight Lieutenant Vic Fowler, that assumed the position. He played an important part in the early development of the program and remained in his position as Cadet Commander until 1968.

"The school was an overflow unit," explained the retired commander from his west coast home.

"The schools on the reserves could usually only accommodate Grades 1 through 6 (ages 6 to 9) to we had the overflow of older kids."

Mr. Fowler said that about 160 Indian kids came to the school each year - and the presentation of students came from reserves across the western provinces.

"Train loads of kids would arrive each September," remembered Fowler. "They came from Prince Rupert, the Queen

Charlotte's, Saddle Lake, Duffield, Hobbema, Cluny, Lethbridge and other places."

Adapting quickly to their new environment, the Indian students who enrolled in the cadet program soon found acceptance and quickly took an interest in the program.

"Some were a long way from home," said Fowler, "but they soon found a bond in the corp. The Indian kids were a good bunch who toughened up easily to training. The biggest competitions were sports related. The different tribes all liked to prove who was the best at different sports. The spirit was pretty good with the kids in those days."

He fondly mentioned the examples and escapades provided by "Reverend Jim," (Reverend Jim Ludford) who was a volunteer organizer, coordinator, philosopher and mentor from the United Church in Edmonton's Avonmore area.

"The Reverend understood the Native people," said the ex-commander. "He often made the long train trips to help out with the kids who were lonely or homesick. Everyone admired him."

The church, according to Fowler, was the largest room in the school and it was often used for movies and other activities in bad weather. The classrooms were filled to capacity.

"Today's teacher's would never cope with 40 or 45 in a classroom," said Fowler as he described the school's four classroom system and the 160 plus students that

filled them.

The first parade square drill held by the all-Native cadet wing took place on May 6, 1953. The initial drill was carried out by Warrant Officer T. Yaeger, an NCO (non-commissioned officer) with the Tactical Air Command Headquarters Group in Edmonton.

The 35 cadets were also introduced to the cadet system with an hour long film presentation.

Over the next five years the program made history, and the primarily all-Indian corp achieved recognition throughout the region because of their constant excellence in corp development and annual parade/demonstration inspections.

In a June 4, 1956 Edmonton Journal news article, a parade inspected by Captain G.W. Lewis won top honors for the 570 squadron as the headlines read

"Cadet Squadron Wins Acclaim."

The overall inspection, which featured a precision drill by the squadron's rifle team, was considered to be, according to the judging committee, "above the average of the Alberta groups."

Physical and mental development are among the primary objectives of the cadet program. The youth were involved in activities that included parade drills, summer camps, and specialized courses. Weapons safety, armament care and handling, first aid techniques, survival training, bombing theory, compass reading and flight planning were among the many programs available. Films, an ever-present feature of cadet training, provided an added source of knowledge to the cadets.

The first non-Native

member of the 570 Wing appears to have joined up in March, 1954.

On November 19, 1959 the squadron was moved to Edmonton. Apparently, a new principal at the school decided not to renew the squadron's training facilities that year.

At this point the Native involvement in the corp subsided. The Indian participation level dropped off dramatically. The long trek to Edmonton was time-consuming and expensive for the many Indian students without transportation.

Today, only three Native youngsters are part of the 570 squadron, which currently trains at the Kapyong Drill Hall in Edmonton.

Todd R.C. Ross, a volunteer civilian instructor is in charge of the unit's public relations program. He is the man behind the squadron's annual yearbook, which is

in its third printing.

In addition, Ross is about to wrap up a three-year research and writing assignment which will be adopted into the squadron's 35th anniversary book.

The collector's item, a 204-page mountain of (#570) memorabilia will be presented at the celebrations in 1988.

Ross, 23, a cadet himself at age 14, first served in the 810 Squadron which headquartered at the W.P. Wagner School in Edmonton.

The 35th anniversary book will contain documentation, interviews, and anecdotes about the 570 squadron's members, both past and present.

If any AMMSA readers are past squadron members and wish to contribute information or photos, contact Todd Ross, by calling 438-7055 (Edmonton).



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# '87 CANADIAN NATIVE PRINCESS PAGEANT

By the time you read this the Canadian Native Princess for this year will have been chosen in a ceremony that took place at West Edmonton Mall.

Windspeaker had a chance last week to talk to all of the five candidates, except Anita Flett, who arrived from Winnipeg too late to catch our press deadline. Unfortunately, pictures of all the girls were unavailable.

Here's a quick run-down on the events that were planned for the pageant, in case anyone out there pans to

enter next year and wants to know what to expect:

Friday, July 17 — the girls meet to get acquainted at the Canadian Friendship Centre. A banquet follows.

Saturday, July 18 — a breakfast at the Cafe Europa at the West Edmonton Mall for the judges and girls. This is followed by the photo session. At 2 p.m. a powwow takes place in the Ice Palace. And then, the most important event occurs at 7 p.m. at the mall — the talent contest, speeches, judging and crowning.

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# Talented dancer from south vies for princess title

The present Indian princess for Alberta, Robbie La France, is now competing at the Canadian Native Princess Pageant.

Raised on the Blackfoot reserve in southern Alberta, 20-year old La France comes from a family of one sister and four brothers.

La Frances is a very talented fancy dancer. She has performed in California and Holland when she travelled with a powwow dance troupe.

"I like dancing, especially the ladies fancy dance. And when the opportunity arises, I travel to various powwows in the United States and Canada," says La France.

Before winning the Miss Alberta Indian Princess title, La France won the Miss Sika crown for 1985-86. She says for the talent

part on the pageant she will do a hoop dance. "I will be using seven hoops because I'm sort of short and haven't worked myself up to using 11 hoops yet," she laughs.

La France is a recent graduate of the Nechi Institute program, where she received her basic community addiction training. She attended school in southern Alberta, British Columbia and eventually graduated from Drummheller Composite High. La France is presently working as a youth program coordinator and counsellor for the Sika Alcohol Society on the Blackfoot reserve.

Her goal in life is to someday become a lawyer, something she says she is doing in a round about way.

"First I am going to work with the youth to see what their morals and beliefs are and then I am very

definitely thinking about joining the RCMP before I go into law school," she said.

With all her involvement, La France says she still finds time to ride her race horse. "I really like riding horses very much," she says adding she also likes to play volleyball and baseball.

La France says she is really honored to be a contestant in the Friendship centre's princess pageant and "I am really excited and looking forward to meeting the other princesses, so we can share our views on our Native heritage. Also I am somewhat scared," she says.



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## Pre-law student is no newcomer to pageants

Sheryl Lynne Joseph, 21, leads a very interesting life in her homeland province of Saskatchewan. She says her life is eventful because she stays involved in community activities.

Originally from the Big River Cree Band, Sheryl now resides in Prince Albert, (where she is the president of the Keyanow Youth Group.

Born on April 16, 1968, she attended the John Diefenbaker School, Prince Albert Central Institute and graduated from Carlton Comprehensive High.

Sheryl is no newcomer to princess pageants. She's won Powwow Princess national title for friendship centres in 1983, the Prince Albert Indian and Metis Friendship Centre's princess competition in 1986, and participated in the Prince Albert Winter festival pageant in 1987.

Her talent portion for this year's Canadian Native Princess Pageant is no

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Having won many talent contests before as a singer, Sheryl has picked an Anne Murray song entitled "Blessed are the Believers" to perform before the jury.

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surprise. Having won many talent contests before as a singer, Sheryl has picked an Anne Murray song entitled "Blessed are the Believers" to perform for the Edmonton jury on July 17-19.

Her hobbies are playing

piano and guitar, writing poetry and composing music for piano.

Another hobby that she excels in is aerobics.

She plans for a career as a lawyer and just registered for pre-law at the University of Saskatchewan.





JACKIE OKER  
...pre-employment student excited about entering pageant

## Sports enthusiast eyes crown

Recently, Jackie Oker, 21, delivered a speech at the Londerry Inn before an audience attending the Native Women's Pre-Employment Program.

And if she was excited then she is a lot more excited about being a contestant in the Canadian Native Princess Pageant that takes place in Edmonton, July 17-19.

Jackie is representing the Keeginaw Native Friendship Centre in Fort St. John, British Columbia.

Born on February 21, 1966, at Peterson Crossing, 45 km east of Fort St. John, Jacqueline (Jackie) Oker comes from a family of seven. Her roots are with the Beaver Indian Band of British Columbia and northern Alberta. But, she says proudly her home is the with Doig River Band, near Fort St. John.

Jackie attended elementary and junior high school at Rose Prairie, B.C. She received her high school education at Bert Bowes High School in Fort St. John.

Moving to Edmonton a few short months ago, she entered the Native Women's Pre-employment Program and works part-time as a receptionist for the Windspeaker Newspaper. Her future ambition is to embark on a career in social services "working with native people," she says.

Jackie loves all kinds of sport activities, especially gymnastics, volleyball and

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Her future ambition is to embark on a career in social services 'working with native people' she says  
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soccer. She also likes hunting, trapping and horseback riding.

One of her finer talents is sketching faces, animals and landscapes.

This is Jackie's first time as a contestant in a princess pageant, and she says that she is really excited about it and is looking forward to it.

**G**ood Luck to all the Contestants of the Princess Pageant

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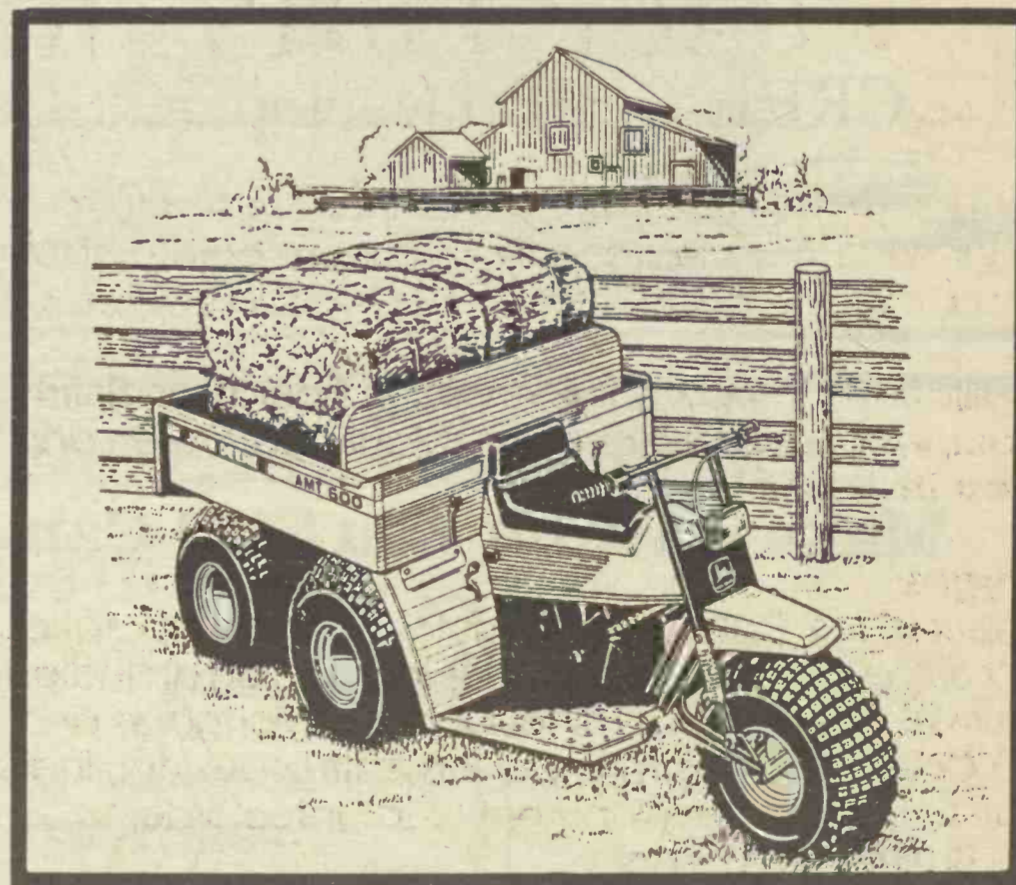
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## Princess hopeful from New Brunswick would be proud to win title

Barbara Joan Clement is a vivacious 18 year old from Fredericton, New Brunswick, and is sponsored by the friendship centre there.

This is the first pageant she has ever entered, but she talks about the kind of princess she will be, if chosen, like a seasoned professional.

"I feel I'm mature and responsible enough to be the precess. I would be proud to do it...I love to travel to different place and meet people."

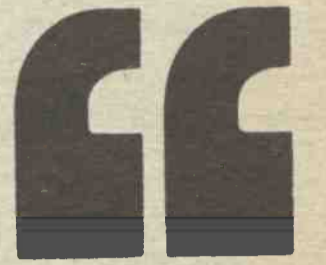
Barbara graduated from

grade twelve this summer. She plans to enroll in a general arts program at the University of New Brunswick this fall. She is eventually looking forward to a degree that will allow her to get a job in some facet of education.

"I love to work with people," she says.

Her hobbies include bicycling and doing beadwork. She adds that she was once active in traditional dancing.

In the talent portion of the pageant, Barbara will sing "the Rose".



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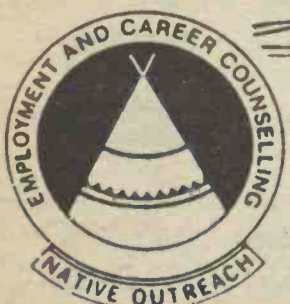
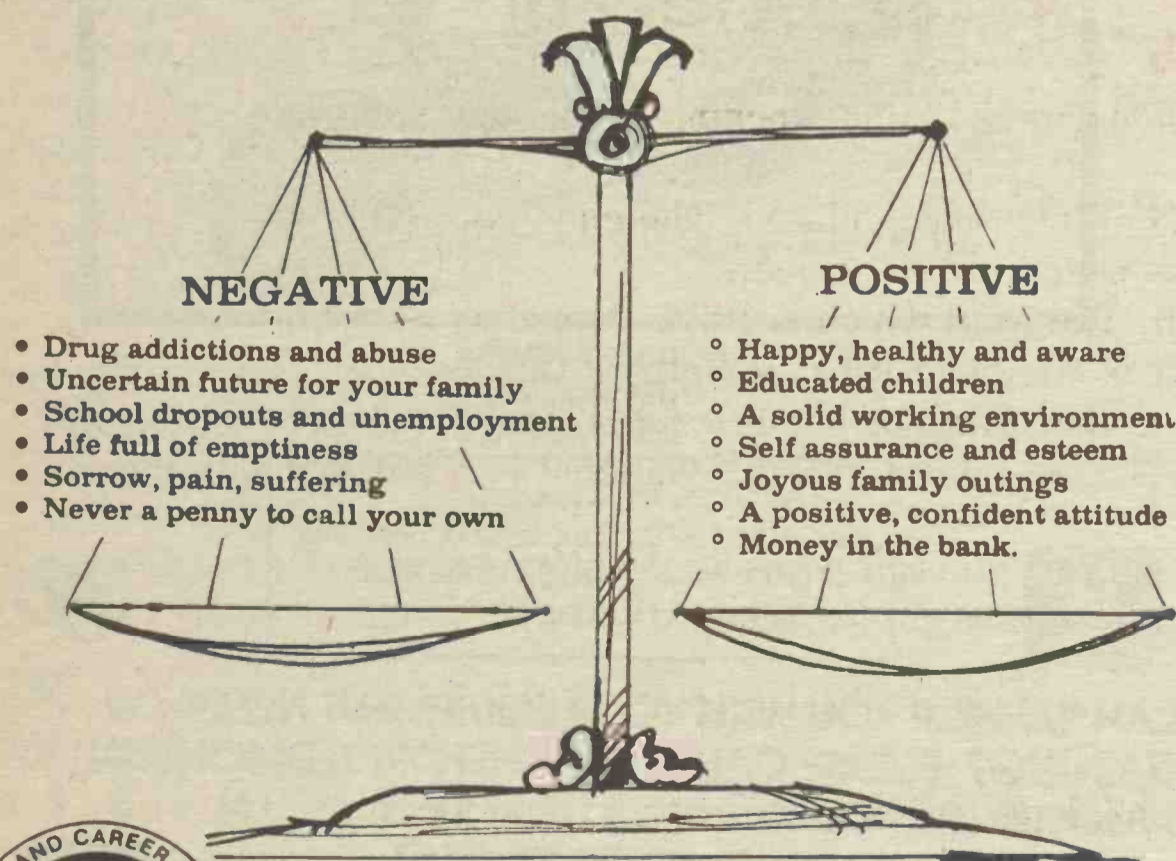


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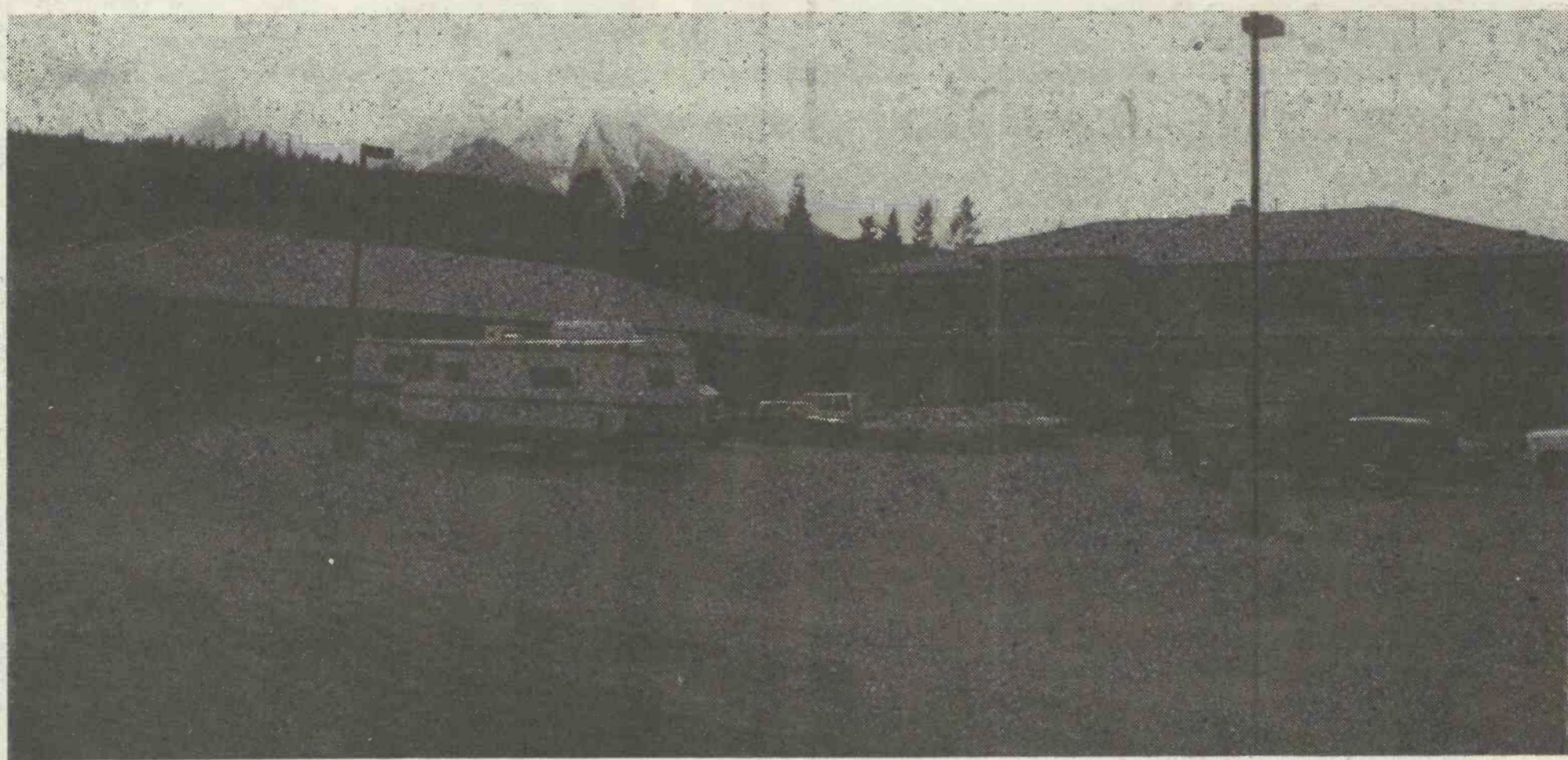


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The band became involved with this retail mall development in the spring of 85. Prior to 1985 Parcan had been awarded a development permit to construct a retail mall. At Lake Louise in Banff National Park, as this development was to proceed on Crown Land.

Since the original owners of Parcan lacked the financial strength to proceed with the developments.

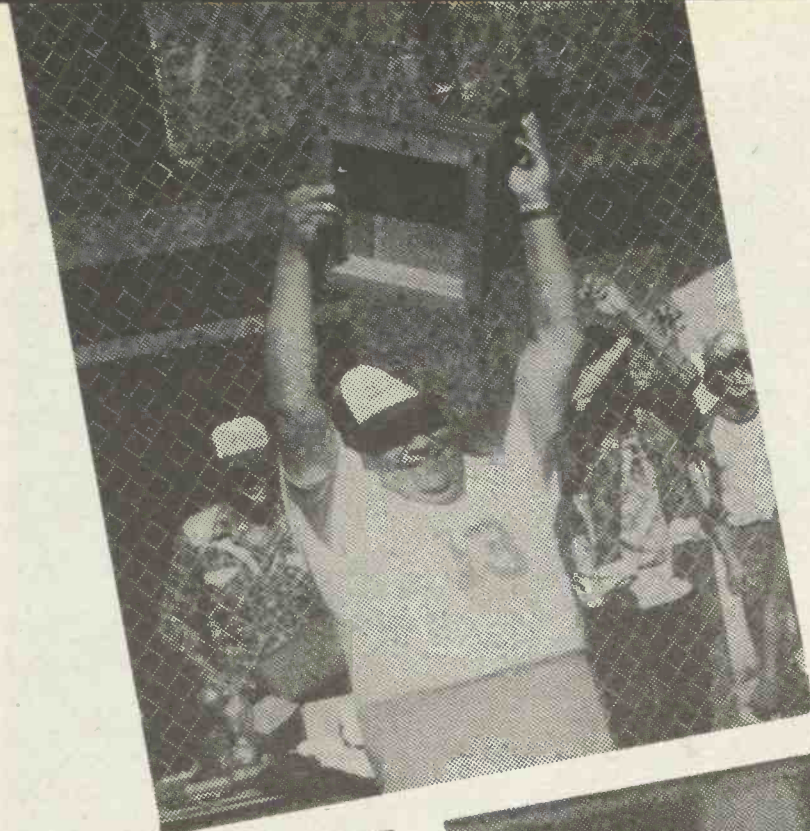
The Band took the initiative as well as controlling ownership to see the project (Samson Mall) through to completion.

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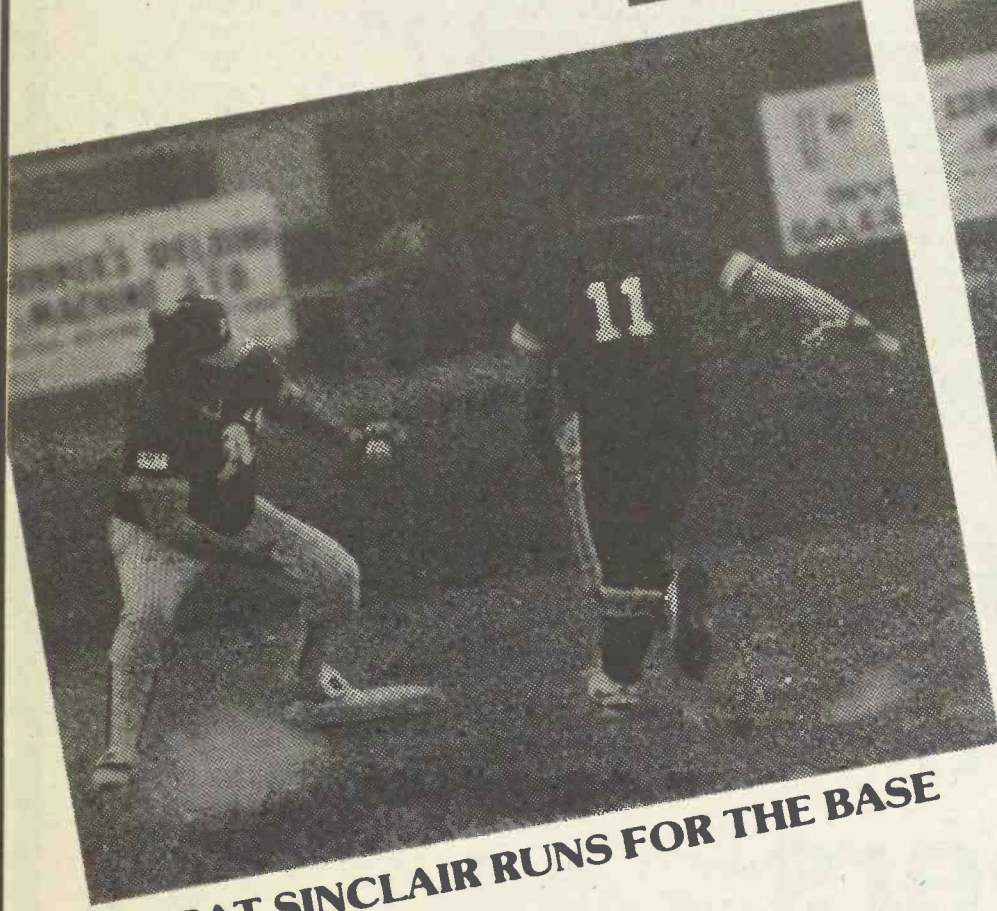
In addition to the development of the Mall at Lake Louise, the Band has also constructed a 12 unit apartment complex as well as a 12 unit townhouse complex.

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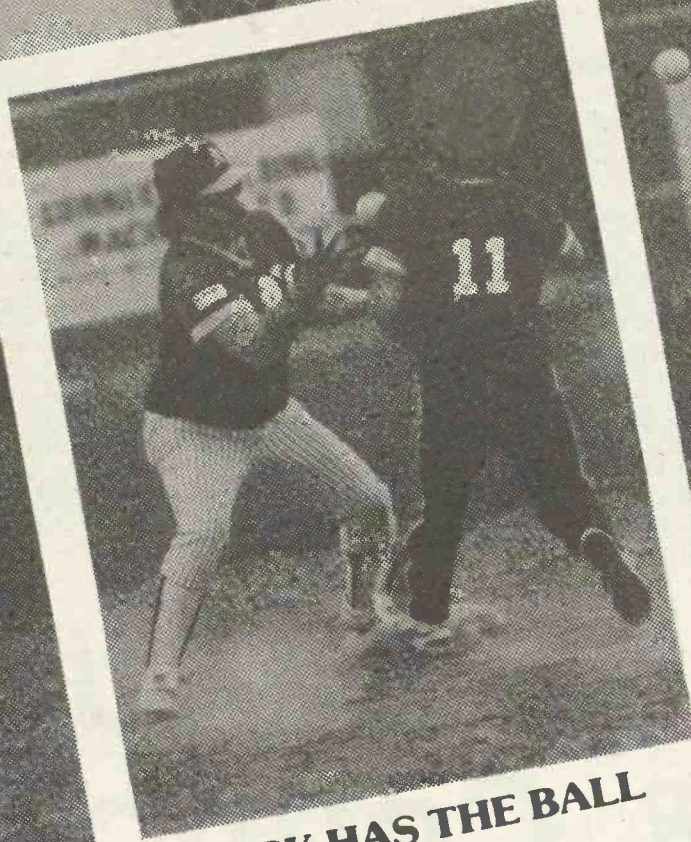
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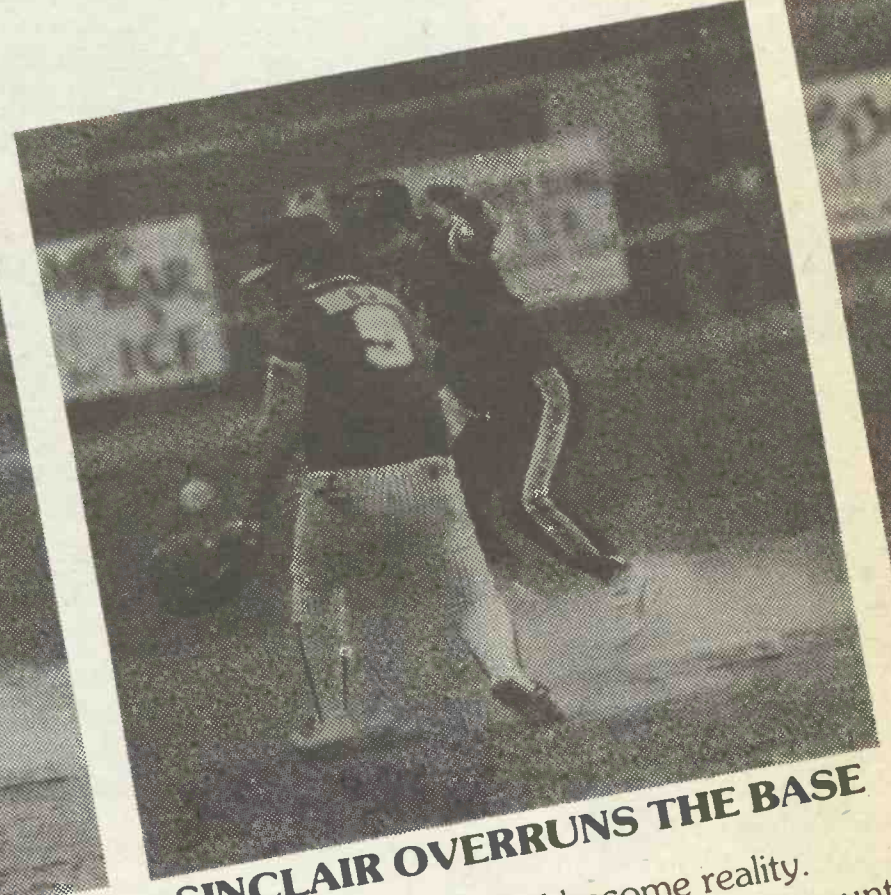
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SINCLAIR OVERRUNS THE BASE

# Arrows show 'right stuff' to take championship, other teams can only envy

By Bert Crowfoot

The British Columbia Arrows have once again shown why they are the team other Native teams only dream of defeating. The team captured their fourth Canadian championship in the past six years at the Men's National Fastball in Invermere July.

A jubilant coach Chief Paul Sam surmised most league ball teams groom players with the hope of beating the BC Arrows in mind. When the Arrows lost 2 - 1 to McKay United in the semi-finals in July it looked as though the hope

would become reality. But one can never count the BC Arrows out. In a repeat of last year's event, the Arrows went to the B side of the "true double knockout" draw and put the green and gold machine back on track.

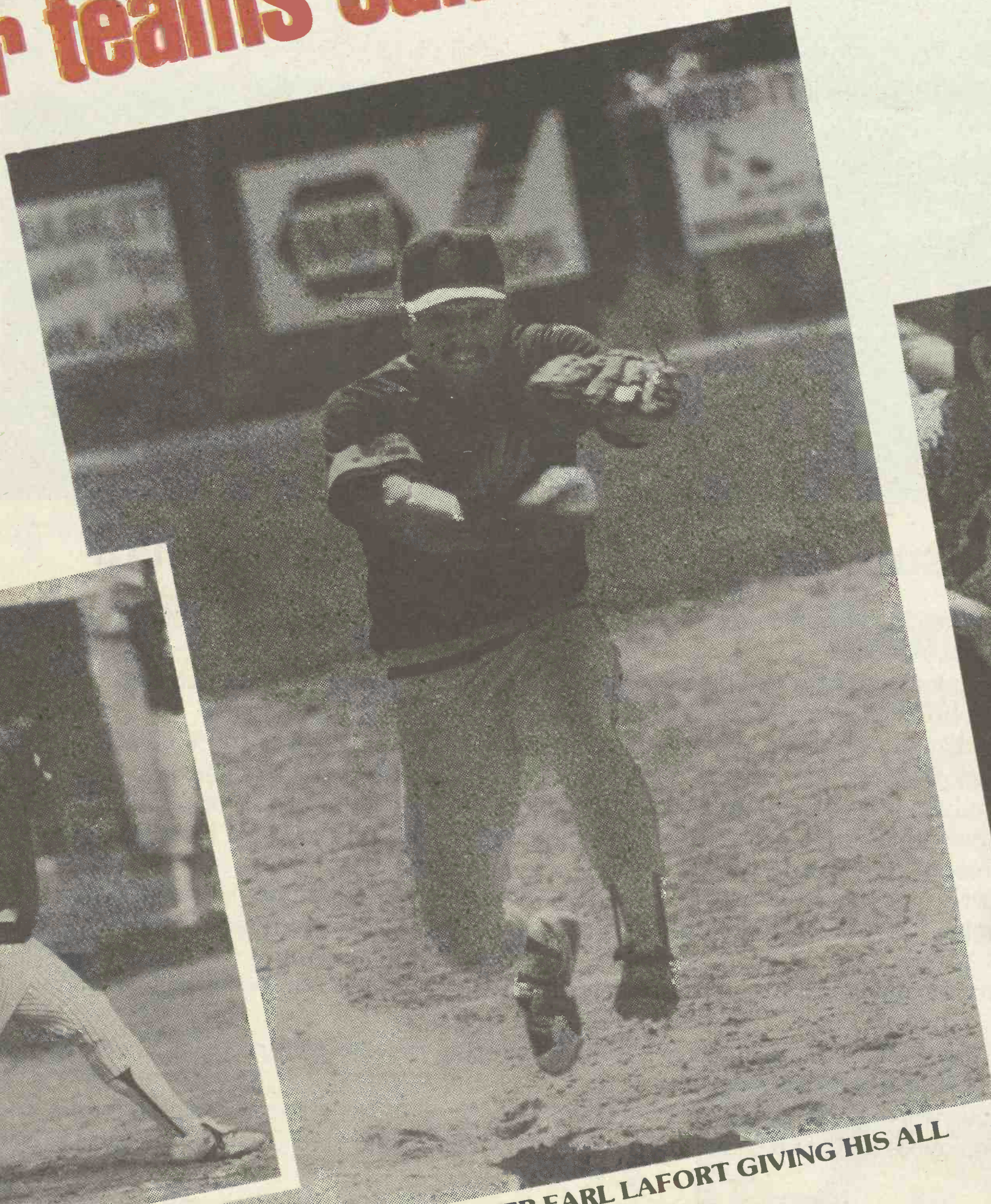
The Alexander Teepee Crawlers were the first team to be steamrollered by the Arrows 4 - 1, while Lac La Biche Lasso Construction proved to be more of an obstacle, losing the contest 3 - 2 in extra innings.

The win over the Lac La Biche team put the Arrows

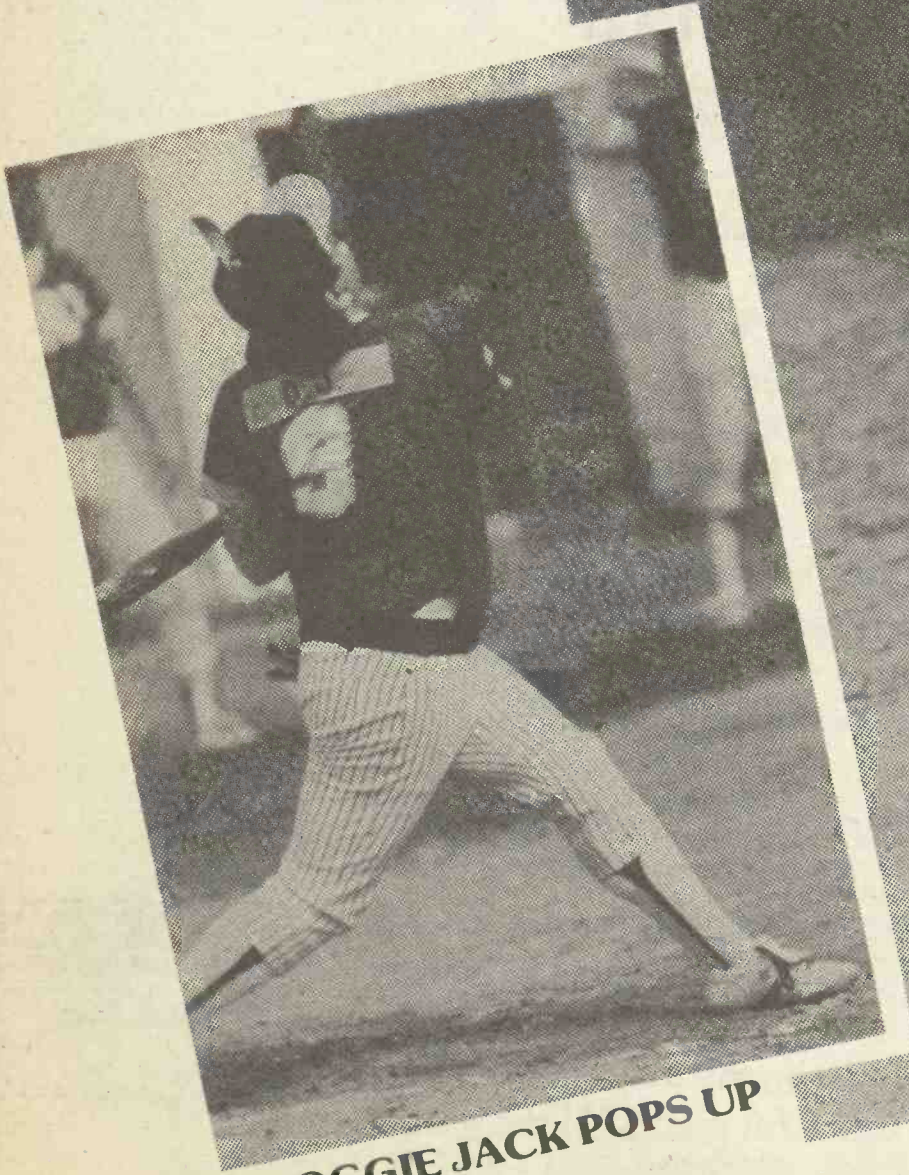
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**JACK GETS THE BALL**

in the B final against the same McKay United team who had earlier defeated them. (McKay had lost to the Winnipeg squad 1 - 0 the night before).

In their earlier contest McKay United's Brian McKay belted a two-run first inning before Arrows pitcher Lyle Norman had warmed up.

But, in their second contest Lyle Norman was in the groove and shut out the McKay squad 7 - 0 in 6 innings.

The green and gold machine was gaining



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momentum with each game played and the win over McKay propelled the Arrows into the championship final against the Winnipeg squad.

While the Winnipeg team was well rested and playing their first game of the day, the Arrows were entering their third straight game of the day. Still, the Arrows blew the doors off the Manitoba entry, 7 - 0, in five and a half innings.

Because of the true double knockout nature of the tournament, the two teams had to play again and the outcome of the second



**WELL, UMP?**

who play the role of leader and motivators. A team is going to have to take the title away from us because we're not going to give it away to anyone.

When we lost to McKay, some people had written us off, but you never write off the BC Arrows any time, any where."

Lyle Norman also had praise for his teammates as he indicated that the Arrows' hitting made it easier to pitch.

"The boys made it easier. They hit the ball well and got some runs. I just threw the ball and they played defense. When you have a

lead it allows you to throw more change-ups and let up a bit.

In a close game you have to throw hard all the time and you can't let up. If you let up the game is over."

The Arrows have become the team that other squads only dream of defeating. Once they get a sniff of the championship they refuse to give up.

Proof of this is the fact that the Arrows have won four out of six Canadian titles, losing to the Prince Albert Canadians in 1983 and 1984. They have also won the past four National Indian Activities Assoc-

iation (NIAA) championships for Indian teams from across North America.

The Arrows also have a dream. A dream that coach Chief Paul Sam has been dreaming most of his life and that is to play in the world softball championships.

He stated, "My goal is to bring these boys to the world championship in Saskatoon in 1988 with an all Native team".

In the meantime, while the Arrows continue to pursue their dreams, only nightmares await the Native teams who dare to get in their way.



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# Sports



**CYNTHIA GRAY**  
...a fruit lover

## Athletes pick cherries to attend local games

By Mark McCallum

The Vancouver Native Track and Field Club's nine-member team went cherry picking so they could attend the National Friends in Sports Games.

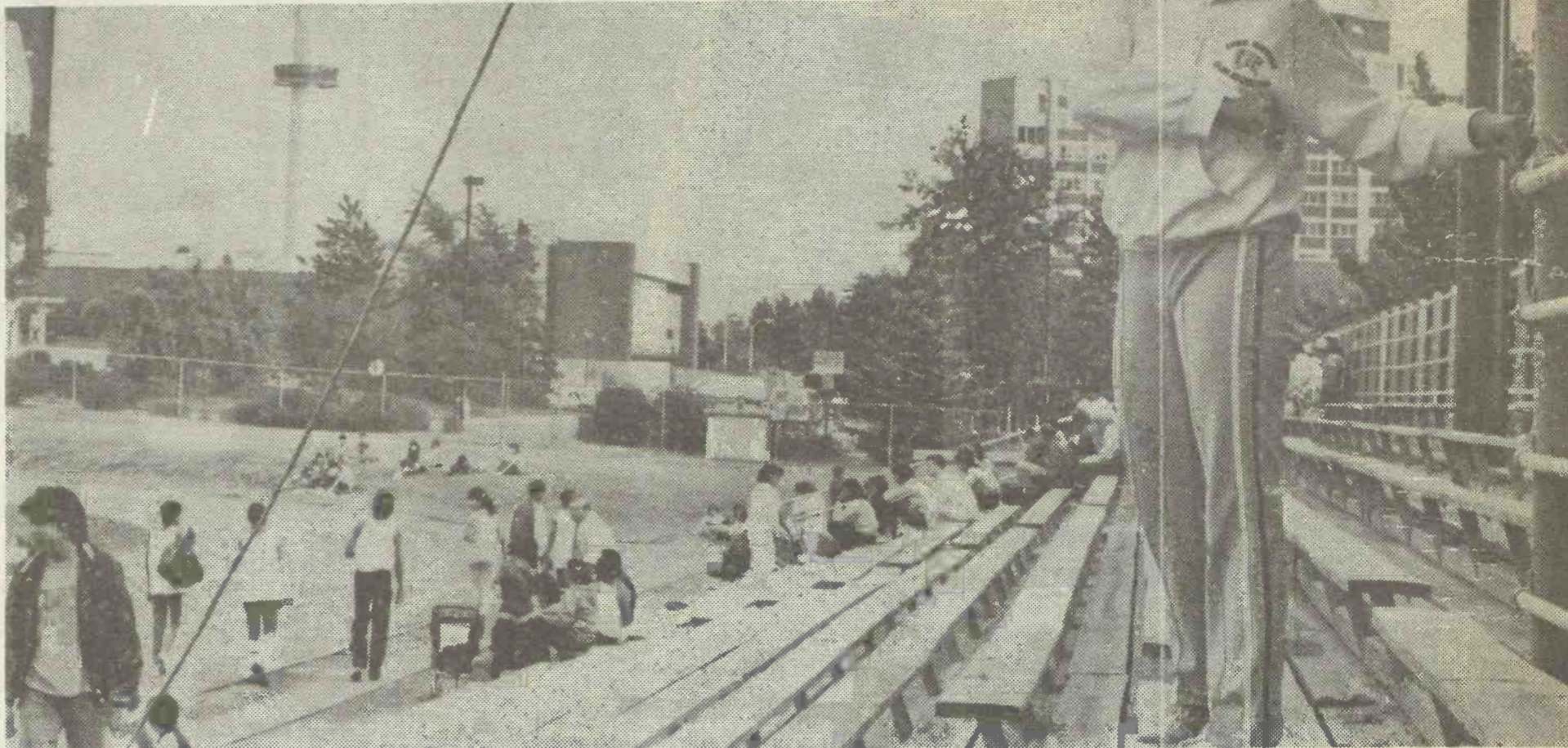
Team member Cynthia Gray explains with a smile: "We went cherry picking in the Okanagan Valley for 10 days to raise money...The Orchard owner probably never saw so many hard workers in his life because

we got paid by the amount picked, not by the hour."

Was it worth the effort?

"Yup, we're all really excited. We've met people from across Alberta and Saskatchewan. And, the people make you feel welcome," she replied.

Gray says the team is already making fund raising plans for the Native Olympics, to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma next year.



**LISA SANDERSON:** 'there's no hard feelings. If somebody loses to you, they come over and congratulate you...I'd come back again.'

## National Friends in Sports

# Three days of action in Edmonton

By Mark McCallum

The National Friends in Sport Games ended on July 9, but not before 150 competitors and spectators

enjoyed three action-filled days of track and field events.

Since the games were founded by the Edmonton Canadian Native Friend-

ship Centre three years ago, this is the first time it has been aimed at attracting athletes nationally.

Friendship centre recreation director Gordon Russell explains the change came about "mainly to bring friendship centres together in a better working relationship and give athletes from across the country a chance to meet each other."

Russell says the games will be held on a national level once every three years. He hopes another province picks up the

national event when it is held again.

Prince Albert, Saskatchewan athlete Lisa Sanderson, who won three gold and two bronze medals, said: "There's lots of friendly people here. You know, there's no hard feelings. If somebody loses to you, they come over and congratulate you...I'd come back again."

There were 15 events in all and competitors came from Edmonton, Lethbridge, Calgary, High Prairie, Lac La Biche, Bonnyville, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and Vancouver, B.C.



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- 800 M BOYS (13-14):David Gladue Lac La Biche (2.21.39)
- 800 M BOYS (15-17):Joe Takuski CNFC (2.09.82)
- 800 M BOYS (18-20):Kevin Blackwater Calgary (2.14.51)
- 5000 M GIRLS:Gloria Boucher Lac La Biche (20.26.87)
- 5000 M BOYS: Kevin Blackwater Calgary (17.46.38)



TOP LEFT: Leon Fable cuts down the bush. TOP RIGHT: Allan Ritchotte creates a sand storm. ABOVE: The winners from left to right, Len Ferguson, Betty Orich and Jim Sinclair.

## Friendship golf tournament see big names drop in

By Mark McCallum

The Edmonton Canadian Native Friendship Centre has been holding activities to celebrate its 25th anniversary for the past year and last week was no different.

The centre organized an International Golf Tournament, played at the Spruce Gove Links gold club, which attracted players from throughout Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, B.C. and the U.S.

The winners in three different categories were Len Ferguson (men's), Betty Orich (Ladies) and Jim Sinclair (senior's), placing ahead of 80 other golfers after three days of exciting action, July 9, 10 and 11. They received gifts such as golf bags and paintings by artist Brian Clark.

Ferguson, a 10 year veteran of amateur golf courses, summed up his victory. "You hit the ball well, and you score...it doesn't matter what hole you're playing; you have to hit the fairway."

He added his putting game is his strongest weapon.

Friendship centre pres-

ident Vic L'Hirondelle remarked, "When it rained the first day, the weather probably kept people away.

But, it was still a big success."

The weather improved and competitors and spectators found themselves looking for shade on the last day.

Some of the celebrities who dropped by were Tom Wilkinson (former Edmonton Eskimo), Blake Durmott (Eskimo), and Craig Muni (Edmonton Oiler). Special guest golfers and former National Hockey League stars who played the tournament were Reggie Leach, Stan Jonathan and Jim Nielson.

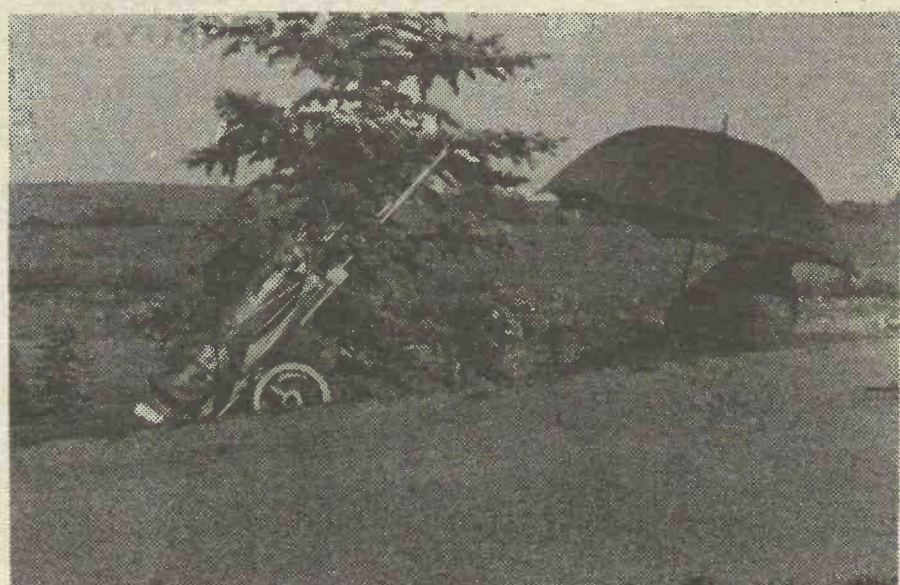
L'Hirondelle says the friendship centre will continue to hold activities

for the 25 anniversary until November when the Rita Houle Memorial award is presented.

### CHIP-SHOTS

By John Fletcher

...Vic Buffalo about to tee off when he observed two rabbits doing what comes naturally...Stan Jonathan disappears with the hole-in-one car...Ernie Cardinal was the Fred Astaire on dance floor...Judy Brule and Sylvia McDonald did the Island Smash Dance... Hats off to tournaments supporters, Molsons, Peace Hills, Plains Auto Centre, Peace Hills Insurance, Emil Cutknife, Beatrice Alphonse, and Ermineskin and Enoch bands.



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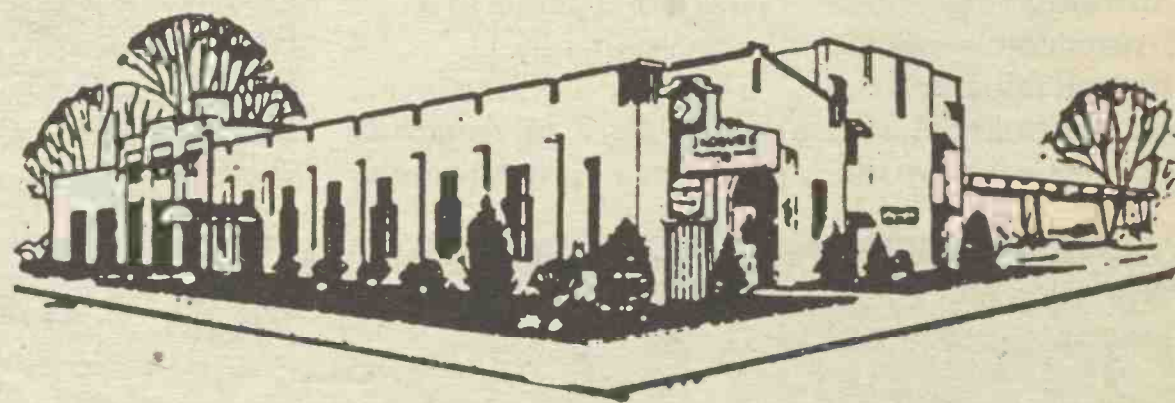
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By Terry Lusty

Yippee! Yahoo! Yup, cowtown Calgary was on a high note over the past one and a half weeks as residents and visitors from all over the globe donned cowboy hats and boots to take in the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth.

There are fair grounds, stock shows, retail booths and crafts displays, the Indian Village, a half-million dollar rodeo, chuckwagon races, marching bands, street parades, chuckwagon breakfasts, the casino, and so on.

The real highlight for many is the rodeo and the wagon races. Since its inception back in the early 1900s, the stampede has attracted Native contestants each and every year to enter the rodeo events. This year was no exception.

In rodeo competition, there were six Natives entered in novice bareback riding, three in novice saddle bronc, four in bull riding, two in boys' steer riding, and one each in saddle bronc, wild cow milking and the wild horse race.

Of the five major events, Native contestants participated in two of them - saddle bronc contested by Guy Gottfriedson of Kamloops, B.C. and bull riding by Benji Buffalo of Hobbema, Charlie Bear of Whitewood, Sask., Jim Lawrence of Kennedy, Sask., and Ted Nuce of Manteca, California.

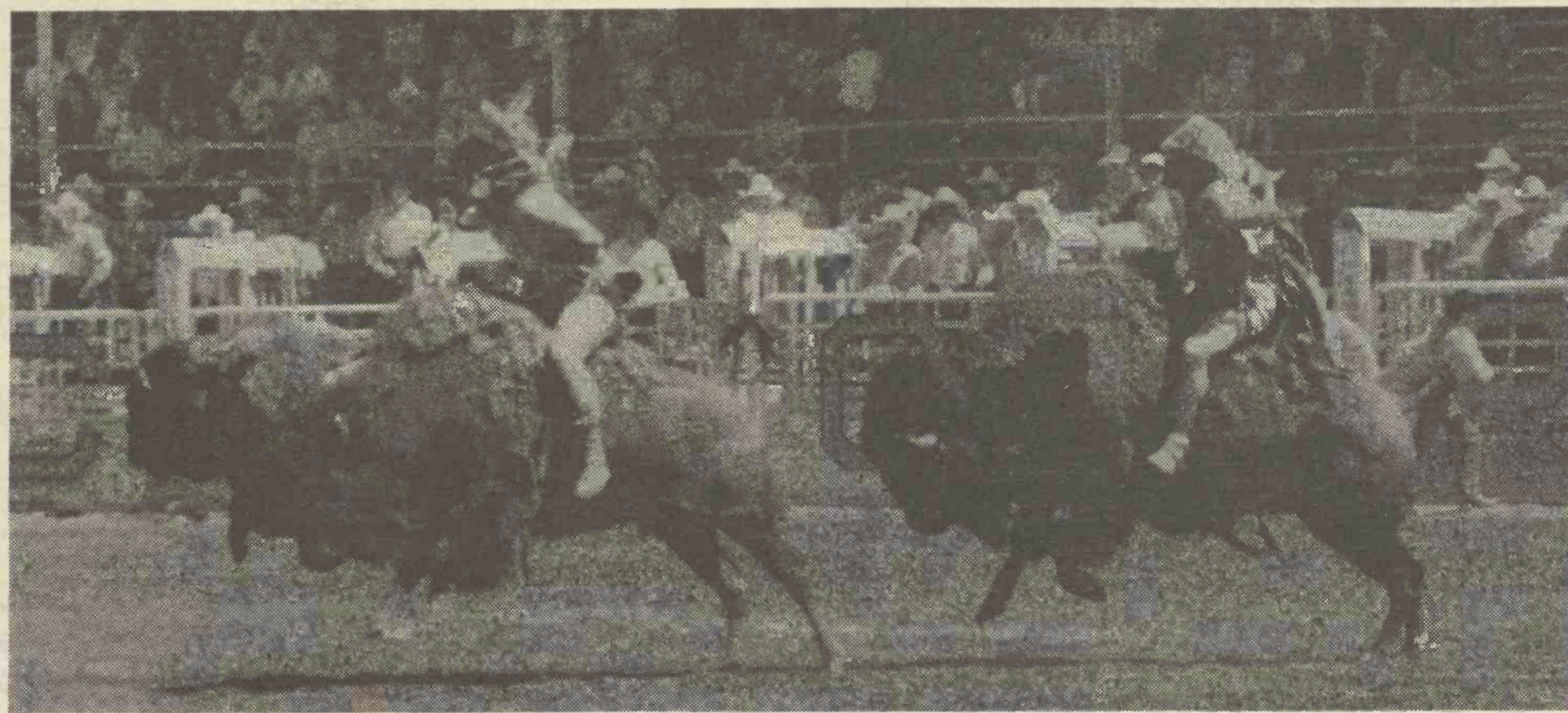
Completing his first two go-rounds in the saddle bronc event, Gottfriedson was unseated by his third mount and had to settle for a dirt payoff.

In the premier bull riding, Hobbema's favorite, Benji Buffalo, bucked off his first animal (Magnum) and was sidelined thereafter with an injury which would not allow him to continue.

Ted Nuce (1985 world champion), Charlie Bear and Jim Lawrence all posted respectable marks in the 70s and upper 60s on their first two bulls. But, it was Nuce alone who made



## They romped and rodeoed at the Calgary Stampede once again this year



**TOP LEFT: Darcy Cressman hangs on to 'Rubic.' TOP RIGHT: Stampede queen Debbie Simpson and Charlotte Thompson. ABOVE: The buffalo riding contest, open only to Indians.**

his way to the finals on July 12, the last day of the stampede.

Going in with a 76 and a 65, Nuce was quickly unseated by his third and final bull while tied for 7-8-9.

In the novice bareback, it was 19 year-old Darcy Cressman, A Calgary Metis, who was the sole survivor among all the Native contestants to reach the finals on July 11.

His 70 aboard the bronc Rubic, was not sufficient, however, to better the

accumulated total of Todd Campbell who, although he only managed a 68 on his final bronc, had an aggregate total of 205, a narrow margin of two points over young Cressman.

Other Native entries in novice bareback were Hobbema's Leon Montour and Perry and Ellie Baptise, Longview's Jarret Rollinmud add Dexter Rollinmud add Dexter Bruised Head of Standoff, Alberta.

The novice saddle bronc saw Shawn Metchewais from Grand Centre and Fabian hot Both Sides from the Blood Reserve buck off in both their first two go rounds and come up empty handed.

Shawn Henry of Williams Lake, B.C. and last year's winner in the novice saddle bronc, scored a 66 and 65 on his two horses but his final draw took him into the fence.

Suffering a swollen and hurting foot from that col-

lision, Henry could only manage a low 62 on his final ride which put him out of the running.

In boy's steer riding, it was Andy and David Okeymow from Hobbema but they could not hang in long enough to beat the whistle and were knocked out of contention.

In the wild cow milking competition, Morley's Delmar Holloway could not best his animal but Sarcee Gordon Crowchild cashed in

on some day money in the wild horse race.

Sunday, July 12, brought on the Sudden Death Finals for the major events and when the dust had settled, only one Canadian came out on top to walk off with a whopping \$50,000 which is the value to each winner of the five major competitions.

### FINAL RESULTS

Bareback bronc Riding: (1) Chuck Logue of Decatur, Texas with an 82 (163 total) on Guilty Cat; (2) Robin Burwash of Okotoks with a 158 total on two, and (3) Dave Appleton of Arlington, Texas with 152 on two.

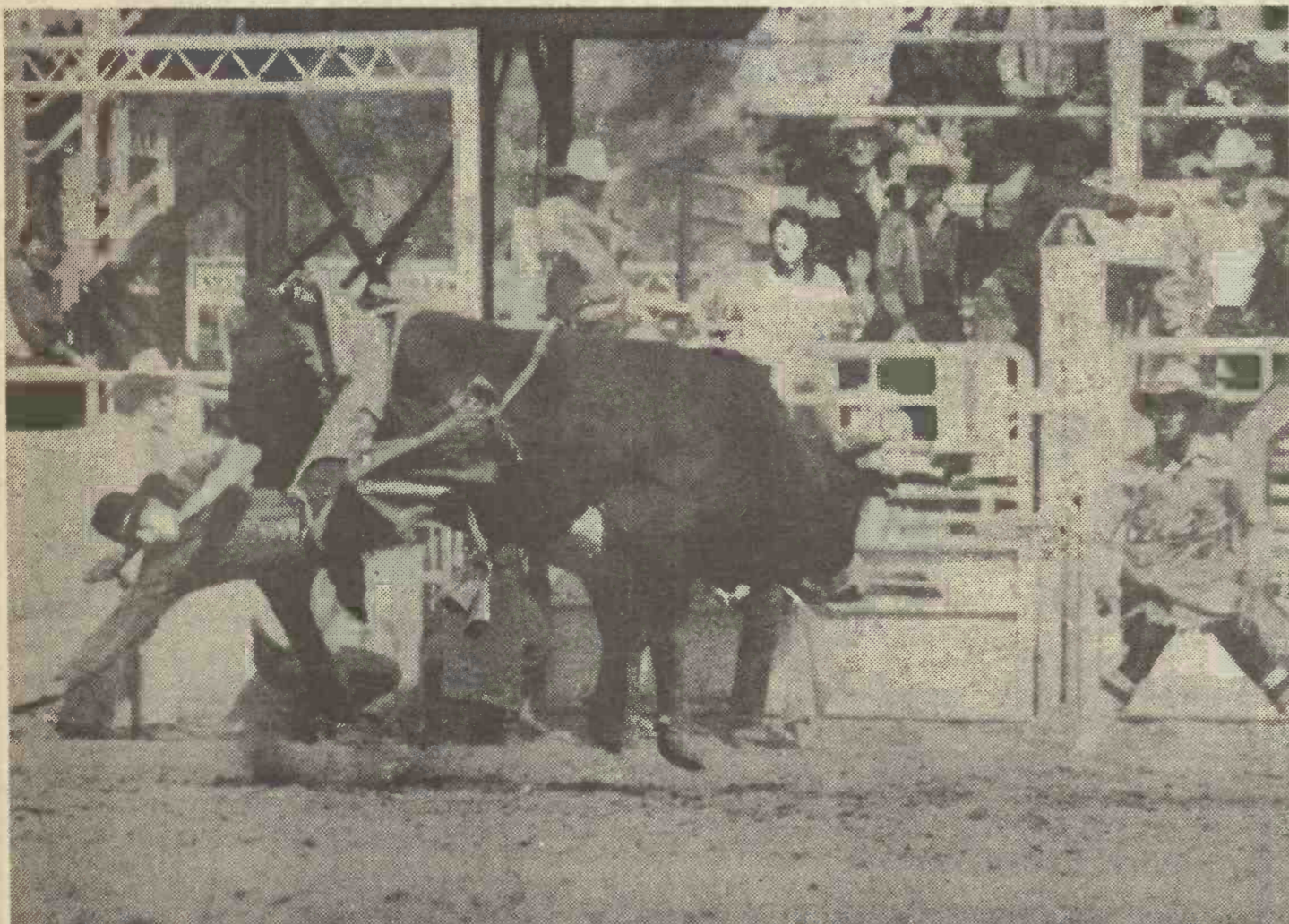
Saddle Bronc Riding: (1) Clint Johnson, Spearfish, S. Dak. with an 80 (159) total on Mr. Rocket; (2) Brad Gjermundson, Keene, N. Dak., with a 78 (159 total) on Sarcee Trail, and (3) Rick Smith, Laramie, Wyo., with a total of 156 on two. (To break the tie, a ride-off between first and second places saw Johnson score an 81 on Coconut which beat Gjermundson's 80 on Jerico Gold.)

Calf Roping: (1) Joe Lucas, Sundre, Alberta with a total of 9.4 seconds on two head; (2) Puddin Payne, Stillwater, Oregon with a 27.0 total; and (3) Greg Cassidy, Donald, Alberta with 31.4 total.

Steer Wrestling: (1) Rod Lyman, Great Falls, Montana, with a 9.1 second total on two head; (2) Ron Currin, Heppener, Oregon, with a 9.2 total; and, (3) Greg Butterfield, Ponoka, Alberta with a 9.9 total.

Bull Riding: (1) Jim Sharp, Kermit, Texas, scored 85 aboard Rambo for a total of 164; (2) Cody Snyder, Redcliff, Alberta with a 77 for a total of 156; and (3-4-5-tie) Dennis Humphrey of Cheyenne, Wyo., Wacey Cathey of Big Springs, Texas; and Kevin West of Cadogan, Alberta.

The All Around Champion was steer wrestler Lee Laskosky from Viking, Alberta who on the coveted Frank Bean Memorial Trophy.



**Cam Sutherland, of High River, 'passing the buck' on or off 'Syril Smeer.'**



**Butch Meyers (left) and Welda Kansas get a time of 4.6 seconds in the steer wrestling event.**





**TOMMY GLASS**  
...drove the Calgary rig to an exciting victory

## Fast times pull Calgary rig out in front in chuckwagons

By Terry Lusty

A thrilling final heat of chuckwagon racing had a sellout crowd witness the victory of 50 year-old Tommy Glass driving the Calgary Herald rig who had to overcome the number two barrel position to win the 1987 Rangeland Derby in exciting fashion.

Glass, the runner up for the past two years, was sitting in second place overall, just a mere 2/100 of a second ahead of Kirk Sutherland driving the Catco Equipment sales Ltd wagon and Ray Croteau (a 57 year-old Native from

Bonneyville) driving for Canada Safeway, who were tied for second and third place.

In fourth place was the Petro Canada rig driven by Kelly Sutherland. Despite his coming in ahead of Glass, penalties knocked him down to fourth place after the heat had finished. Sutherland took a two second penalty because one of his outrider hit a barrel.

The final accumulated times were:

Tommy Glass....1:13 for a total of 13:60

Ray Croteau....1:17 for a total of 13.63

Kirk Sutherland....1:17 for a total of 13:63

Kelly Sutherland....1:18 for a total of 13:65

The fastest time for the day money was accomplished by another Native wagon driver, Edgar Baptiste who clocked a 1:15:51 in Heat seven on the final night which was also the fastest time for the entire stampede. Baptiste drove the Air Canada wagon.

Chief Ray Mitsuing from Loon Lake, Sask. was another Native Driver as were Wilf Desjarlais and Maynard Metchewais.

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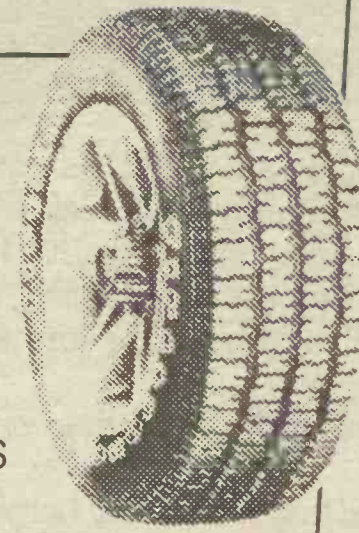
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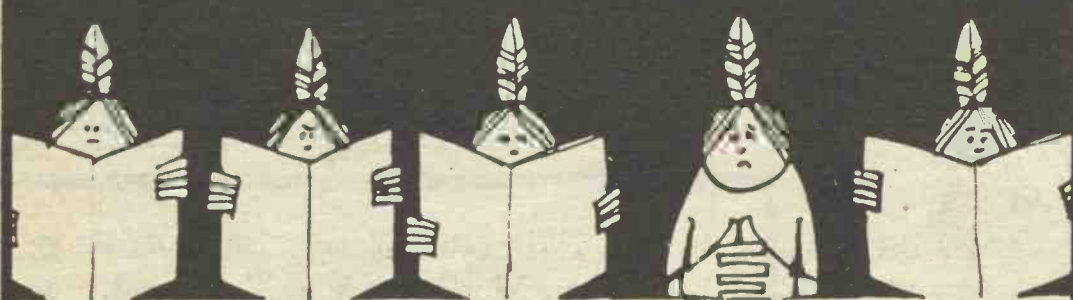
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**SPORTS  
ROUNDUP**

**By Mark  
McCallum**

When the National Friends In Sports (NFIS) Games ended this month, fewer losers than winners left the Edmonton site of the games.

New friends were made, overcast skies failed to disrupt the three day event, and the athletes performed well.

One athlete who stood out in more ways than one was Bonnyville's Glen Collins.

His 6 foot - 2 inch, 203-pound frame certainly helped him tower above the rest. And, the two gold medals (in the discus and 200 metre events) and one silver (in the 100 metre event) he won didn't hurt.

But, what made the 19-year-old athlete special was his determination. Coach Zane Collins explains it best: "We had, oh...over 30 athletes trying out for the Bonnyville team a few months ago. But, most of the kids quit after the first month. In the end, the only one left was Glen. He showed a lot of courage for sticking to

## National Friends in Sports features Bonneyville's Glen Collins — 203 pounds of determination

his training and then eventually coming here alone."

As athletes go, Glen Collins is not bad. But, as a person—the kid has guts.

**HIGH PRAIRIE** --- Friendship centre coach Lorne L'Hirondelle sends a big thank you to his Edmonton counterparts for the hospitality and great time High Prairie's 15-member team had at the NFIS games.

For this reason, L'Hirondelle says the centre will definitely be sending another team to the Senior Citizens' Games the Edmonton friendship centre plans to have on July 25 and 26. (For more details call 482-6051 in Edmonton).

L'Hirondelle added that High Prairie has an Eagles Youth Club Day Camp you might be interested in. The centre takes young people to the beach for the day (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), where they can take part in various games and water sports. So, pack your swimming trunks and meet L'Hirondelle at the centre. But, you'd better hurry because the camp only run from July to August. Call 523-4511 for more information.

**FORT MCMURRAY** --- The friendship

centre is also running a summer day camp (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.). But, the camp's activities are all compiled from the Native culture. Camp coordinator Mike James is showing young people traditional games such as "earth ball" and "hand games". Youths also get a chance to try their skills at traditional powwow dance lessons. The camp is being held at the Lions and Heritage parks for youths between the ages of 5 to 14. A small fee of \$5 is needed. Call 743-8555 if you're interested.

**FORT CHIP** --- Assistant recreation director George Gladue says a new mixed slowpitch league has started up. The league is run in round-robin style, with trophies being awarded at the end of the season. Each of the five teams will play a total of five games every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday at the community hall ball diamond (at 7:30 p.m.), where you can catch the action. Phone 697-3682 for details.

That's it for this week. 'The Bear' will be back next week with 'Momma Bear', a lady he drove all the way to New Brunswick to marry.



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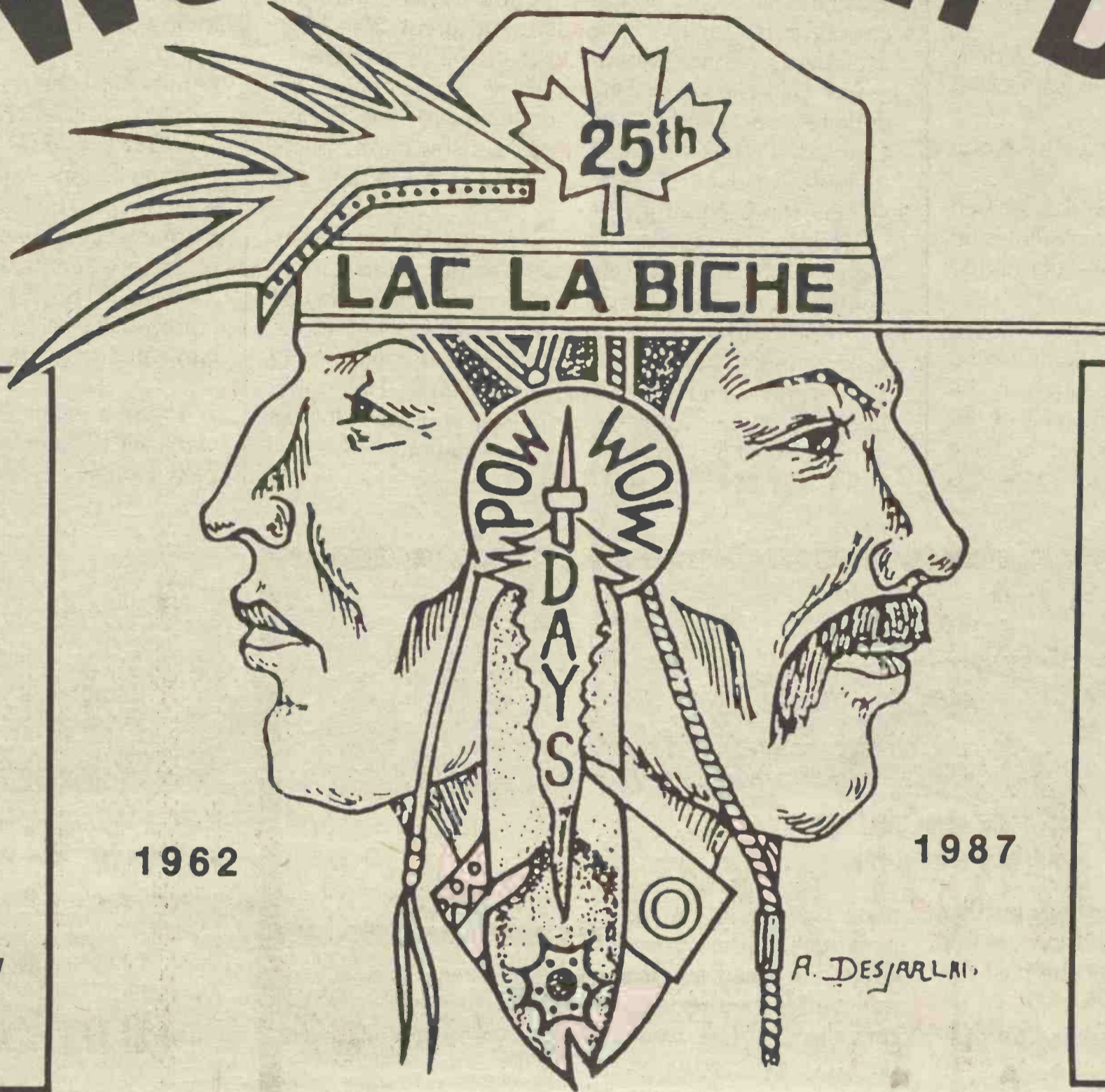
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## Cold Lake Treaty Days go despite rain

By Donna Rea Murphy

**COLD LAKE:** The Cold Lake First Nations annual Treaty Days went ahead as planned this past weekend, although the first two days were wet and cold. Some hardy campers set up camp the first day despite a two-day rain. The campground was slick with mud and vehicles were getting stuck. The same rain had caused Elizabeth Settlement to cancel their annual rodeo and Treaty Days.

But, by the end of the second day, the skies cleared and warm, sunny days presided over the crowds and contestants.

This year's festivities were kicked off by honoring all reserve graduates from high school and two-year post-secondary programs. Cheques and plaques were handed out for everything from completing a welding course to social work and communications to child care.

The talent show brought out a good crowd and contestants offered a variety of music. Two crowd-pleasers were Irene Dion of Grand Centre who sang a clap-along rendition of Chatanooga Shoeshine Boy and Mary Wells of Elizabeth Settlement. Wells took the trouble to translate two Hank Williams classics into Cree and sing them. She took first place in ladies vocals.

A pleasant surprise in the fiddling contest came from Karen Dion of Kehewin. Her old time waltz and two Irish jigs were clear, clean and professionally delivered. Perennial winners of the bannock and tea-making contest, Catherine and Benjamin Franco, walked off with the top prize again this year. The



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lady is in her '80's but has out-mixed and out-cooked all comers for the past five years.

There were foot races to be run and sand castles to be built for the kids, while adults participated in canoe races, volleyball and tug-of-war. Surely half the people on the grounds gathered around to cheer the tug-of-war contestants. Friendly rivalries lent interest as teams formed up of Chipewyan, Cree and Metis. The over-all winners of this exciting event were the 'Half-breeds', a team made up of almost all the security staff headed up by Marcel Bruneau of Cold Lake. To make things interesting, CLFN Recreation Director Ernie Houle, also pulled on that team.

Houle says he's pleased with the way the celebra-

tions went and the good turn-out. Visitors from Elizabeth helped swell the ranks after their rodeo was cancelled. "The weather really co-operated with us," he said, "and the people supported by becoming involved."

Over \$10,000 in prize money was given away over four days.

Houle stressed the fact the camp was quiet throughout and no incidents were reported. He credits the security personnel for "doing a great job. The security couldn't have been better, and the people were very respectful of each other."

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# Unexpected crowds attending YTC powwow make extra food supply a requirement

By Mark McCallum

Emergency food supplies had to be transported to the second annual Yellowhead Tribal Council (YTC) powwow -- the Alexis Indian Days, (located 4 km west of Gle-

neves), when nearly 2,000 spectators crowded the grounds on July 10, 11 and 12.

Judging the powwow from the first one held in Enoch last year, Alexis Chief and YTC chairman Howard Mustus says

organizers never anticipated the large hordes of people, but he adds the powwow went off without a hitch otherwise.

The message offered to government and other reserves by this years powwow was "through

unity there is strength"

Mustus explains the five bands of the YTC "are able to do more for their individual communities than a single band because of the fact that we are working together in a collective effort."

On hand for the opening ceremonies was External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, who said the cooperative work of the YTC bands was proof that the Indian community could be successful together.

The hosting Alexis reserve received support from the other YTC bands: Alexander, Enoch, O'Chiese and Sun Child. Sharing costs and supplying volunteer labor, the YTC bands split the duties of the powwow in equal sections.

YTC gave dancers and drum groups food rations and gas allowances in place of cash prizes because the event was a non-competitive traditional powwow, which has been alternately hosted amongst the YTC bands since it began in Enoch.

Mustus gave a special thanks to Bob Cardinal and Francis Alexis for the work they put into the YTC powwow, to be held on the Sun Child reserve next year.

# Chief Mustus of Alexis explains cleaning of costume

By Mark McCallum

The head dress and white deer skin coat and pants worn by Alexis Chief Howard Mustus during the recent Alexis days signify he is a man of authority.

Before buying this custom-made finery in 1981 for about \$2,300, he owned a moose hide outfit. He changed outfits because "the moose hide was too heavy, but this one is deer hide and much lighter."

Since Mustus, 46, paid for the new outfit out of his own pocket, "if anybody wants it, they'll have to buy it."

Between powwows and meetings with government officials, the outfit gets a lot of use during the summer. So, how does he keep it clean?

He doesn't. His wife and "Mr. Suede", an Edmonton dry cleaning franchise, do the necessary work. He says: "My wife, Phyllis, uses a fine sand paper for stains...it really works well."

Mustus stresses the most important part of his elaborate costume is the secret Eagle Staff. It was purchased from a U.S. crafts man on the advice of respected Elder Anthony Potts, a former Alexis chief who suffered a stroke in 1985 which restricted him to a wheel chair.

The dedicated Elder, who still attends most community celebrations, attached a rule of usage to



CHIEF HOWARD MUSTUS  
...shows off headdress

the staff. It is only to be used for meetings with government officials and special functions, such as powwows only after it is blessed by an Elder.

Although Mustus' costume was sparsely covered with bead work, outfits are often lavishly decorated with beaded patterns.

Cree Elder Mary Ann McCallum, who made a living selling mukluks for 20 cents a pair 40 years ago, says patterns differ among Native tribes. But, she adds, the biggest difference is the type of material used to bead.

In the past, Indians made dyes from natural sources to add color to outfits. McCallum explained Indians the best possible use of animals as well. Because manufactured

beads were not always readily available, dyed porcupine quills, moose hair and fish scales could be sewed on to costumes in the shape of flowers and rainbows.

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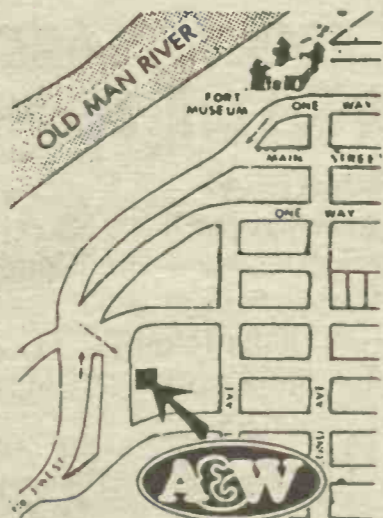


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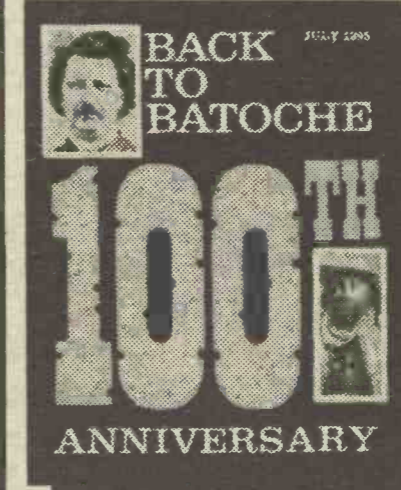
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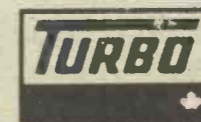
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# First-ever flea market held on Enoch Reserve

By R. Woodward

The first-ever, large scale flea market to be held on an Indian Reserve in Alberta is in full swing at Enoch.

Enoch students and band members have been operating the sale for the past three weeks.

According to Guy White,

originator of the idea, there are a number of reasons why the flea market idea was proposed to the Band Chief and Council.

Firstly, the recreation centre on the Enoch reserve, where the flea market is held, is facing financial problems.

The Enoch band, like many others caught in the

economic downturn, is looking for innovative ways to create revenue. Thus the idea for the flea market was born.

At present, there are about 20 vendors selling various items and five of them are Native. Of course, White says, more Native input is being sought.

"We would like to see more Native people from all over bring their native handicrafts here. I think we are creating some employment and a source of economy to Enoch and the surrounding area. We are catering to the tourist industry by way of providing an outlet for Native people to market their crafts."

Since its first days, the flea market has been getting bigger. Tourists who travel to Devon to Edmonton highway that runs next to the Enoch reserve, are reminded by signs that a flea market is taking place and to stop in.

"We have tourists stop in from Alaska, New Mexico and from all over Canada and it gives them a chance to buy authentic Indian crafts," says White.

White says that the room in the centre could hold about another 50 vendors and it is their hope that more native people will come forward to take part.

"We want more Indian vendors and at all times we are trying to encourage more native involvement, across Canada, it doesn't matter."

The flea market goes every weekend and is planned to run as long as possible. During the day live entertainment is offered to the public, supplied by native artists and dancers, like singer Jeff Bone and the White Braid Society Traditional dancers.

Vendors who are interested in setting up at the flea market should call Guy White at 470-5624.



## SMILING PARADE CELEBRITY

Rose Mercredi, Miss Metis Alberta, waves to the crowds lining Edmonton's downtown streets to watch this year's edition of the Klondike Days parade.

--Photo by Diane Meili

## Artist from Fort Norman stitches beaded clothing

By R. Woodward

Originally from Fort Norman, Northwest Territories, Native Mabel Hall is handy at making Indian arts and crafts.

This has been the case since her mother, Cecilia Gaudet first started showing her how to sew as a young girl.

My Mother used to do all the designs, she used to draw them and I would help to stitch different Indian items," Mabel said.

She talks fondly of her mother, who passed away in 1969, remembering the high quality quill work she once did.

"I learned a lot from her."

In 1956 Mabel left Fort Norman and moved to Edmonton because she says there was no work available for her "back home."

When she arrived in Edmonton she recalls looking through the ads in the newspaper for a job and eventually found one as a babysitter, offering room and board.

"It gave me the opportunity to look for something better," she said.

Mabel later relied on another talent developed back home in Fort Norman. When a job came open for a cook to feed hungry men working on a section gang for the Northern Alberta railroad, she grabbed it without hesitation.

"I worked as a cook for quite some time for the NAR and its something I still miss today."

Now Mabel has her own Indian arts and crafts enterprise. Some of her crafts are "eskimo style" along with beautiful Indian and Metis beaded gloves and moccasins. "I do all of my work by hand and usually chain stitch."

Mabel even has Indian parkas she makes for "cabbage-patch" dolls and says with a laugh, "I even make them for big "cabbage-patch" kids."

At present Mabel has a booth set up at the Enoch Recreation Centre where she sells much of her handicrafts. Everything on display is for sale "except for my dad's gloves. They're here just so people can have a look at them."

## Craft sellers must check out market

If you're in the business of selling your unique artwork, crafts or clothing, you're probably always looking for new ways to improve sales. The following tips, published in this summer's issue of Alberta Indian Arts and Craft Society's newsletter, may be of help:

- Before deciding to make a big commitment to a craft fair, go see it the year before and spend all the three days going around the various booths to see what's selling. Notice who's buying (types of clothing tell you a lot about people). This will help you determine if your work will go in that craft fair.

- To determine the kinds of retail stores your crafts may sell in, study their displays and find out their priorities by the way they display things. Some things are prominently displayed. Others are on the back shelf. You can tell if things have been there for a long time if they're dusty or on a high shelf.

- You should have a selection of small inexpensive crafts to round out your lines at a craft show or in a store. People may want to buy an expensive piece but if you are willing to

spend time with them, they may purchase something less costly.

- The more time you spend with a customer, the greater his interest and desire to buy.

- Becoming a member of an arts/crafts organization provides you with information concerning retail markets, upcoming shows, opportunities, etc. But make sure the group caters to your particular interests and concerns.

- Becoming a crafts instructor or lecturer supports your sales.

Ninety percent of people who take crafts courses end up being consumers instead of producers.

- If your products aren't selling either you don't have a good product or the price is too high.

- If you plan to market your products through retail outlets, get legal verification with everything on paper. If it's on consignment, make sure you have a paper that says you're the owner. If you don't have that and the store goes belly up you may not get your pieces back.

## Do you know these 'artsy' facts?

- In 1981 the medium income for Canadian artists was \$11,604.
- In 1977 the medium income for Canadian artists was \$7,600.
- In 1981 the medium income for Canadian labour force members was \$13,176.
- 56% of Canadian visual artists worked full-time at their art in 1981.
- Canadians in general spent four hours per week in 1982 on creative hobbies and arts related activities.
- Regular customers of retail galleries provide just over half of their business.
- In 1980 the rank order of art specialties carried by retail galleries was as follows: 1. Canadian, 2. Original prints, 3. Contemporary Art, 4. Sculpture, and 5. Regional Art.

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## Ex 'drifter' determined to establish Native museum—needs help of like-minded

By R. Woodward

A native museum in Alberta has been John Beldon's dream since the idea first came to him back in 1985.

Since then Beldon's one-man crusade has taken him across the country in search of support from native institutions, political organizations and native communities.

After six months of throwing the idea back and forth amongst friends and associates, Beldon felt the idea was worth developing and in early 1986, he formed the Aboriginal Research Society of Alberta. The Society's primary purpose is to establish and maintain native museum in the province of Alberta.

This involves meeting with aboriginal people across the country and gathering oral and written historical artifacts of Indian and Metis people to preserve the culture.

"This is my dream. I want political support from native organizations such as the Indian Association of Alberta, the Metis Association of Alberta and the Native Council of Canada (Alberta). I would like to see us all work together so that we can preserve our culture from a native perspective," commented Beldon.

In conceiving his dream, Beldon said there was a time in his life when he went through an identity crisis. He feels he was one of the "unfortunates" raised in a city environment (Edmonton) and for a long time he didn't know who he really was.

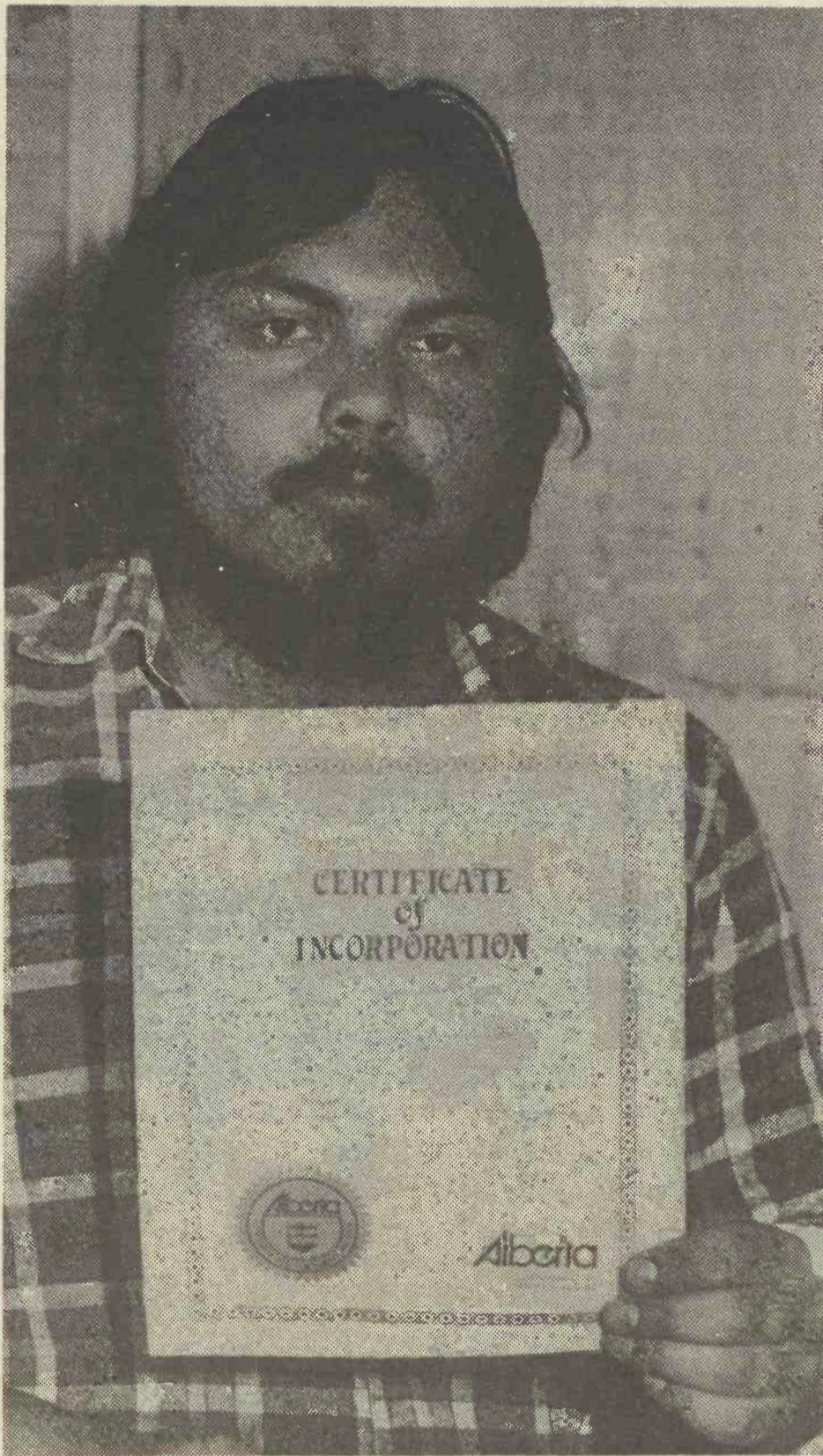
"I never lived on a reserve and as I grew up in the city, I tried to compete in the white man's society. I tried to fit in with the dominant race because I thought I was the same, and in actuality, I was different," Beldon said.

For a long time Beldon was a "travelling fool", working as a welder and at other jobs, drifting from place to place.

In 1985, after a visit to the Indian Association of Alberta, he applied for a position as a youth worker and was hired. Beldon believes this was a turning point in life.

"That summer they sent me to Wabasca to work as a youth worker. I was only on the reserve about 14 days when I began to gain my spiritual strength," Beldon says. It was as if God had hit him on the head with a bolt of lightning.

"In three months I incorporated a society with the help of the Bigstone Band for recreational purposes on the reserve.



**JOHN BELDON**  
...dreams of building a Native museum

We set up social gatherings where Elders would come and talk and teach the youth. I really enjoyed the time I spent at Wabasca."

Eventually, Beldon returned to Edmonton and after a short while he started to work with the Native Council of Canada (Alberta) helping non-status Indians understand

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It was about this time the idea for a native museum came to him. "It happened just like that. I was talking about native issues and I thought, wouldn't it be great to have some sort of aboriginal museum full of information (history) about native people. That's about when we came up with a society, to work toward this goal."

Beldon says Native people look through two types of glass windows -- clear and smoked.

"I believe our heritage is displayed presently-

through white people and therefore we are looking through smoke-stained windows. I would like to see a museum set up from the Native perspective, a Native point of view would be a big difference in just how our culture is presented," Beldon says.

Beldon adds one way to start the venture would be to seek funding from the public and private sector, both for capital and operating purposes. This, he says, would help the society to do research into all the things necessary to further the culture of aboriginal people in Canada.

"If it happen, it will surely give Native people the opportunity to address their own culture."

He says one of the society's biggest stumbling blocks is getting support from the Native community and its organizations.

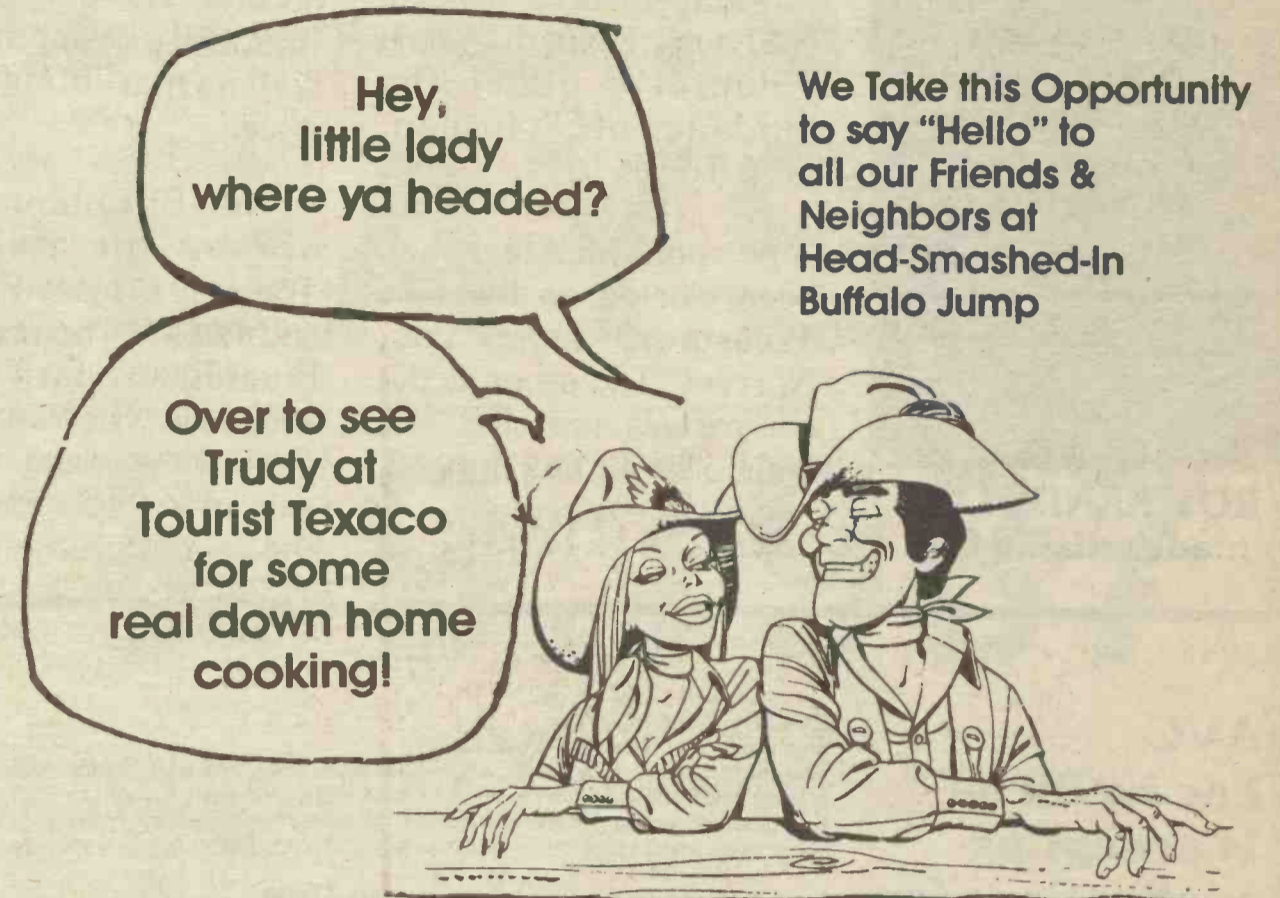
"I certainly am not doing this for myself and I would hope that Native people and the Native organizations get behind this venture in a positive manner. I have talked to some Metis and Indian leaders a while back, and at that time they were interested. We are still trying to get it off the ground, so hopefully, the support we need is still out there."

Beldon adds he would like people who are interested in the Native museum concept to call him at 474-1599.

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# Bicentennial group gets down to business in Fort Vermillion and district

By Catherine Bunton

The Fort Vermillion and District Bicentennial Association had a productive general meeting on Monday evening, July 6, 1987 with 24 participating volunteers under the guidance of Chairman, G.A. Toews.

Noreen McAteer has been elected as the new Treasurer. Thank you, Noreen! The seven active committees reported and their following recommendations were accepted.

Finance and Fund

Raising Committee -- the production of 5,000 Bicentennial souvenir trade coins, The Land of the Mighty Peace Tourist Association logo on the obverse side and LMPTA financial participation, as well as marketing assistance.

The Bicentennial endorses the Regional Tourism Project Proposal and the D.A. Thomas/Peace River Riverboat Tourism Proposal. The Fundraising Committee plans to hold four newspaper bingos in the near future.

Publicity and public relations committee chairman, Roy Randolph, reported that the Mackenzie Highway Travel Guide centre page advertisement is a success, and recommends doing a similar center page ad and request the front page picture be of Fort Vermillion for the 1988 edition.

Gordon Foster, Chairman of Special Events Committee, commented on the July 3, 1987 Calgary Stampede Parade entry. This replica of a Concord stagecoach is owned and driven by Clarence Lee,

and is adorned with a stretched moose hide banner with red leather lettering constructed by Fort Vermillion volunteers. The entry was grand enough to be awarded an honorable mention ribbon in the parade. Well done and thank you volunteers and participants: Hanna Lambert, stagecoach out-riders Jo-Ann Batt and Jody Johnson.

Noreen McAteer gave the Book and Heritage Committee report. passenger; Clarence Lee and Louis Batt, drivers; and Jeannette Bancarz, Annie Martens, and Kathy Morris

have been hired under the S.E.E.D. program for summer employment to work primarily with the historical books. Joe Arkinstall and Ralph Richard Jr., will help with archeological research for July under S.T.E.P. Headway is being made by these conscientious students on many current projects. Thank you, David O'Handley, for your continuing valuable work on the history books. David is spending four weeks this summer writing, primarily on the early fur-trade years (1788 - 1868).

The deadline for all written submissions is August 3, 1987, with October 31, 1987 being the cut-off date for photos and artifacts for book use. You may now order your history book with a deposit by phoning 927-4603, or 927-4618.

The Foods and Facilities Committees are being formed. These are very crucial committees and need volunteers who have interest in working in these related areas.

Volunteers formed a Commemorative Project Committee at this meeting. If you are keen to see some major projects get off the ground and would like to assist this group, please call 927-4603.

Inge Bond has offered to handle Publicity at I.D. conferences in the fall and winter to promote the Bicentennial. Thank you, Inge, for this great opportunity to spread the excitement of our celebrations.

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Saturday, June 13, was "a day that the community of Trout Lake changed forever."

With these words Father Paul Hernou, Trout Lake's Trustee of the Northland School Division Board congratulated the first six students graduating from Grade 12 in the community.

"School in Trout Lake is no longer finished after Grade 9," said Father Paul. "Students in this community can go on and complete high school. We have the proof before us."

The six students are the product of an innovative Small High School Program delivered through a cooperative effort by Kateri School, the Community Vocational Centre in Slave Lake, and Alberta Correspondence School.

By combining facilities and staff, Northland school Division and the Community Vocational Centre have been able to offer a Senior High Program for a student body that has never exceeded 10 in number. Using direct instruction, tutored

correspondence courses, teleconferencing and mobile facilities, the two institutions have offered local high school where it was previously necessary to have students leave the community go to past Grade 9.

Sending students out in the past was met with consistent dropping out.

"No longer are students placed in an educational straight jacket. Today options are available and High School completion is a reality in Trout Lake," commented Father Paul.

Similar small programs are now operating elsewhere in northern communities but these students are the pioneers. Their persistence and dedication through all the trial and error of this first program have been the inspiration to everyone involved.

Congratulations graduates! You have shown the way!

For more program information contact: Bob Aitken, Community Vocational Centres, Box 1280, Slave Lake, AB T0G 2A0 Phone: 849-7183



**TROUT LAKE'S FIRST GRADS: (left to right) Father Paul Hernou, Doreen Gladue, Linda Laboucan, Holly Osgood, Rodney Gullion, Ruth Hunter (CVC teacher), Brian Gizzie (High School teacher).**

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# Pilot youth program tested at Bonnyville

By Donna Rea Murphy

BONNYVILLE — Community reaction to a pilot Eagle Youth Program is being tested by the Bonnyville Canadian Native Friendship Centre.

Executive Director Miriam Youngchief says so far they've received positive response to their submissions for support for the program, a project being undertaken to address the needs of Native youth in urban settings.

A summary of the program describes it as a 'specially designed, culturally oriented guidance and development program' that will reinforce the importance of culture and a positive

self-identity through providing after school, evening and weekend activities. The planned activities are comprised of cultural, social, educational and recreational components.

At present, the Centre has received funding for a short term summer project and has hired two university students to plan and coordinate after school activities. Tracy Poitras and Vern Gladue, who began on June 1, are working on various programs to reach a number of age groups. Gladue works with older youth in track and field activities and Poitras is reaching out to

children aged five to 12 through theatre presentations.

Youngchief says the summer project tests community reaction toward possible launching of a three-year pilot phase as the first step of a longer term project.

Groups that have been officially approached for support are the Lakeland Catholic School Board, the Lakeland Public School Board and Elizabeth Settlement Council. Support letters have been received from the public school board and Elizabeth Settlement to date.

Local MLA Ernie Isley is also working with the

centre and assisting them by directing their attention to the various government bodies as possible sources of short and long term funding.

"The centre has given me their Eagle Youth Program submission and have solicited my support which they received," Isley adds he believes the program has merit and would like to see it funded and operational.

The program's appeal lies in its comprehensive outreach to all aspects of youth development. The submission states that in an alien urban setting, Native people no longer have their cultural traditions and

institutions to rely on and children are then especially susceptible to the negative influences about them.

The Native child, who comes into the urban setting must learn to contend with a world he has not been prepared to deal with. Some of the problems to be encountered are a confusion toward urban life, the loss of culture and influence by Elders, and the breakdown of the family unit. The resulting conflict and frustration can affect their life, thoughts and future plans.

Most importantly, the statement indicates that a primary factor contributing to juvenile delinquency among Native youth is the fact they have little to occupy their free time after school, in the evenings and on weekends. The summer student project is geared to provide activities to fill that gap.

Erica Ellenwood, a public school board trustee and member of the board's education program committee, says the Eagle Youth program could address the problems Native youth experience on a daily basis and act as a positive force to improve scholastic achievement. For this reason, she says, the committee endorsed the program and sent a letter to

MLA Isley stating this belief.

Youngchief says the next stage involves meeting with representatives of various provincial ministries in order to discuss possible funding sources. The outcome would result in submission for three year funding from the province.

The centre's director says response has been good to date but more community groups must be approached. "We want to make sure the community knows what we're trying to do and why and we need to know they'll support such a program in this area. Once that's been established, we'll take the next step which is to actively submit an application for funding complete with a comprehensive budget."

Youngchief is optimistic about the program and already has past experience with it. She was a former training director for the Little Beaver's Program in Ontario for seven years. The Eagle Youth Program is based on the same program, but is geared toward the characteristics of youth in the Lakeland area.

The Little Beaver's Program was so successful in Ontario it received the Solicitor General's Award for Crime Prevention in 1985.

## Conference called a 'stepping stone'

By Mark McCallum

The first-ever Yellowhead Tribal Council (YTC) Youth Conference was held last week.

Staged from July 9 to 12 (in conjunction with the YTC powwow on the Alexis reserve, 80 kms northeast of Edmonton), it was called a "stepping stone" by coordinator Dennis Arcand. He says ideas and suggestions from participating youth will make it much easier to host the event next year.

Young people from the five YTC bands and neighboring B.C. province were encouraged to add input to conference workshops. Arcand notes information gained from B.C. youth groups (Bella Coola, Chehalis, North Thompson and Mission) is a valuable asset. To cover expenses to attend the conference, B.C. groups used fund raising techniques which they passed on to YTC youth in a (business) Innovations Workshop, coordinated by Mike James.

About 150 youth attended workshops, which gave much needed attention to serious issues such as suicide, drug and alcohol abuse and cultural identity.

The importance of education and goal setting was emphasized throughout the workshops by Native guest speakers from the education and business world.

Alexis chief and YTC chairman Howard Mustus explained that "speakers

showed the kids you can still keep your culture and get education at the same time by using the white-man's system to your advantage."

YTC bands (Alexander, Alexis, Enoch, O'Chiese and Sunchild) shared the cost for the conference in a cooperative effort to prove Indian bands can successfully work together. Pending official confirmation, the next conference will be held at the Sunchild reserve.



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Deadline: July 31, 1987.

# Dream of one man makes centre possible

By Jackie Red Crow

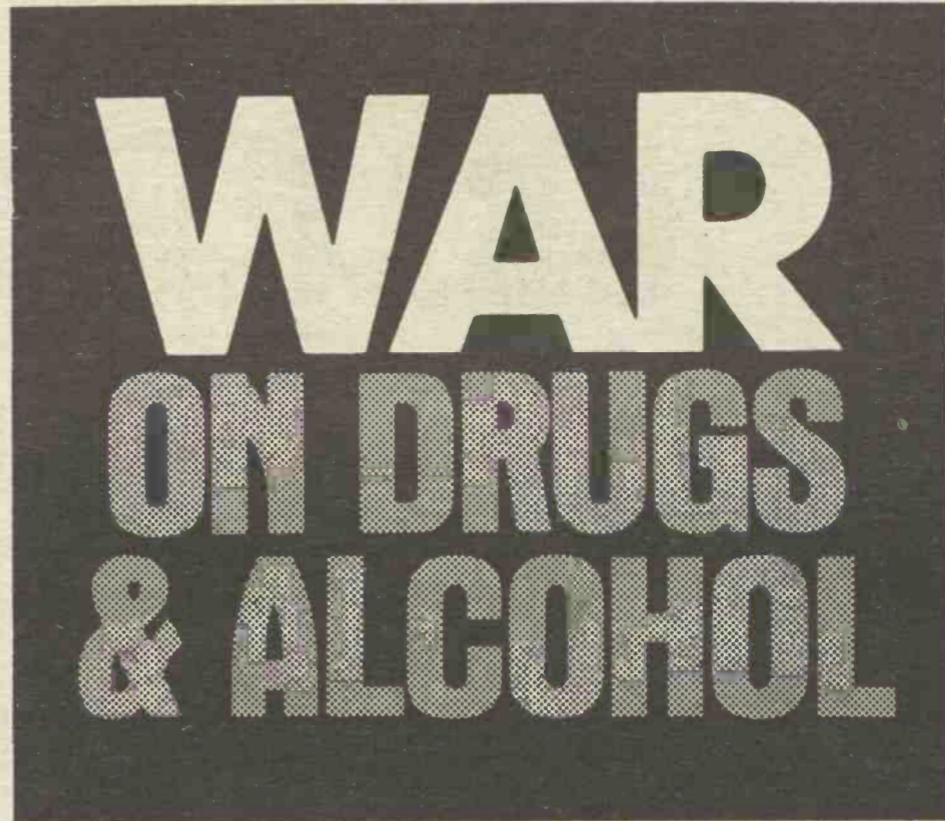
PEIGAN RESERVE — A dream by one man was the impetus for a centre opened last year to help individuals who are recovering from alcohol/drug abuse related problems.

The late Peigan band member, Jimmy Wolf Tail, an alcoholic who reached sobriety saw the devastating efforts of alcohol and drug abuse in his community and did something about it. His efforts were recognized when the Jimmy Wolf Tail Memorial Residence, an after care treatment centre, officially opened last March.

Leonard Bastien, executive director of the centre, said Wolf Tail's dream to construct an after care facility took many years. He described Wolf Tail "as an average Peigan citizen in his late thirties."

At first he wanted to set up a home where individuals could be treated for alcoholism but had no support system once they left an alcohol treatment centre. Some had turned to alcohol again because there was no place else to go.

Finally the Peigan Nation chief and council set up an Out-Patient Centre to help individuals who needed



additional support and assistance for their alcohol and drug problems. Wolf Tail became the first director of that centre.

In 1979, his dream gained support among some community members who believed in his cause. The group approached the Peigan chief and council again where the idea mushroomed because they thought "it was a really superb, great idea and gave it 100% support," said Leonard Bastien.

Under the committee for social development, they started seeking funds to construct the centre, said Bastien. In 1981, the provincial government said

they'll provide financial assistance to construct an after care but the band had to surrender some of their land.

"There was no way that we would surrender land for whatever reason," said Bastien. "The (fund-raising effort) became a stalemate."

Also during that time, Jimmy Wolf Tail's life took a tragic turn. "He started drinking again because he had serious personal problems. Within a month of his drinking, he suddenly died," said Bastien.

The committee continued their fund-raising campaign because of "Wolf Tail's ambition and strength in selling the idea of an after care centre," Bastien said.

Then in Nov. 1984, Bastien received a phone call from then Native Affairs minister of Native Secretariat, Milt Pahl. "Out of the blue, he said he'll give us \$560,000 to commence construction on the after care centre with no strings attached."

"Pahl said he saw a justified need for any establishment that could assist southern Alberta society in general," Bastien recalled.

A task force was established with Peigan members, Jessie Scott, Romeo Yellow Horn, Margaret Yellow Horn, Faron Gunn and Peter Gunn. Representatives from the province included John Parker and Ron Harrison to start working towards locating a site, and other matters related to the construction of the centre.

In March 1986, the centre was officially opened and dedicated to Jimmy Wolf Tail. "We dedicated the centre to him because of his vision in establishing a facility like this," said Bastien.

That summer, another Peigan band member, Betty Yellow Horn, was hired as a consultant to design the program format, administration and structure, policies, rules and regulations. "Her work was of the highest quality of any

professional. She put in a lot into the work because she wanted to make a positive contribution to the Peigan community on a conservative budget," said Bastien. Yellow Horn is a recent graduate from the University of Calgary with a Masters degree in social work.

Today, the program is comprised of a 20 bed co-ed facility. It offers one-to-one and group counselling, family and spiritual counselling. But the program does not impose any type of religious beliefs or values respecting the religious preference of the individual. "If the individual wants a Roman Catholic priest, Anglican Minister or Mormon bishop or Elder, we make the necessary arrangements. And if they prefer a Native Elder, it's at their disposal," said Bastien.

From last April to June, the occupancy was over 80%. "We're overfilled but we can't turn anybody away because they may never pursue getting help for their problem. As long as they have a sincere desire to change, we'll help them," said Bastien.

Individuals can stay as long as they want at the centre. "Some individuals stay as long as three months but we recommend they stay at least six months to benefit the most from the program."

The centre has a network support system in the community and works closely with such social agencies as social services, Out-patient centre, health centre and recreation program to provide any assistance to clients. The Napi Friendship Centre in Pincher Creek and the Peigan Board of education also provide strong help to the centre which has a staff of seven full-time members and three part-time workers. They are Hugh Crow Eagle, program coordinator, counsellors Pat Provost and Peter Gunn, Grant Little Mustache, night attendant, Selena Yellow Horn, clerk-accountant and Jeanie Crazy Boy, cook. Part-time workers are Romeo Yellow Horn, volunteer, Melvin Potts, counsellor and Lavern Yellow Horn, cook.

The five member board consists of President Margaret Yellow Horn, Vice-President Louis Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Allan Pard, and council representative Bruce Potts.

The centre is incorporated under the Societies Act and is funded by the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. It is located a few metres west of the Peigan administration office.



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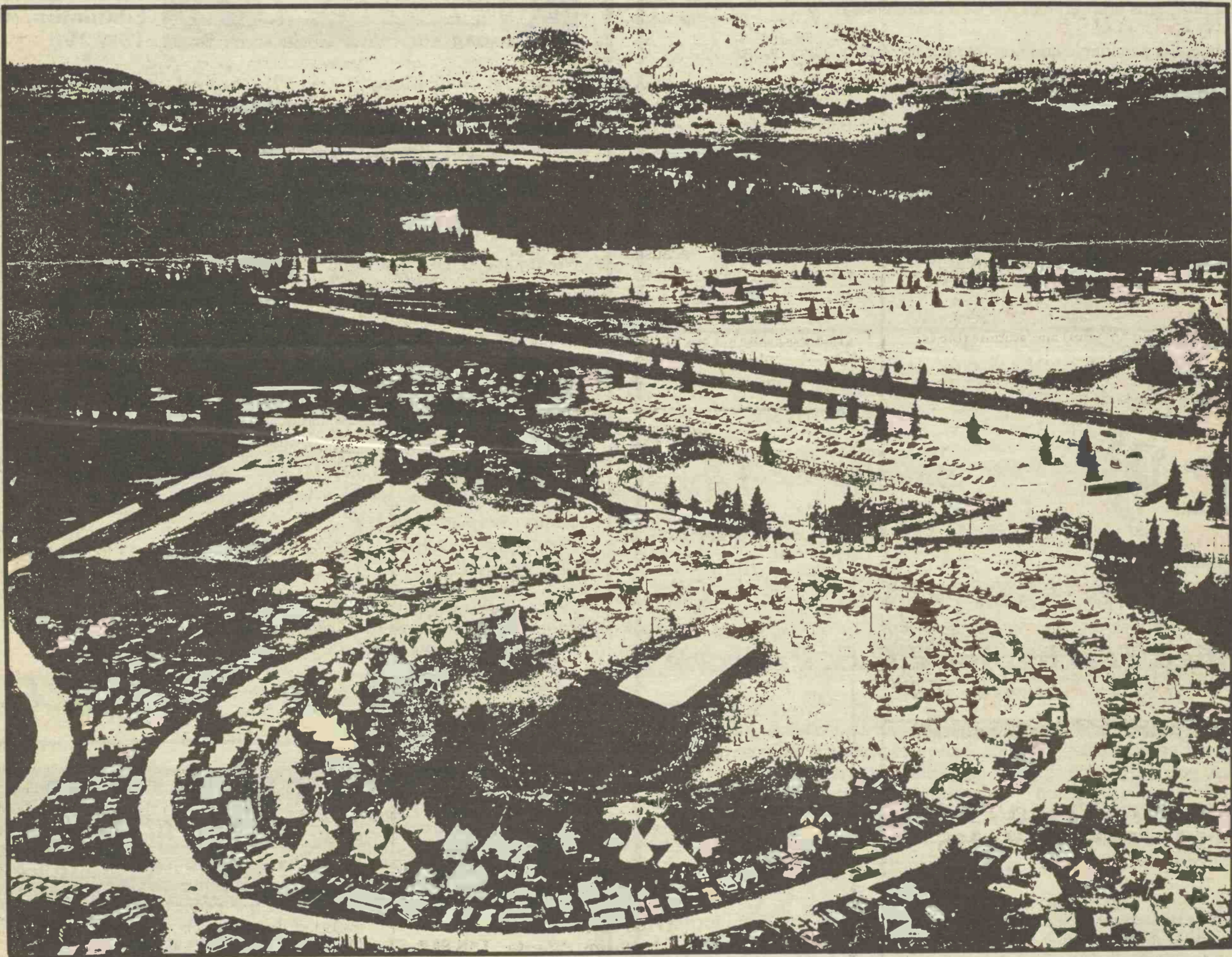
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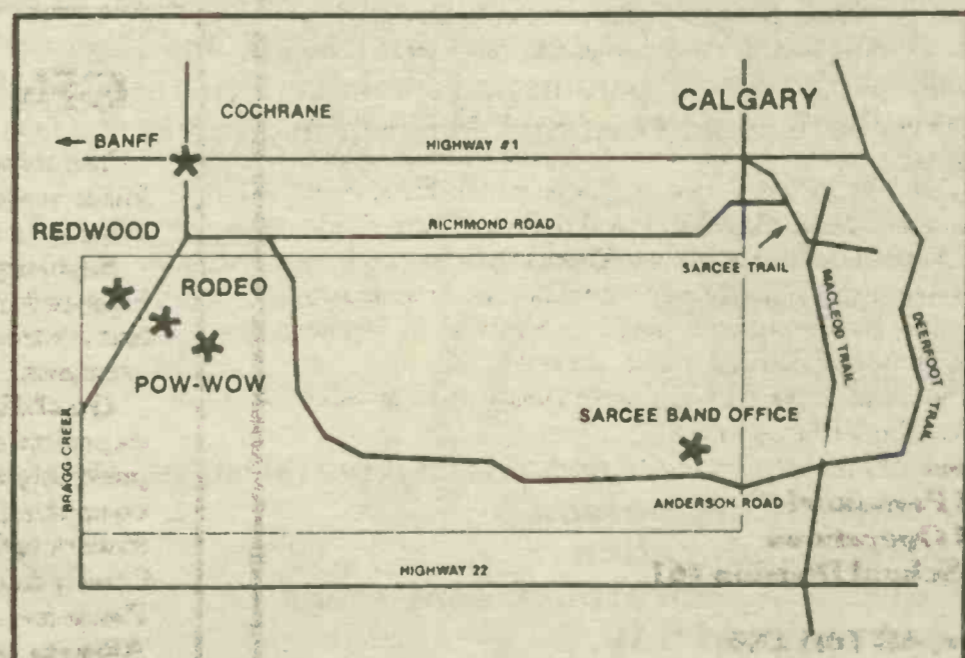


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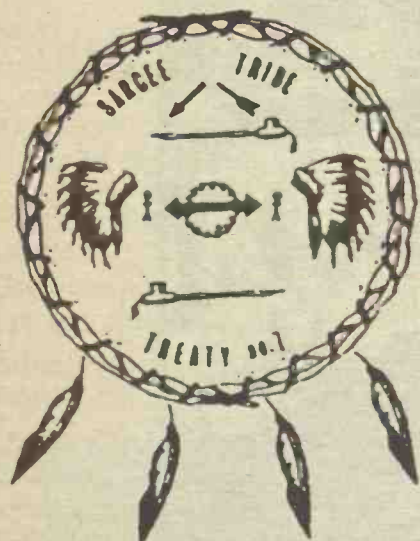
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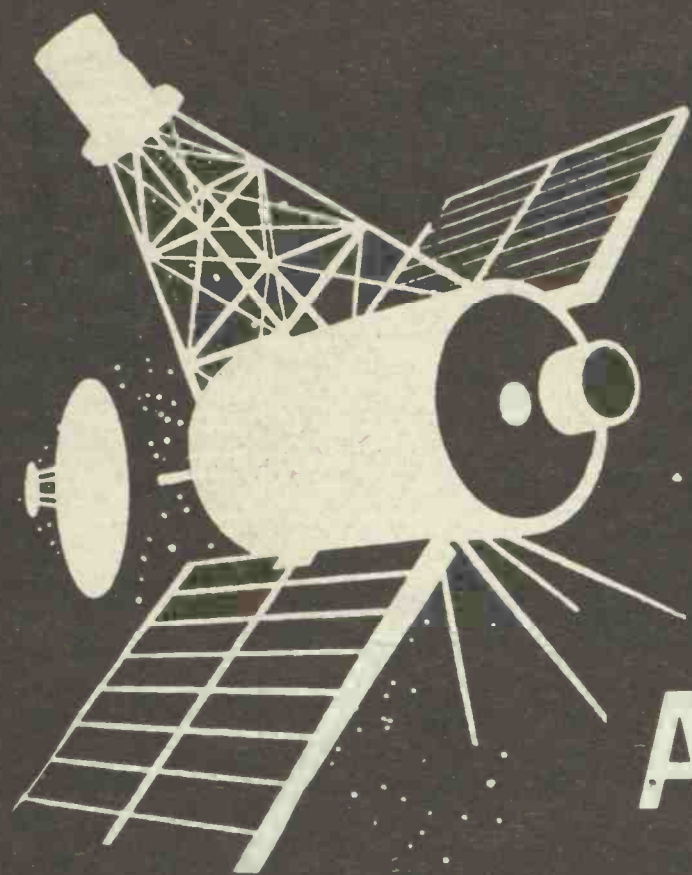
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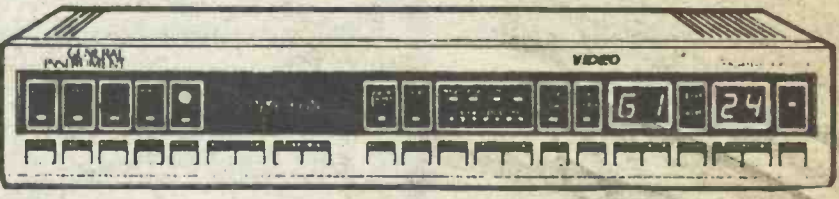
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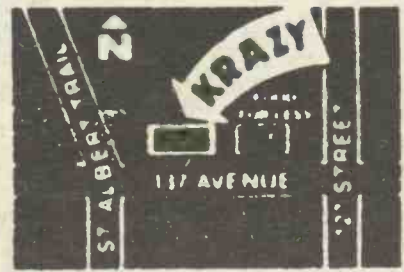
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