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New road -- more problems?

Janvier, shocked by the tragic deaths of three community residents in a violent April 30 head-on collision on the controversial new Highway 401, mourns its loss. Windspeaker provides special coverage of the tragedy and the new road's impact on area residents, on Pages 10 and 11.

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Peigans get \$1,025 each in settlement

By Jackie Red Crow

PEIGAN RESERVE — Every man, woman, and child in the Peigan band will receive \$1,025 on June 1 as compensation by the federal government over a land claim dating back to 1909.

Band councillor Stanley Knowlton says the Peigan nation approved the distribution on April 21 when 558 members voted in favor of the \$5.2 million out of court settlement. Only 22 negative votes were cast.

The band has 2,600 registered members.

It was not until the fourth referendum that the Peigans accepted the federal offer.

Knowlton said half of the \$5.2 million will be distributed to the people. The other half will be deposited in a trust fund for a period up to 25 years to be used towards the purchase of land outside the reserve. An additional \$970,000 was

also part of the settlement, and is already allocated for band programs such as housing and public works.

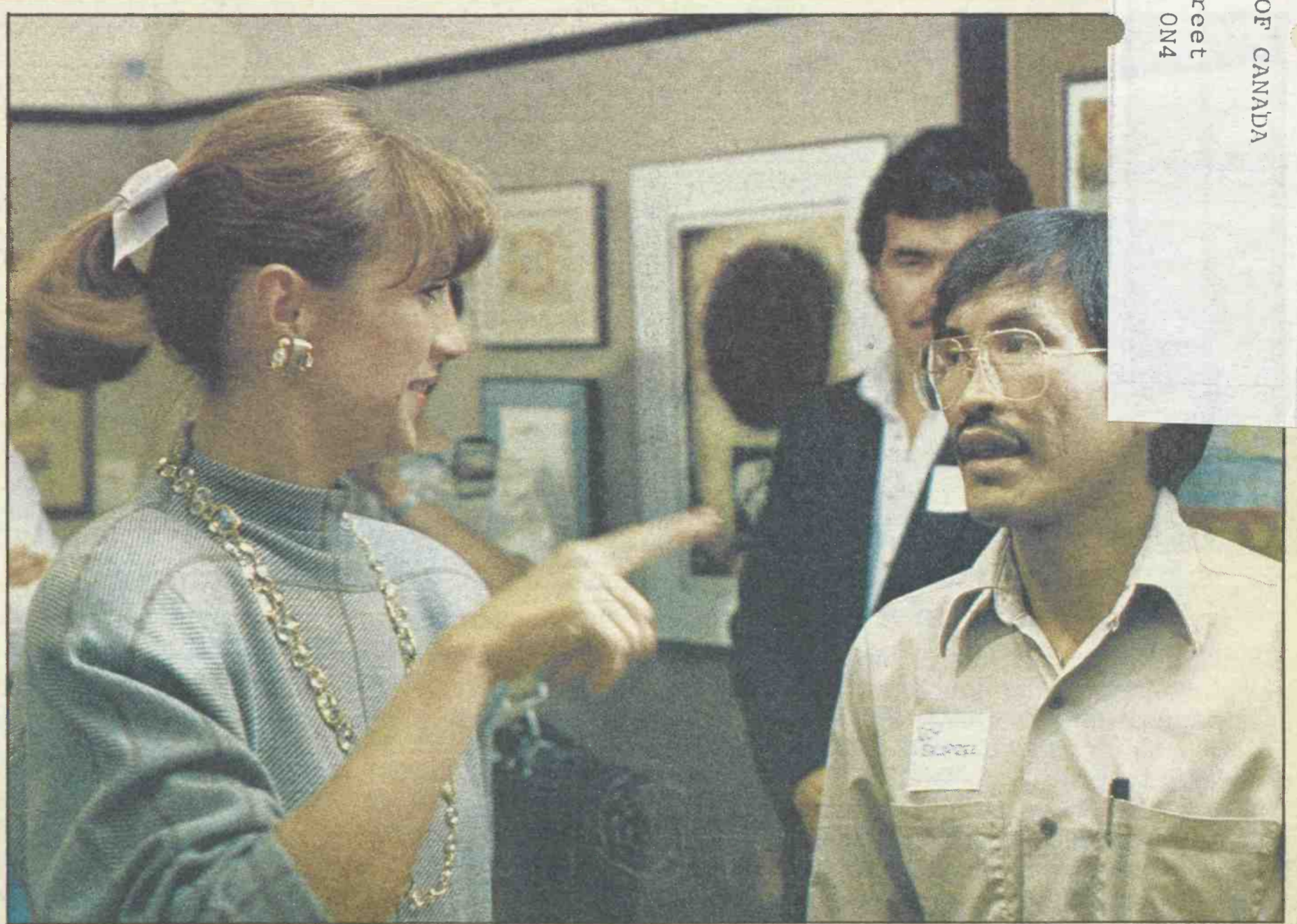
Knowlton says the Peigan nation currently has a deficit over \$1 million and may use some of the \$970,000 to reduce the deficit.

"The deficit has occurred for the last ten years. It's nothing new," he said.

"The department of Indian Affairs will no longer carry any deficit by Indian bands. We are looking at the \$970,000 as one alternative to cover our debts," he said. But he stressed that the Peigan chief and council will discuss the issue further next week.

The \$1,025-payments to individuals will not affect their welfare payments providing the money is spent on approved purchases of non-luxury items, such as appliances.

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MAKING A POINT

Mila Mulroney, attending an exhibition of Native art and crafts at Cronquist House in Red Deer, makes a point in conversation with featured northern Alberta artist Roy Salopree. The "First Lady's" appraisal of the artists and their work: "They're all wonderful." Other artists whose work was on exhibition were Morris Cardinal, Roy Thomas, Farron Callihoo and Sam Warrior. Crafts by various designers of the Red Deer Native Friendship Society were also on display. Mulroney found her two-hour stopover "very short."

Photo — Stan Jackson

Feud goes on

Ex-directors of Zone 4 denied seats

By Mark McCallum

A squabble involving former Metis Regional Council Zone 4 representatives Ben Courtrille and Ron LaRocque on one side, and the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) and interim officials of Zone 4 on the other, heated up again last Wednesday when the two men tried to take official part in a MAA board meeting in Edmonton.

Witnesses said a shouting match erupted between the two men and some MAA board members. Courtrille and LaRocque were told they could not actively participate in the meeting and would not be recognized as board members because they had been replaced by two new authorized representatives of Zone 4.

The chairperson of the MAA meeting ruled the former officials could, like any other Metis person, witness the proceedings

from the visitors' section, but could not take part in the meeting. After some heated exchanges, the pair left and did not return. The meeting continued without incident, through the afternoon.

Several days earlier, a court injunction was served on Courtrille and LaRocque after they allegedly disrupted a Zone 4 annual assembly on April 26 in Edson. The court order, issued by E. Picard, Madam Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, was based on allegations by Zone 4 officers that Courtrille and LaRocque acted without council approval in a recent attempt to remove the board of directors of the Metis Urban Housing Corporation (MUHC).

The failed attempt occurred last month when Courtrille and LaRocque sat on a committee which also tried to fire MUHC Regional Coordinator Peter Pelletier and sus-

LATE NEWS BULLETIN

Just before press time Thursday, a court order issued by Mr. Justice F.B. Feehan and based on an affidavit sworn May 14 by Ron LaRocque, states that Ben Courtrille will return to his position as vice-president of the Metis Regional Council Zone 4. The order affirms that former Zone 4 director Ron LaRocque is replaced by acting director Mike Woodward, who had replaced Courtrille on an interim basis as Zone 4 vice-president.

Both Courtrille and Ron LaRocque are reinstated as members of the Metis Association of Alberta board of directors.

A Zone 4 meeting is scheduled for May 24 and 25.

pending Housing Manager Larry Desmeules' contract with the \$19-million corporation. These actions were stopped when the MUHC Tenants Association in a rally last month at the Edmonton Friendship Centre, displayed its disapproval.

The Zone 4 council also asked, at the Zone 4 assembly, why MUHC employees had not been paid for a month.

Courtrille and LaRocque refused to discuss the cor-

poration at the assembly because they were defendants in a court case involving MUHC and their participation in any discussion of the organization might prejudice that legal proceeding.

A motion was made at the assembly to stop any further talks about MUHC. Despite their earlier unwillingness to discuss the MUHC, the men cast the deciding votes. The motion passed 8 to 7.

According to the injunction, when urged by

members of the Zone 4 council not to take part in the vote, "the Defendants (Courtrille and LaRocque) became extremely agitated and proceeded to disrupt the Assembly by refusing to come to order, by approaching the Chairman and violently wrestling the microphone away from him, coming into physical contact with the Chairman in the process; by physically resisting the attempts of the Sergeant at Arms of the Assembly to remove the Defendants by wrestling with the Sergeant at Arms; by improperly and without authority removing certain books and records of the Plaintiff (Zone 4) from the Assembly; and by attempting to coerce the Recording Secretary of the Assembly, Sharron Johnstone, into leaving her position."

Council member and Zone 4 treasurer Stan Plante had also alleged that Courtrille improperly auth-

orized disbursement of over \$1,000 of council funds for the assembly.

Courtrille and LaRocque have taken a counter action against MAA President Sam Sinclair, acting Zone 4 Vice-President Mike Woodward and acting director Russel Plante. The former Zone 4 officials claim their rights to function as elected council members had been violated. They are seeking \$25,000 in damages.

Stan Belcourt, who was appointed the Sergeant at Arms of the assembly, made a complaint of assault to Edson RCMP against LaRocque. He later declined to press charges, according to the RCMP. The Edson RCMP are still investigating a formal complaint of assault by council member Dan Martel against one of his counterparts, Reg LaRocque. The complaints followed incidents that occurred at the assembly.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled by Kim McLain

Indian inmates file discrimination suit

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Six Utah State prison inmates have filed a class action suit against a prison which has not allowed them to practice their Indian religion.

The men say they have "a true bonafide belief in the traditional Indian religion."

Scientists studying Inuit fish oils

ITHACA, New York — Scientists are studying the impact of Inuit fish oils on human health.

Early studies uncovered a very low rate of heart disease among the Inuit. Their large fish consumption had been linked to the finding.

Now new evidence indicates that fish consumption lowers the high levels of blood fat that causes hardening of the arteries.

The scientists advocate the use of fish oil tablets by the general public.

B.C. Indians unveil newest product

British Columbia's first Indians to run a commercial fishery on the Frazer River have unveiled their latest fish product -- sushi, caviar and smoked salmon -- vowing it's a start of a new economic development for Natives.

"This is the beginning, an introduction to how we think we'll proceed in the future, says Bill Williams, chief of the 600-member Chehalis Band. "We're trying to be self-sufficient for our people," he added.

Charges dismissed on Indian land

MONTICELLO, Utah — Charges against two men were dismissed by a state judge.

Sam Jelly and Charles Jones, both 35, were charged with attempted homicide after a shoot-out and high speed car chase with a county deputy officer.

Judge Bruce Halliday dismissed the charges after defense attorneys argued the offense took place on Ute Indian lands outside state jurisdiction.

The attorney for Utah now plans to file federal charges against the pair.

Indian artist protests Canadian government

VANCOUVER, B.C. — B.C. Indian artist Bill Reid has turned down a \$250,000-commission for a sculpture at the new Canadian embassy in Washington, because he protests Canada's treatment of its Native people.

Reid says the government's failure to negotiate a land claim settlement with the Haida Indians angered him.

"The government is using our symbols to represent them, but the government doesn't represent us," says the 67-year-old carver.

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Pope to Ft. Simpson before '89

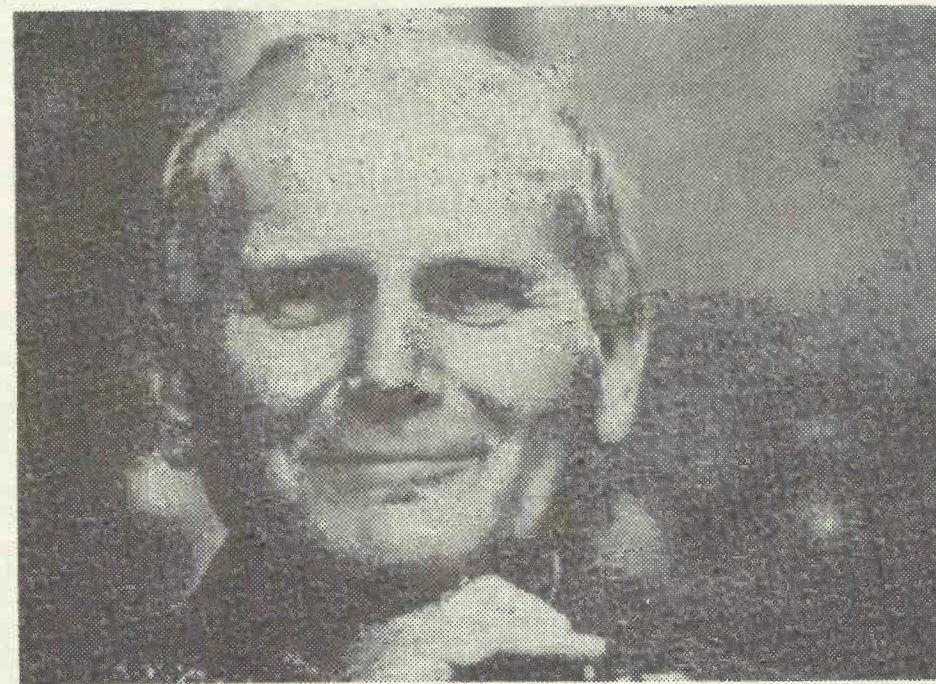
By Terry Lusty

Indications are that Pope John Paul will keep his often-repeated promise to return to the Northwest Territories before 1989.

Almost three years have passed since his September, 1984 Canadian tour.

In '84, the Pope was scheduled to visit Fort Simpson. People of all ages, including many Elders, made the trek to Fort Simpson to catch a glimpse of the religious leader. But heavy fog prevented flights in or out of the tiny community, and the Papal tour stopped, instead, in Yellowknife.

There was, and still is, much disappointment. But the Pope has often said he intends to make it to Fort



POPE JOHN PAUL
...may return

CP/AP Photo

Simpson some day. Still, many Elders have died since, others will not make it through to the return visit, says Albertine Rodh, a Metis member of the papal

visit committee.

Meanwhile, Native delegations have been visiting the pontiff in Rome, most recently on May 7.

Vatican sources now say

the Pope will spend a half day at Fort Simpson in 1988. No other community stopovers are expected.

Overtures by Jim Sinclair of the Metis National Council, which represents the western provinces, to have him visit Batoche, Saskatchewan have failed, according to Bernard Daly, a spokesman for the Conference of Bishops.

Batoche, the site of an armed Metis-Indian resistance in 1885, has historical significance for the Metis.

Daly, in an interview from Ottawa, said "the Vatican informed us yesterday (May 8) that the Pope has only committed to visit Fort Simpson sometime before the end of 1988."



OTTAWA REPORT

By Owenadeka

I have a confession -- I'm an addict. I'm not addicted to heroin, cocaine, alcohol or even tobacco. Instead, I'm hopelessly and helplessly addicted to fishing. In fact, if I don't get my fix on a regular basis, I get withdrawal symptoms -- my skin breaks out in a rash, my eyes get blurry and I get very cranky.

When I can't be out on the water, I control my craving by watching fishing shows on television, reading fishing magazines, browsing through the fishing section in department stores, telling fish stories to anybody who'll listen.

In short, I'm a fishaholic. But it's really not my fault. I was born with this obsession. My astrology sign is -- you guessed it -- Pisces. I especially like fishing for bass, rainbow, salmon and pike. But really I'm not fussy. I'll go after anything with scales and fins.

I can manage my addiction -- most of the time -- but I lose all self-control once a year. It always happens on the last Saturday in April -- the opening of trout season. So again this year there I was, standing on a dock at 5:30 on a cold spring morning, waiting for trout season to begin. My partner was another fishaholic -- I'll call him Scout. We had a canoe, some food, clothes, camping gear and enough fishing equipment to open our own tackle shop.

We spent a week canoeing and portaging through the Ontario northland in pursuit of the elusive speckled trout. When we weren't sleeping or portaging, we were fishing -- every moment of every day from dawn to dusk through rain, snow, sleet, wind and even a little sun. We caught enough fish to choke a whale and we ate enough fish, considering the pollution and acid rain that probably was in the water, to glow in the dark.

There's a point to this story. And it has more to do with the process of going fishing than it does with putting a worm on a hook. I should explain, first of all, that I work most of the year out of an Ottawa office. I spent most of my time talking to politicians -- both the Native and non-Native variety -- and the subject is almost always politics. The work isn't strenuous. In fact, the only exercise I get is running off at the mouth.

I'm not the only one in this situation. A lot of other Native people are (pardon the pun) in the same boat. We're all too wrapped up in our jobs -- if we're lucky enough to have one -- so we don't get much exercise, and we live most of the year in an urban environment.

My annual excursion is more than an excuse for me to indulge my passion for fishing -- it reminds me of a lot

of things I tend to forget about during the rest of the year. I was reminded, for example, of the kind of lifestyle our ancestors lived every day -- not just one week a year.

The trip demanded a lot more strength and endurance than I normally need. Carrying a heavy pack and a canoe is a lot harder than packing a tape recorder. Even though my canoe and camping gear are made of space-age lightweight materials, the portages are pretty rough and they make me think of how much harder it must have been for our ancestors to live off the land. Boy, they must have been strong people!

The weather also increases my appreciation for the people from days gone by because the weather is so unpredictable this time of year. Campers can get sunstroke and frostbite all in the same week. What Scout and I got was four days of snow. The weather and the work combined to give my soft city-body blisters, cuts, bruises and aching muscles. In the process, I also got a deeper appreciation of just how physically tough our ancestor must have been.

The trip took us far from cities and other people and it left my senses tingling with the experience of the great outdoors. I'm still dazzled by the sight of billions of brilliant stars twinkling against a jet black sky. My ears still ring with the haunting call of the loon. I can still smell the warm fragrance of the red pine forest. My mouth can still taste the cold clear water that splashed its way down a hillside. My feet can still feel the soft, spongy caress of a moss-covered trail.

It was all so different and so much better than my normal surroundings -- a world of fluorescent eyesores, honking cars, smelly pulp mills, chlorinated water and concrete sidewalks.

In any event, my fishing trip was one of the best things that will happen to me all year. In addition to my rekindled respect for the beauty of the outdoors and my increased respect for my ancestors, I have also renewed my respect and admiration for those Native people who still live off the land. I'm reminded that they -- like our ancestors -- are tough, hard-working people who are surrounded by beauty every day -- not just once a year. I envy them and I want to see their way of life protected until the end of time. Lastly, I think I also know why I'm hooked on fishing -- it's one of the rare chances I have to share the strength of my people and enjoy the peace that comes from life on the land.

Provincial

Peltier victim, not lawbreaker says supporter

By Terry Lusty

Nilak Butler figures Leonard Peltier is the victim, not the perpetrator, of lawbreaking.

"Every kind of law that has been broken, that is possible to be broken, has been broken," in the Peltier case says Ms. Butler, a member of the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee.

Peltier has been in Leavenworth prison in Kansas for 10 years after being convicted of slaying two FBI agents during the 1975 occupation of Wounded Knee in South Dakota.

Nilak was in Edmonton last week to participate in a rally at Sacred Heart School protesting oppression of Aboriginal people in South Africa and North America.

The rally was the first leg of a Canadian tour organized by the Peltier Committee and the African National Congress.

Peltier, an American Indian Movement (AIM) leader, and Nelson Mandela, leader of the Congress in South Africa, have been incarcerated for many years mainly for political reasons, according to speakers at the rally.

Allan Jacob of Cold Lake, who chaired the rally, said "this is a fight to free Mandela and Peltier." He pointed out the Peltier Committee, with no government support, relies on supporters who abhor the "injustices" to Aboriginal people.

The rally attracted mostly Native people, but there was also support from major organizations such as the Federation of Labor and the Edmonton and District Labor Council.

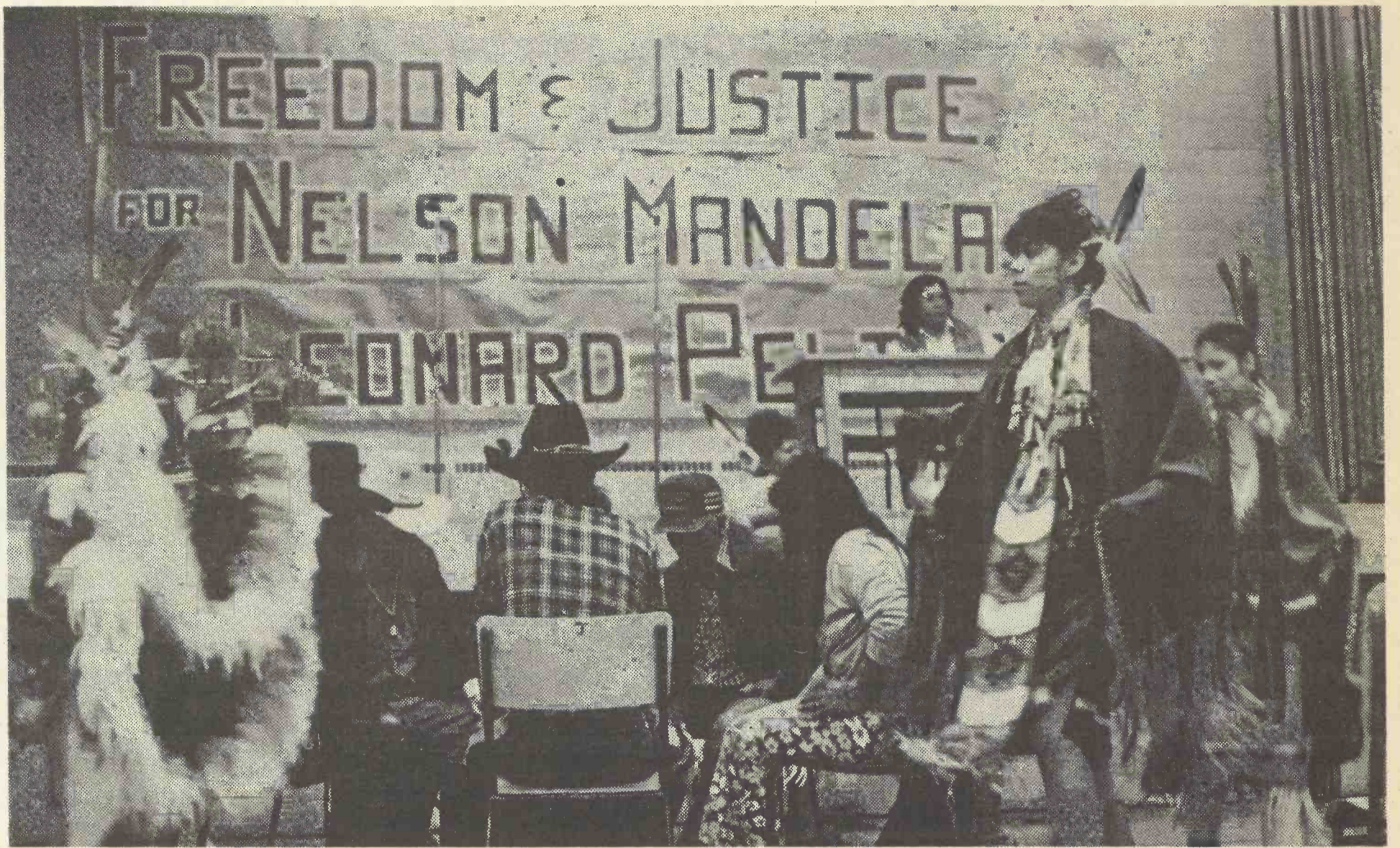
Butler accused the American government and courts of gross miscarriage of justice.

She provided a brief history of the massacre of Indians at Wounded Knee in the late 1800's, and insisted that those times have not changed. She said persecution and killing of Indian people continues.

"Around the Peltier case, there have been 12 people who have been killed, and some of these people have been children."

The protest drew a strong representation of Treaty 6 area people, including Beaver Lake Chief Al Lameman.

Lameman said "Peltier and Mandela were fighting



WHITE BRAID SOCIETY performing at support rally for Peltier and Mandela.

for what they believed in," and that today's society put them in jail "unjustly."

"What's happening in other countries is happening here," he said, comparing the situations in South Africa and South America to the United States. The only difference, he added, is "we're not being shot at (here in Canada)."

Indian Association of Alberta president Gregg Smith told the crowd of about 75 "the IAA supports the cause and Peltier's release from prison." He blamed Peltier's extradition to the U.S. on "false information." "This will continue to happen to a lot of

our Indian people if we don't stand up together and fight these issues," he warned.

A memo from Basil Freeman of the African National Congress was read aloud. Freeman wrote of the "inhumanity of the colonialists" who "oppress and dominate people."

"Their (Peltier and Mandela's) only crime is that they both dared to challenge the system that denies people even the most basic, human rights," wrote Freeman.

Labor movements have also taken up the banner.

Don Aitken of the Federation of Labor voiced

strong condemnation of the Canadian government and the American FBI. "We must ensure that there is justice for all, not just a few," he said, adding that this can only be achieved "through democratic action and by putting pressure on our politicians."

Edmonton and District Labor Council president Doug Elves said trade unions and other sectors of society are recognizing that, "all these struggles are interrelated and all are fundamentally the same."

Traditional Indian dancing was performed by the White Braid Society.

Native musicians sang a

few of their own compositions addressing injustices to the Metis Nation in 1885.

The last speaker was Gary Boucher, a Metis who questioned the quality of democracy.

"In Canada, the RCMP were used as a para-military force to control the Native peoples," he said.

As the rally drew to a close, the hat was passed and a total of \$567.45 raised to help the tour.

From Edmonton, the tour moves into British Columbia with stops at Vancouver, Victoria, Duncan, Kamloops and Prince George. A tour of Europe is also planned.

Until receipts provided

Settlement payments cut off welfare

By Jackie Redcrow

The individual \$1,025-settlement payments to Peigan band members won't be all gravy.

About 70 to 80% of the 2,600 Peigans, currently on welfare, will be cut off until they provide receipts of their purchases.

"We had a meeting with Boyd Harris, Department of Indian Affairs director of social development, and he told us there'll be no problem as long as welfare recipients provide receipts of their capital expenditures," Knowlton said.

He explained that welfare recipients are allowed to purchase major necessities but not luxury items without affecting their welfare eligibility.

"I know it's not fair, but that's the policy that our welfare department must follow," says Knowlton. He said band members reinstated under Bill C-31, the conversational legislation passed last year, reinstating Indian women who lost

their treaty status through marriage to a non-status man, will not be paid immediately.

"They get their money as soon as they provide documents required to process their applications," said Knowlton. He stressed that there was no problem for women who lost their treaty status to get their distribution as well, provided their reinstatement documents are in order.

Knowlton, however, said he was not personally satisfied with the settlement. "I think we could have gotten a better deal," he said.

He said the previous council negotiated the deal.

"The deal has been made. It was just a matter of determining whether the electorate wanted to accept the out of court settlement," he added.

Although it took four referendums, Knowlton said the electorate was in full support of the out of court settlement.

"That's what they

wanted," he stated.

The land claim dispute dates back to 1909 when the Department of Indian Affairs illegally ceded more than 10,000 acres of Peigan land to the federal government. Tribal Elders had long pointed out there was no referendums at the time to determine whether the people were willing to cede their land.

Peigan band councillor Alberta Yellowhorn Sr. researched the Elders claim for more than 22 years. Finally in 1979, under the leadership of then Peigan chief Nelson Small Legs Sr., the Peigans blockaded the head gates access on the Old Man River. The Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District was using the Peigan land for water access for more than 700 farmers and seven communities.

The Peigan nation demanded compensation for the land and a yearly rental for every acre of land. Two years later, the Peigan nation, L.N.I.D.,

and the provincial government reached an agreement. The federal government committed \$5.2 million and an additional \$970,000 to pay for legal cost. Yellowhorn was compensated for his years of research on the 1909 land claim.

Yellowhorn, in Edmonton on business, was unavailable for comment.

However, a Peigan member who has actively lobbied against accepting the out of court settlement claimed the Peigans were pushed to accept the government's offer.

Percy Smith, one of a group of Peigans arrested during the 1979 blockade, denounced the federal government's offer as "a bribe."

"The law firm Walsh and Young (a Calgary law firm which represented the Peigan nation) dangled money in front of the Peigans for the last six years," he charged.

"The federal government's bribery was based

on false premises that led the Peigans to believe that we would lose our land claim case if we went to court. We were forced to accept the settlement."

Smith charged the Peigan chief and council with lack of leadership and enough "guts," to fight for more money.

"It's disgusting. The \$5.2 million was the first and only offer made by the federal government to us. The leadership was just not there to put up a fight."

He said the distribution arrangement makes the federal government the real winner.

"In reality, we are supplementing the social welfare program," he insisted, referring to Peigan welfare recipients who have to provide receipts of their purchases before they can continue receiving assistance.

"How many Indians bother keeping receipts?" asked Smith.

"By accepting the out of court settlement, we are

literally giving our land away," he declared.

Another band member, Celeste Strikes With A Gun, also felt the land claim issue should have been pursued in federal court, rather than accepting the settlement.

Strikes With A Gun called the \$1,025-payments to individuals "peanuts."

"Most Peigans see the offer as a per capita distribution. They fail to see the real issue," she said.

But both Smith and Strikes With A Gun conceded that poverty exerted great pressure on the people to accept the out of court settlement.

"We're so poor," explained Smith. "We just have our land claims to depend on for financial gain."

Knowlton said the individual payments will be made June 1 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Peigan community hall.

Blackfoot students eye university

By Lesley Crossingham

CLUNY — Every year Crowfoot School on the Blackfoot reserve holds its Career Days. Every year students listen to various speakers from all walks of life. Initially, this year's events, held April 29, was no different.

However, organizers noticed one big difference. Far more students expressed interest in university education than ever before.

"I have spoken to schools and institutions for many years," says Dr. Beatrice Medicine of the University of Calgary. "And usually only a handful show any interest at all in going on to university. But now almost all students seem to look on higher education as the norm. And that is wonderful."

Crowfoot Vice-Principal Audrey Breaker also noticed more students were showing interest in university education. She hopes it's not temporary.

"Years ago you could count on one hand the amount of students interested in further education. But because we have started to bring in well-educated Native people who are achieving something with their lives, the young people realize that they can do anything if they work at it."

Breaker, from the Blackfoot reserve, organizes yearly event and tries to get as many people from every walk of life to speak to the youngsters, who range in age from 14 to 18.

"We had speakers from a beauty college, from our tribal police, as well as Bert Crowfoot who is a professional photo-journalist and manager of Windspeaker."

Breaker feels students identify best with Native speakers.

Crowfoot, originally from the Blackfoot reserve, gave two workshops on journalism and photo-journalism. He told the youngsters journalism is, in many ways, the ideal profession.

"It allows you to be real nose," he quipped. "You can ask personal questions. But you must always get both sides of the story, so people can make up their own minds who is right and who is wrong."

Crowfoot explained that he is a self-taught photo-journalist, but students can attend several good journalism colleges in nearby Calgary.

"You can be anything you want. You just have to go for it," he advised.

In her presentation, Dr. Bea Medicine told the students that university is hard work -- but not impossible.

"We do have support systems at the University of Calgary, such as the Red Lodge, which is a drop-in centre for Native people on campus," she told the youngsters.

Blackfoot students have the advantage of the off-campus Old Sun College, where they can take their

Treaty vs. Metis

Money problems divide Janvier

By John Copley

JANVIER — Most of the Native population of the Janvier/Chard area of northeastern Alberta, about 250 Treaty and 160 Metis residents, depend on social services for their basic needs.

The Metis, with no organized administration, rely on the Janvier Band, Alberta Municipal Affairs Improvement (ID) District (18), and Native Services Division for recreational activities.

The Janvier Band is involved in several business enterprises, including partnership in the Neegan Development Corporation, a local construction company. The firm, owned by the two Fort Chipewyan bands (Cree and Chip) along with both the Ft. McMurray and Janvier bands, last year built a 19-

kilometer stretch of Highway 881, opened last September.

The Metis group, which has always shared in the local activities of the band has little income and limited business opportunity.

Tara Standing Alone, 17,

originally from the Blood reserve, said she's interested in journalism.

"It's really interesting. Much more than I thought it would be. And it sounds like fun."

Trina Running Rabbit and Raylene Medicine Shield, both 16, said they

were thinking about it, but "we're shy."

The school presented the speakers with commemorative bronze Crowfoot medallions.

"We hope all our speakers will come back next year. This year has been very productive," said Breaker.

ing dances and winter activities."

Broadhurst says lack of Treaty support money forced him to issue an ultimatum to the Janvier administration "that unless you start contributing, because you are the major user (by population size) we will have to keep recreation programs toward the Metis."

Broadhurst insists he's "begged and asked them (band) to put money in" but his "repeated requests" have been ignored.

Chief Janvier says he cannot get recreation money from any government.

"We have the will, but no-one is willing to give us any financial support nor listen to our proposals. We have the people, but the ID authorities seem to want to split us up and have a division of our people."

An indignant Broadhurst refutes that allegation. "Not true! We have constantly tried to keep the community together as an entity rather than have a Treaty and non-Treaty relationship — this has always been our goal."

Broadhurst, describes the narrow line between Indian and Metis as a case of "people who have rights and people who don't have rights." "If you look at the extended family arrangement they (Indian/Metis) are all part of: Cree, Chipewyan, or whomever," he adds.

He feels "it is very important for both communities to get together and work together but available money (from the ID) is limited."

Will harmony return? Marvin MacDonald, executive director of the

Janvier Band, hopes so. He says though things "were a bit tense, we are trying to establish a better working relationship" and "would proceed with talks" about cost-sharing an administrator for the facility.

Janvier and MacDonald agreed that the band's main income potential is in the Neegan construction company, but business is almost at a standstill.

Janvier says the area is full of natural gas and oil companies and Petro Canada is only a mile away, but the most the band ever got "was some of the menial labor jobs."

"We can't seem to get any of the bigger contracts," he complains "and we are continually being passed over by every company we submit a bid to."

Janvier says the Neegan development company is capable of "building anything if the operating capital is there" but no-one will give them a chance.

The Fed's also promised help, says Janvier.

"Jack Shields (MP for the area) and these (political) guys tell me verbally about all the help they'll provide, but nothing is on paper. I'm fairly new at this job but it didn't take me long to realize that you can't take a government official's word for anything. Put it in writing and sign it, then maybe something positive will happen. But just try to get that signature!"

Janvier wants the ID to treat all area residents as a group when it comes to recreation.

"That's the way it's always been," he insists, "and we can't really afford to foot the bill for the centre ourselves."

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Applications for the 1985/86 academic year must be completed and returned by June 1, 1985. If you are interested in getting more information or wish to apply for an Educational Award, please contact us at the address below:

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CORRECTIONS

The Alberta Vocational Centre Lac La Biche awards night will be held on **June 6 at 5:30 p.m.**, not on June 20 as reported last week in Windspeaker.

The award-winning hockey player, pictured on Page 1 last week, was **Donovan Adams**, not Warren Bird.

Protest cutbacks

Native students challenge PM's word

By Jackie Red Crow

LETHBRIDGE — Native students at the University of Lethbridge are not optimistic about Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's promise to investigate cutbacks in funding by Indian Affairs.

A small group of mature U of L students told the prime minister on May 6 that an Indian Affairs policy, Circular E-12, has discontinued funding for about 16 Native students.

Mulroney was in Lethbridge for the 40th anniversary of the Progressive Conservative Women's Association of Southern Alberta. Lethbridge was one of several Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba stops in a three-day Western tour.

Circular E-12 establishes guidelines to determine the number of weeks a university or college student can be funded. About 172 weeks are allowed to complete a undergraduate degree. After that, funding is cut even if the degree is not completed.

Connie Crop Eared Wolf, a Blood Indian education student, said Mulroney admitted he knew about Circular E-12 and promised to talk to Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight about it.

However, she said talk might not be enough. "Education is a treaty right and the DIAND should not put a limit on the number of weeks a student can be funded."

Crop Eared Wolf and her husband Andy had their funding discontinued in April. She said most Native

students need longer to complete degrees because they are routed through diploma programs in high school instead of the matriculation programs to qualify for university.

"Most Native students go back to college to take the preparatory courses so that they can be ready for university. But that is used against us. Indian Affairs calculates those weeks spent in college towards a university degree. In the end, Native students are short of weeks when they start university," she explained.

The Crop Eared Wolfs need at least two more years of DIAND funding to graduate from the University of Lethbridge. They said they'll continue to lobby politicians "and anybody else who wants to listen" for continued funding.

Other Native students are also affected by Circular E-12. Since January, the Native American Students' Association at the university has called several meetings to protest Circular E-12, but to no avail.

Roxanne Warrior, a Peigan student of management and secretary-treasurer of NASA, was also cut in April, two years short of finishing her management degree.

"Even though I graduated from the business administration diploma program at the Lethbridge Community College and the Native Management Certificate program, Indian Affairs still used those weeks towards my degree," she said.

"I told them that I felt that



THE TOURING MULRONEYS' ...Mila and Brian visit Lethbridge

my previous business diplomas were not enough. Most employers want their

employees to have degrees. That's why I started working towards a management

degree."

Some Native students, not as vocal as the Crop

Ear Wolfs and Warrior, have taken out student loans to complete their degrees. Some are on welfare and others have moved back to their communities to look for jobs.

Andy Morgan, Indian Affairs superintendent of education in Calgary, has told Windspeaker he must follow Circular E-12 but that students with only one semester to complete their degree may get that additional funding.

The Native university students play a rally at the St. Mary's High School on the Blood Reserve this week. They have the support of the Federation of University Students composed of representatives of all universities across Canada. Andy Crop Eared Wolf will attend a federation conference in Newfoundland next week, and continue the lobby there.

"They're all wonderful"

Native artists impress Mila

By Stan Jackson

RED DEER — On a prime ministerial tour of smaller cities in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Mila Mulroney stopped here to visit Native artists and view their work.

The show was held in the Cronquist House; a three-storey dwelling built shortly after the turn of the century in the beautiful Bower Ponds along the river.

The featured artwork ranged from the early ancestral style found in some of the earlier works of Stan Warrior to the intricate complexity of the fine point black and whites of feature artist Roy Salopree.

There was an excellent array of various styles, traditional and contemporary, by artists Roy Salopree, Morris Cardinal, Roy Thomas, Farron Callihoo and Sam Warrior.

Crafts by various designers of the Red Deer Native Friendship Society were also on display. There was moose hair tufting, leather and beadwork, wall hangings and elaborate traditional costumes, one of which was modelled by the society's own Beverly Soonias.

Canada's "First Lady" Mila Mulroney was suitably impressed. She chatted with the artists involved in the showing (except for

Sam Warrior who couldn't make the trip). Mrs. Mulroney praised their work, commenting on the wide variation in styles.

The attention then turned to the crafts in the second showroom. Lyle Richards of the local society consented to model the coyote pelt headdress, drawing chuckles from the guests and media covering the tour. Mrs. Mulroney was presented a moose hair tufting design from artist-teacher Sarrah Carr.

After tea with the artists and craftspeople, she was immediately whisked downstairs, to visit with members and guests of various other ethnic groups. The entire

stop lasted under two hours, and Mrs. Mulroney expressed her disappointment.

"Time is very short and you'd like to learn as much as you can. It's nice to meet the artists and hear the stories behind their work. I think they're all wonderful," she said.

The warm temperatures and beautiful setting of the house added to the occasion. The Prime Minister's wife noted that on her last visit she "came in a storm ...and left in a blizzard." An apt description of her husband's latest reception in the west, commented one spectator.

PUBLIC NOTICE

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Tentative Date:
May 26, 27 & 28, 1987
(Registration May 25 3 - 6 p.m.)

Tentative Location:
Sawridge Hotel - Jasper

The purpose is to gather input from Indian First Nations for the development of an Indian Mental Health Program for Indian people on and off the reserve.

One delegate from each reserve is invited to attend. A letter must be received from Chief and Council identifying the delegate, whether it be a Chief, Councillor, Band member or a health related person. This person will receive some travel expense.

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Contact person: Percy Potts, Treaty 6 Vice-President or Walter S. Janvier, Project Co-ordinator.

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Metis Zone 4 farce

Leadership crisis on Native scene too

There seems little doubt that North America faces a crisis in political leadership

Item: The leading contender for the U.S. Democratic Party presidential nomination drops out of the campaign, leaving his supporters -- and the party -- high and dry. Reason: a respected and award-winning newspaper reports that he spend the weekend with a model and former beauty queen in Washington while his wife was back home -- and this in the middle of the campaign.

Item: One after another, members of Brian Mulroney's federal cabinet vacate under the pressure the highest council of our political decision-making process in Canada. Reasons: they vary from a late night dalliance in a seedy West German strip joint, to negotiation of private financial affairs while doing business with financial institutions on behalf of the Canadian taxpayers; to encouraging business interests in Quebec to attend a political fund-raising social function on the clear inference that to do so will increase chances of landing lucrative government contracts.

And the list goes on as the well-shod Canadian prime minister's team, which held such promise and won such overwhelming support from Canadian voters not long ago, limps along dishonored, at the bottom of the polls.

It would be encouraging if, at this low point in non-Native public office morality and behavior, Alberta's Native people could look with pride and respect at the performance of their own elected leaders.

This, however, is not always possible. Witness the fact that in recent weeks the Metis Association of Alberta appears to be more preoccupied with slugging it out in the courts than with serving the people.

And from charges and counter charges in the court documents filed back and forth by two factions, "slugging it out" may not be too far from the truth.

There are charges of improper disbursement of funds, of "violent wrestling" by "extremely agitated" Association officials "coming into physical contact" at meetings. There are allegations of physical violence, coercion, shouting, threatening.

It begins to sound more like Allstar Wrestling on television, slapstick comedy with a healthy dose of violence thrown in for the bloodthirsty fans, than serious conduct of business by an organization made up of elected officers with a profound public responsibility and position of public trust.

Editorial

These people were elected to serve -- not to scrap like schoolyard bullies trying to prove their manhood.

Our purpose here is not to attach blame. The courts will do this. Through litigation, the courts will determine whether Ben Courtrille and Ron LaRocque, of Metis Regional Council, Zone 4, temporarily enjoined by a court order from acting as or passing themselves off as Metis Association officials, are the violent and unprincipled individuals Sam Sinclair and the Association officials, are the violent and unprincipled individuals Sam Sinclair and the Association administration claim them to be, or whether the shouting, wrestling, and ungentlemanly conduct is more prop-

erly attributed to the administration side.

Our purpose here is to make this point. The Metis Association of Alberta should clean house. Serious, responsible, reasoned debate and deliberation should be restored in place of bedlam. The people involved should look hard at themselves and what they are doing to the image of the organization and the people.

The people deserve better. The courts should become the venue for a speedy housecleaning. The justice system should be used to identify the culprits from the victims, and to do so quickly. The justice system should not be used to delay, to obfuscate, to confuse.

And let us now head off any "shoot the messenger" types who may criticize Windspeaker for focussing light on this situation. It is our absolute responsibility to do so. We will not back off from it. Our readers expect, and will get no less.

Elder celebrates birthday

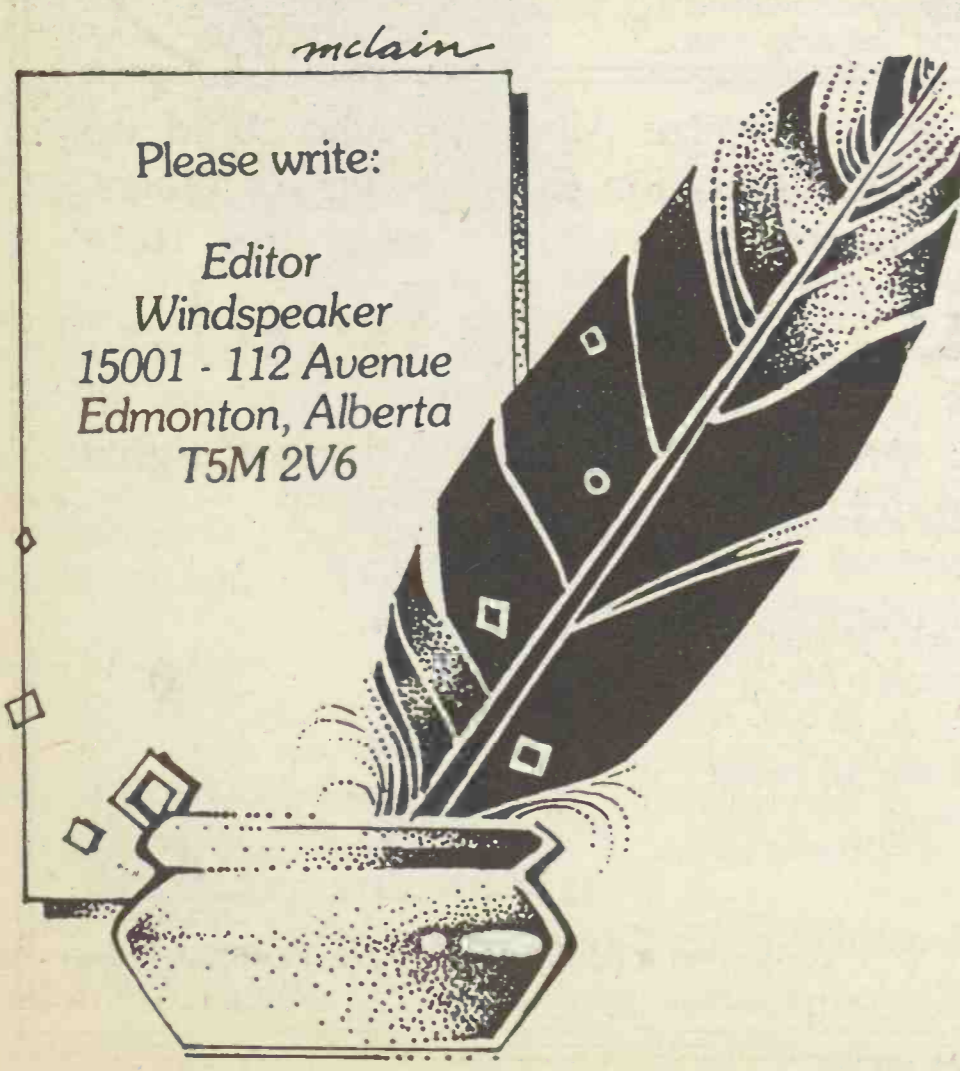
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Peigan conference

"Today's Youth -- Tomorrow's Leaders"

By Jackie Red Crow

PEIGAN RESERVE — The eighth Peigan Youth conference theme Today's Youth -- Tomorrow's Leaders -- held here May 7-8 was a cross-cultural experience.

About 78 Native and white students from 14 to 16 from Pincher Creek, Fort MacLeod and the Peigan Reserve attended.

During the last day, stu-

dent after student got up to thank the organizers, with words such as "fantastic," "interesting" and "informative."

Jordan Bruised Head, Southern regional manager of Native Outreach, conducted the evaluation.

"Ten years ago, there was a big border between Natives and whites. Now both groups of people are sitting together at a conference on an Indian reserve.

"We are breaking down those barriers and looking at each other in a positive manner," said Bruised Head.

Marvin Yellow Horn, recreation director of the Peigan nation, said one goal was to promote tolerance and understanding between Natives and whites.

"We wanted to host a conference where people who deal a lot with Natives could come and see Natives

in their own environment.

"Too many times Natives sometimes abandon their way of life to adjust to the fast pace life of the whites," explained Yellow Horn.

Yellow Horn invited a number of Natives well known in politics, arts and sports to address the students.

"We wanted these speakers to relate some of their experiences, because they were no different in

overcoming problems faced by most Native people," said Yellow Horn.

Speakers included Gregg Smith, president of the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA), Narcisse Blood, IAA vice-president for Treaty 7, Henry Potts, Peigan Special RCMP constable, and Peigan Elders Joe Crow Shoe and Leonard Bastien.

"We felt it was important that the Natives and whites

listen first-hand to accomplished role models. Too many young Natives idolize rock musicians."

Workshops on such topics as Native philosophy, time management, teens and sexuality, drama and culture were held.

The conference ended with Native western singer Paul Ortego entertaining the audience. Gerry Many Fingers, a Blood fashion designer, also staged a fashion show.

Drugs and alcohol can waste lives

By Jackie Red Crow

PEIGAN RESERVE — Two well-known Native people warned a Peigan Youth youth conference here May 8 that peer pressure leads many talented young Natives to abuse alcohol and drugs.

Joy Keeper, a Cree actress and Ted Nolan, an Ojigway professional hockey player, said many promising young Natives' futures have been ruined by alcohol and drugs.

Nolan, who played eight years with the Pittsburgh Penguins, regretted that some of his friends had "wasted their lives by taking alcohol and drugs because they thought they were smart."

Nolan, 29, advised the young audience to resist that peer pressure.

"It's a natural thing. You want to be popular and well-liked. But you do have a choice -- to drink and take drugs or not," he said.

By setting early goals, dreams can be attained, said Nolan. "Through hard work and determination you can reach your goals. I wanted to be a professional hockey player since I was five."

"But that can be a tough decision in the face of peer pressure. I had to leave home at 16 to play hockey in the city. I was scared and lonely, especially coming from a reserve life," said Nolan.

On the Garden Reserve just outside Sault St. Marie, Ontario, Nolan recalls being resented by both Natives and whites for his high ambitions. "My people called me an apple -- red on the outside and white inside. The white people told me I didn't belong in the city to play hockey.

"Even my people laughed at me when I was training, and told me I would never make it," said Nolan.

"But once I started playing hockey in the NHL, I



TED NOLAN
...professional hockey player

was more proud than ever of my Native heritage. If I had listened to them, I would never had made it," he added.

Nolan's pro hockey career ended with a back injury received in a game against the Calgary Flames last year. He returned to his reserve with his wife, Sandra, and their three-and-a-half year-old son, Brandon. He is now working towards a business administration degree.

For Joy Keeper, theatre wasn't her first dream. She

wanted to be a veterinarian.

But peer pressure almost denied her any sort of future. The Winnipeg, Manitoba Native, a good student, was often elected to her student council because of her popularity and leadership.

"Than I started doing hard drugs and drinking. My marks went downhill, my relationships with my family and friends suffered. I eventually left school, too," recalled Keeper.

"It was also a rude awakening. I went from a nice,

lovely part of the city to a rough area of town. I really grew up fast.

"At 17, I was a mess. I was depressed and lonely. Finally a friend of mine told me I better get my act together. She told me to try out for a part in a play with the Native Theatre Company in Winnipeg.

"I did, and got the part," said Keeper.

Keeper, now 23 and part of the Role Model Program with the national Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program travels to Indian

reserves across Canada to warn young Natives about alcohol and drug abuse.

She encourages students to participate in theatre. "It's a good form of expression. I overcame drugs and drinking through acting.

"Each of you has a gift in life whether it's to be an athlete or artist," she told the 78 Native and white students. "But some of you have to look for your gift."

Both Nolan and Keeper encouraged the students to get as much education as possible.

Money problems plague centre

By Mark McCallum

Dr. Anne Anderson wishes her financial problems would go away. But they won't. She's still surviving from month to month.

Recent government cut-backs ended her funding and forced Anderson to tighten the budget for her Native Heritage and Cultural Centre. The centre did receive temporary life when a hastily-arranged May 1 benefit dance by Edmonton Metis and Native organizations raised \$1,000. But that money was quickly consumed by bills.

"Next month," says Anderson, "I don't see how we can carry on."

She has reduced her expenses from \$1,500 to \$1,225 a month by cutting off the heat a month early, hoping the summer weather would last, and disconnecting one phone.



DR. ANNE ANDERSON
...no funds

Anderson will receive honorariums from upcoming Edson and Calling Lake cultural displays, but will this be enough? Probably not.

Anderson has taught the Cree language to over 2,000 students in 18 years. Her books on Native culture and language have been distributed world wide.

Opinion

Warrior society praises leaders

Dear Editor:

As leader of this society we pledge our support and thanks to our leaders that spoke at the talks. Georges Erasmus, AFN national chief, Smokey Bruyere, president of Native Council of Canada, Jim Sinclair, Metis National Council, John Amagolik and Zebedee Nugak, co-chairman of Inuit Committee on National

Issues on their stand "together" to reject the government proposal and the stand on our "inherent right" as Aboriginal peoples.

As representative for the brotherhoods and sisterhoods in the prison system, this is also our stand that no matter if some of our people are in this non-Native prison system that their "inherent right" as Aboriginal people are not on the

table for discussions. Our spiritual, traditional ways are not up for compromise, even with Correctional Service of Canada (C.S.C.). No government or government department has the right to tell us what should or shouldn't be in our spiritual or traditional way of life.

I hope even our people that are not into the Native spiritual and traditional way

will still support the people that are. For one reason, because you are red people, Aboriginal people, one people.

A message for Phil Bear-shirt and Robbie Pelletier, keep the strength, we are praying for you.

**In the spirit of
Crazy Horse,
Larry Carlson, Leader
Warrior Society**

Youth

Native students "back to the land"

By Terry Lusty

"Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to the bush we go!"

That's what students in the regular school curriculum in northern Alberta could be singing. Through Northland School Division, with 26 schools scattered throughout Alberta's northern Native communities, trapper education is being offered at the junior high level.

Late last winter, a group of students from three Northland schools went "back to the land." They gathered in the bush area near Grouard to listen, observe and learn from course instructor Ken Grover, professional trapper.

The training program

was developed through the Alberta Vocational Centre's Emile Robertson and Fred Newman of Alberta Fish and Wildlife.

Grover's assistants on the three-member teaching team are Fred Gingerich, a fur buyer for 20 years who offers his services voluntarily because he believes in the program, and, Dale Ashton, a teacher at Grouard. Ashton took a special training program last year at AVC, Lac La Biche.

Aside from regular trapping skills, the students study elements of biology, fur handling, fur marketing, business management, survival skills and first aid.

Says Ron Arnold, Northland curriculum supervisor, "The program seems to be very popular with the stu-

dents...and has stimulated a lot of interest in the communities."

Atikameg Sovereign School local school board chairperson Tommy Orr agrees. He says the community has been so enthusiastic that, "people here wanted it to be longer." They also wanted to watch the students perform hands-on tasks.

Atikameg school was the first in Northland to request the trapper education course. Three schools now teach the program, which emphasizes humane and efficient trapping skills.

The course is a joint effort of Northland, the AVC at Lac La Biche and Alberta Fish and Wildlife.

Arnold, with Bryan McBain of Northland, has been responsible for match-



GROUARD AVC STUDENTS

ing material with students. Future plans call for training of local trappers in the three communities to then become instructors of the program. They will be sponsored by the Depart-

ment of Indian Affairs and serve their internships at Hinton.

For many years Native people in northern Alberta communities have advocated traditional Native

training and curriculum.

"Parents, students and school personnel have expressed interest in a broader range of students being involved," says Arnold.

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DROPPIN IN

By Rocky Woodward

Hi! So far everything's comin' up Roses for **Native Nashville North**. We're already booking guest artists for the **June 19-25** tapings. There is, however, one small problem. Or should I say many small problems?

Where are all the cassettes you great country singers and musicians promised to send in? We need more entertainers. I know the talent's out there. Why isn't it coming in here?

Mind you, we are almost booked for the first five shows, slated for June. But that still leaves us with eight more programs -- eight opportunities for Native talent to step up into the TV spotlight. So step up! We're waiting to put you on camera.

Here are some of the "names" who are already committed to act as role models, to add their talents to the growing awareness of Native talent and equally importantly, to give their own careers a push forward.

Let's start with little **Bobby Hunter**, a first class 10-year-old powwow dancer. Sharing the Nashville North stage with the youthful stepper are country singer **Sarah St. Jean**, jazz dancer, **Raylene Rizzoli**, and the **Elizabeth Metis Settlement Petite Square Dance Group**. Now how's that for our season debut -- and no one is over 17!

Other registered guests are British Columbia country singer **Herb Desjarlais**, **Jeannette Calahasen**, **Celeste L'Hirondelle**, **Karen St. Jean**, **Rick Patterson**, **Albert Badger**, the **Kikino Northern Lites**...and many more.

Signed up for future shows are returning stars **Winston Wuttunee**, **Boye Ladd**, **Reg Bouvette**, **Johnny Landry** (a Dene from the Northwest Territories), the duet of **Cecil and**

Nashville North needs talent

Marcel Gagnon from British Columbia, Peavine's Leonard Collins, powwow dancers and other square dance groups.

Of course we also want to shout out our praise for the **Whispering River Country Band** that will back up all the performers. The band has made some personnel changes, and added a steel guitar and piano. The band leader is North American Fiddle Champion **Calvin Volrath**.

So please send in your tapes. Remember, we need three songs or instrumentals. Send them to the Windspeaker address in care of myself **Rocky Woodward**. Thanks people and don't be shy.

ALEXANDER -- To all you students attending the **Alexander School**, from the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for the greatest thank you card I have ever received.

Back in early April, I was invited to visit with the students at the **Alexander Reserve**, just northeast of Edmonton to talk about Journalism and what I do in television. For me, it was an exciting morning.

At the school I did a little singing for everyone, and at one point I asked one of the students to join me in a duet. **Heather**, keep exercising those vocal cords, you have a wonderful voice. And thanks again for the card.

EDMONTON -- The **Native Pastoral Centre**, at the corner of 109 Street and 105 Avenue, wants to remind everyone there's a **Drum Mass** on **Sunday, May 31**.

According to my friend and inspiration **Bernadette Lemay**, after the mass a small feast will be held as sort of a farewell to people leaving on their summer holidays.

Bernadette, I wish you a very warm summer, filled with lots of rest. You deserve it.

PEACE RIVER -- Why not visit our Native brothers

in prison at the **Peace River Correctional Centre**. The **Native Brotherhood Society** will hold a cultural awareness evening and a talent show, between 6 and 9:30 p.m. on **June 17**.

If you are interested, call **624-5480** at least two weeks in advance for clearance purposes. Ask for **Native Counselling**.

For you brothers in there, I would love to make it up to your special event. However, it looks as though we will be busy with the Native Nashville North tapings. As you must of read they do start on June 19.

In any event, have a great time.

AND THE WINNER IS -- Congratulations to the thousands of people out there who sent pictures of their ugly cats for **Dropping In's Ugly Pussycat Contest**.

We had so many contestants it took us days to hash through the ugly mugs to finally come up with a winner. And the winner is...not one but two winners!

Yes, out of all those thousands of ugly pussycats, two winners were picked. One cat is called "**Puss**," and the other is simply called "**Pussycat**."

Puss and **Pussycat** belong to **Ruth Bently** and **Doris Paul** respectively.

So **Ruth** and **Doris**, you will both have to split the profit of \$149.99 offered for the contest.

Dropping In congratulates both of you and the thousands of others who participated in the ugly pussycat contest. Each of you will receive a cheque for the sum of \$74.99. I get to keep the penny left over, so everybody get's treated fairly -- you two more fairly than me!

Once again, congratulations to you both and your truly ugly cats, **Puss** and **Pussycat**.

DROPPING IN -- Darlene Dyck please call 455-2700.

Have a nice weekend everyone.

The Windspeaker Calendar of Events

✓ Check it out!

- Summer School**, May 19-21, Poundmaker/Nechi Lodge, for more information call Wendy Fagin at 458-1884.
- White Swan Powwow**, June 5, 6 & 7, Yakima, Washington, USA.
- North American Indian Celebrations**, June 5, 6 & 7, Oklahoma, USA.
- Morning Star Class of '77 Reunion**, June 20, Blue Quills School, St. Paul, AB. For more information call 645-4455/429-2971 (Ext. 139).
- AVC Lac La Biche Awards Night**, June 20, Lac La Biche, AB.
- Saddle Lake First Nations Annual Powwow**, June 26, 27 & 28, Saddle Lake, AB.
- Badlands Celebration**, June 27, Brockton, Montana, USA.
- Sakimay Celebration -- 8th Annual Powwow**, June 26, 27 & 28, Grenfell, Saskatchewan.
- Poundmaker/Nechi Annual Powwow**, July 3, 4 & 5, Edmonton, AB.
- Can Kaga Otina Wacipi (Powwow)**, July 3, 4 & 5, Birdtail Sioux Reserve, Beulah, Manitoba.
- Goodfish Annual Celebration Days**, July 3, 4 & 5, Goodfish Lake, AB.
- Friends in Sports**, July 6, 7, 8 & 9, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.
- Cold Lake First Nations Treaty Days**, July 9, 10, 11 & 12, Cold Lake Reserve, Cold Lake, AB.
- International Golf Tourney**, July 9 & 10, The Liuks, Spruce Grove, AB.
- Mission Indian Friendship Centre International Powwow**, July 10, 11 & 12, Mission, B.C.
- CNFC Senior Games**, July 13 & 14, Canadian Native Friendship Centre, Edmonton, AB.
- CNFC Kiddies Day**, July 15, Canadian Native Friendship Centre, Edmonton, AB.
- Canadian Native Princess Pageant**, July 16, 17, 18 & 19, West Edmonton Mall, Edmonton, AB.
- Mens' and Womens' International Fastball Tourney**, July 17, 18 & 19, Enoch Reserve, AB.
- Klondike Days Breakfast**, July 19, Canadian Native Friendship Centre, Edmonton, AB.
- Lac St. Anne Annual Pilgrimage**, July 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23, O.M.I. Mission, Alberta Beach, AB.
- Little Pine Powwow**, August 6, 7, 8 & 9, Little Pine, Saskatchewan.
- 24th Annual Shoshone Bannock Festival**, August 6, 7, 8 & 9, Fort Hall, Idaho, USA.
- Blackfoot Indian Days**, August 7, 8, & 9, Gleichen, AB.
- Four Bands Powwow**, August 7, 8 & 9, Hobbema, AB.
- Standing Buffalo Powwow**, August 6, 7, 8 & 9, Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan.
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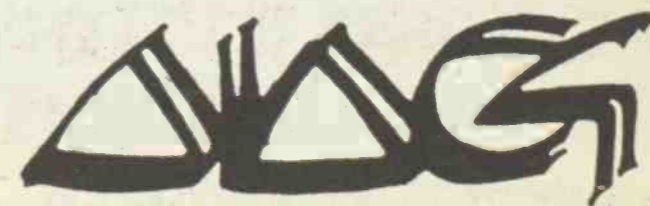
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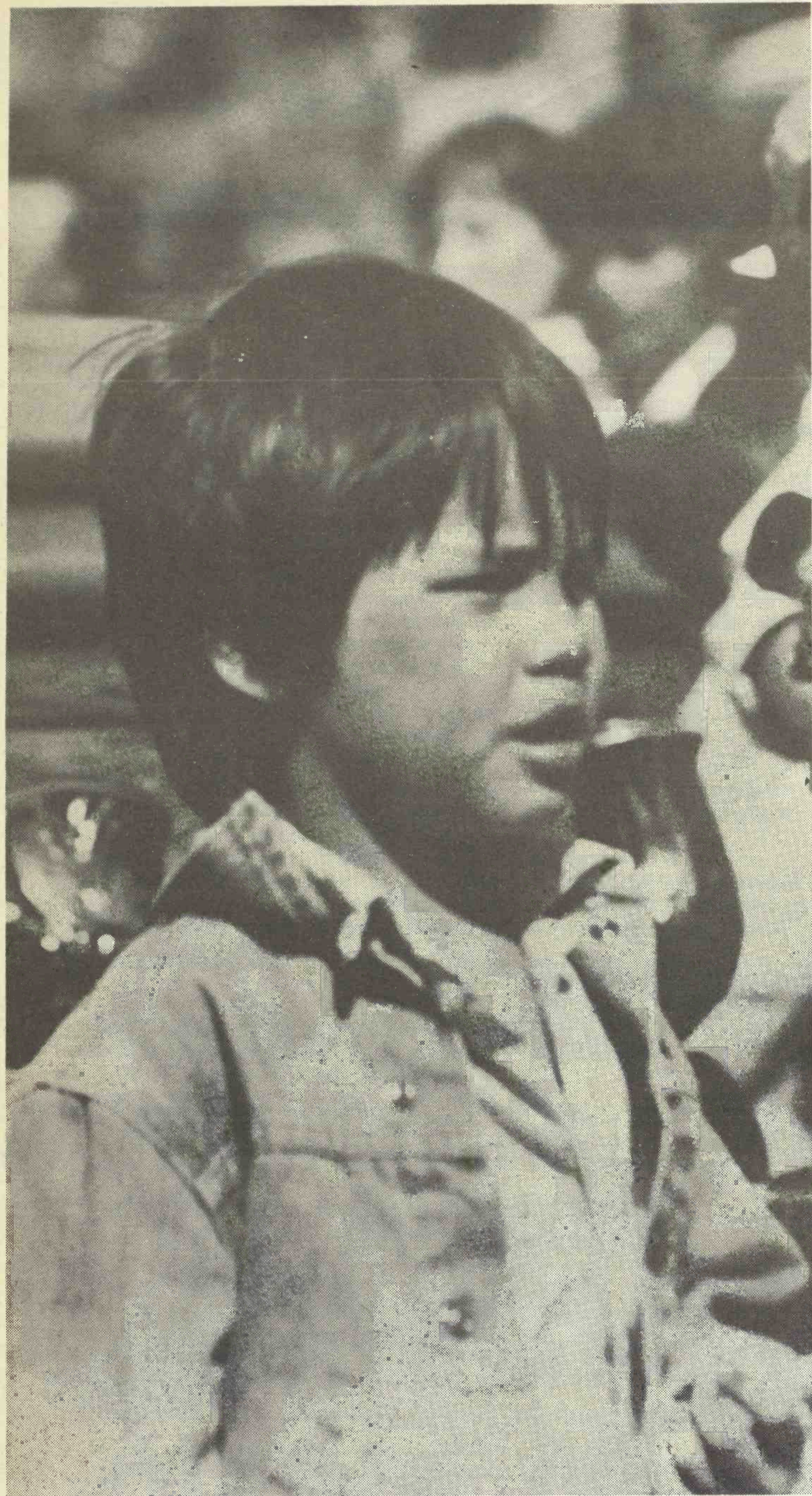
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YOUNG MOURN TOO

Three died A communi



Sunny spring day

By John Copley

April 30 is just another warm, sunny spring day for the more than 800 residents of the Janvier/Chard area, about 450 km north of Edmonton.

But about 5:45 p.m. it becomes a day of tragedy. Two cars travelling in opposite directions, collided on secondary highway 881,

approximately six kilometers west of the village of Anzac. Three Janvier Band members are killed, and four more are injured.

Dead are Arthur Janvier, 63, a National Native Alcohol and Drug Program counsellor; Simon Janvier, 47, a part-time trapper and part-time laborer; and Alvin Janvier, 23, a heavy equipment operator for the

Janvier Band.

In critical condition at Edmonton's University Hospital is 21-year-old Grace Herman, common-law wife of the Janvier vehicle's driver, Alvin. Herman has broken arms and legs as a result of the accident and is also suffering from severe spinal injuries and facial lacerations.

Injured and recovering in



PALLBEARERS

"Stand together in

JANVIER — (May 9, 1987): Many tears swell, feet shuffle and an occasional nervous cough interrupts the silence of the funeral proceedings.

Over 400 mourners are gathered in the courtyard of this community's St. Gabriel Roman Catholic Church to pay their final respects and offer their final prayers for three Janvier Band members who perished in an automobile accident (here) on April 30th.

Father Andrew Brault leads the ceremonies with prayer and comforting words. He tells the people to "stand together in this time of grief" and pray for guidance from the Creator.

Friends and relatives, including Janvier Band

Chief Walter Janvier; LaLoche, Saskatchewan Chief Walter Piche; and local resident Fred Janvier, speak to the gatherers and console them with words from the heart.

The 500-yard procession to the cemetery is hushed as the large crowd make its way on foot to the burial ground.

Elders begin to sing, and others join in the chanting of the traditional hymns, adding to the spiritual atmosphere of the proceedings.

But beneath this grief and mourning, anger swells in the hearts of many.

The accident that claimed the lives of their relatives and neighbours could, some say, have been pre-

vented. For some, it was only a matter of time until something terrible happened.

"I feel the roads are unsafe!" states Janvier band manager Marvin MacDonald.

"The province does not have an adequate maintenance program in summer or in winter."

MacDonald concedes that economic considerations must play a major role in government spending decisions, but insists every community is not treated the same.

"We do," he adds, "see a flagrant disparity in services rendered from one community to the next."

Robert Cree, chief of the Fort McMurray Band

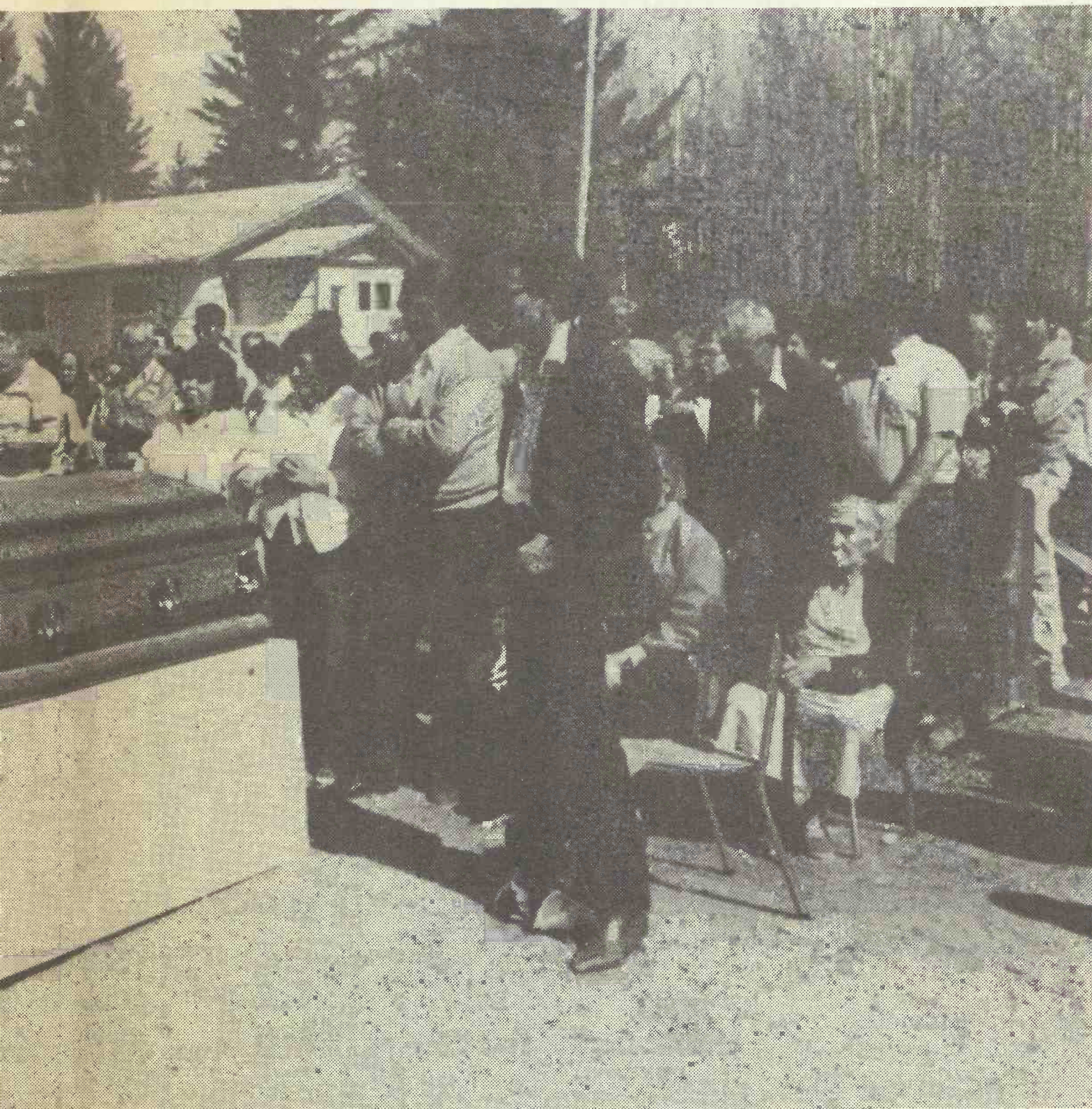
located a few kilometers east of here (on the same road,) agrees. "Everything is pretty much ignored in this area when it comes to the road," he says. "It's in terrible shape and nothing is being done to maintain it."

He suggests the dust problem could be better if the government would apply a calcium-chloride solution to highway 881 and "a grader could come along this way a little more often."

Area Alberta Transportation foreman Jack Bergheim says they were waiting for the frost to come out of the ground before initiating the annual dust program. He says it was generally done in June, but good weather this

ed on road nity mourns

PHOTOS BY JOHN COPLEY



ay ends in tragedy

the Fort McMurray Hospital are 24-year-old Patricia Fontaine, driver of the second vehicle, and 20-year-old Arnold Black, a passenger in the Fontaine's sedan. A third party, 26-year-old Terry Fontaine (Patricia's brother), will be treated and released shortly after the early evening accident.

That was more than two

weeks ago. But the shock from this tragedy is still real. And the head-on collision between the Janvier's 1978 import car and the Fontaine's 1975 American model is still being investigated by Fort McMurray RCMP.

RCMP spokesman Corporal David MacKay said the report on the cause of the accident and the find-

ings of the autopsies are not yet completed.

"It could take (depending on complexities) up to two weeks to complete the investigation," he said.

The RCMP and Alberta Transportation are searching for clues regarding the accident, with the latter promising an in-depth study of road conditions around the accident site.



ELDERS GRIEVE

n this time of grief"

spring "might allow us to be able to do it earlier."

But Janvier band manager Marvin MacDonald, who worked for five years on the roads in Buffalo National Park and put together the whole of the Northwest Territories unpaved road maintenance management program, calls that "Hogwash!!"

"The solution could be applied right now, and it could have been applied before April 30th as well," he insists.

Area resident Trudy Cockerill says two years ago a friend rolled her vehicle on the same road and ended up in hospital "because of the washboard effect of the road. The road is very dusty and when the

sun is shining (low on the horizon) it's hard to see."

Walter Piche, a former Janvier band member and now chief of the LaLoche Band in Saskatchewan, travelled over a thousand kilometers to attend his friends' funeral.

"The roads are dangerous, no doubt about it," he says.

"Basically there is one main lane on this (881) highway -- the sides are very soft, with four to six inches of gravel that wants to pull you off the road on every corner."

Local band leader Walter Janvier says "it's obvious that the grader maintenance is almost nil. When the grader passes over a road it shaves the surface

and smooths it out, but these roads are full of washboards, potholes, and rocks protruding from the ground under the highway."

Band manager MacDonald says it's clear political pressure will have to be applied.

"Dust proofing is not enough. It is mandatory that these roads be paved.

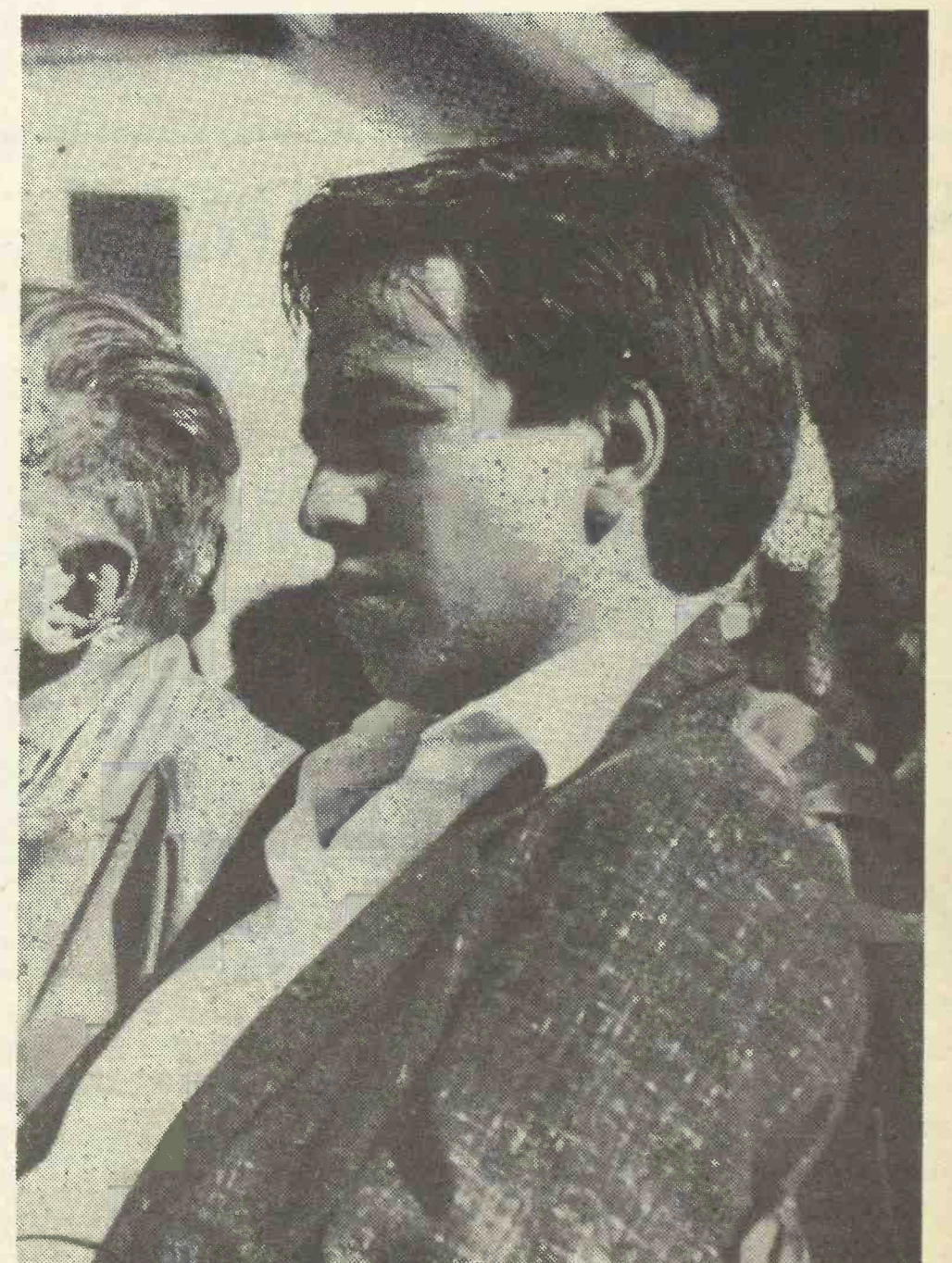
What will happen when the tourists arrive this year, as they did last year? The beaches of Gregoire Lake are literally filled with thousands of people every weekend.. Will our children be safe -- will we be safe -- will in fact, anyone be safe on these dusty dangerous roads? I think not."

Will anything be done about the highway? Not

according to Alberta Transportation project manager Lloyd DeLisle, who will conduct a "study of the section of roadway" where the accident occurred. He says "things don't change just because of one item" and that this is the first fatality on the new highway since it opened last September 17th.

And RCMP Constable Blair Thorpe, one of the investigating officers, says more than bad road conditions contributed to the accident. Says Thorpe:

"The road conditions are not the best (on highway 881) and are quite dusty but neither the dust nor road condition, in my opinion, had anything to do with this particular accident."



CHIEF WALTER JANVIER

Culture

Powwow theme

"For our Children's Children"

By Albert Crier

"For Our Children's Children" was the theme of the sixth annual Ben Calf Robe School powwow which attracted a big crowd in Edmonton on May 9.

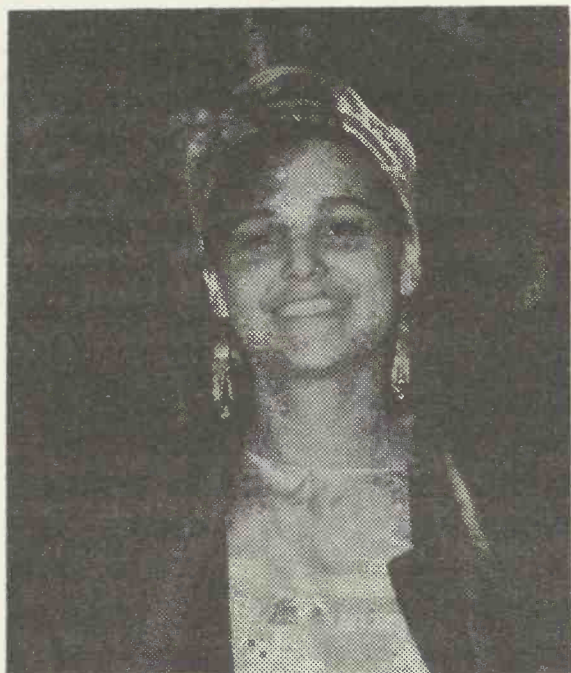
The busy day began at noon with the introduction of special guests and awards presentations. Powwow enthusiasts had packed the school gym by evening for the finals in competition dancing.

The Grand Entry dance featured 93 registered dancers in full Indian regalia. Nine drum groups from various parts of the country provided the singing and drumming for the dancers. Gold, silver and bronze medallions bearing the school logo were awarded to the winners instead of prize money.

The host drum was the Eagle Society Drum group. Other drummers were Blackfoot Crossing, White Hawk, Little Boy, Hobema Selects, Eagle Mountain, Wabamun Lake and the Plains Indian Cultural Survival School (PICSS).

Special guests at the opening ceremonies included powwow Elders Joe and Jenny Cardinal, Dr. Anne Anderson, Mark Wolfleg Sr.; Doris Calf and Cathleen Calf Robe, daughters of the late Ben Calf Robe; Nancy Betkowski, education Minister; Les Young, Technology, Research and Telecommunications Minister, and Edmonton West MP Murray Dorin.

Chief John Snow of the Wesley Stoney Band in Morley, Alberta Indian



JESSICA ARCAND
...hosting princess

Princess Robbie Healy and Saddle Lake Indian Princess Deanna Cardinal also attended.

Jessica Arcand, a 13-year-old Grade 8 student and Ben Calf Robe Princess from the Alexander reserve, was the hosting princess.

Saddle Lake Elder Joe Cardinal opened the powwow with a prayer. Later he initiated the blessing of the food provided for a feast given by the program staff and students.

"We have good people, beautiful people here. This evening we have come together and we ask the Creator, to bless us, that we may someday remedy a lot of problems and wipe away a lot of tears," prayed Cardinal.

"Maybe he started something here," said Cardinal, paying tribute to "our late brother Ben Calf Robe."

The Ben Calf Robe School program, in the St. Pius X Elementary and Jr. High School, has combined Native cultural education with the regular provincial



JESSICA ARCAND (Center) — Flanked by Joe and Jenny Cardinal at give-away dance.

academic curriculum since 1981.

The high Native dropout rate prompted Poundmaker Lodge, the Nechi Institute on Drug and Alcohol Education and the Edmonton Catholic School Board to jointly establish the Ben Calf Robe program, said teacher Phyllis Cardinal.

The late Elder Ben Calf Robe had promoted the value of education. It was because of his philosophy that "education is a tool for Native people" that the school program was named in his honor, said Cardinal.

Cardinal, teaching for 11 years (the last two in the Ben Calf Robe school program) explained the program. Along with regu-

lar courses, Ben Calf Robe students learn the Cree language, study Indian drumming and dance and arts and crafts. They also take the Catalyst Theatre drama program and study cultural subjects ranging from historical topics to current issues affecting Native people.

Students also take part in traditional "pipe ceremonies" led by Elders who visit periodically. In the annual culture camp, students camp out with Elders, who coach them on outdoor survival skills and provide further cultural training. Students in the program come from the city and outside of Edmonton. Some move into the city to take the program,

says Cardinal. Three-quarters of the students are treaty Indians, Cardinal says.

The program has the support of the Edmonton Catholic School Board, and the demand for enrollment is higher however than the program can handle. "We would like a bigger facility. We are having to turn away a lot of students, since it is on a first-come first-served basis," adds Cardinal.

The 95 students in Grades 7, 8, or 9 formed a committee to help organize and host this year's powwow. Working with staff members, the students made key chains in their arts and crafts class for the powwow "giveaway dance."

"My father had encour-

RESULTS

Mens' Fancy Dance
1st - Donny Rain
2nd - Wilson Bearhead
3rd - No third

Womens' Fancy Dance
1st - Rachel Snow
2nd - Leah Keewatin
3rd - Bobbie Jo Cardinal

Mens' Traditional
1st - Robert Bellegarde
2nd - George Isadore
3rd - Willie Auger

Womens' Traditional
1st - Delphine Agecutay

Teen Boys' Fancy Dance
1st - Stanley Isadore
2nd - Waylon Bird
3rd - Mechael Thunderchild

Teen Girls' Fancy Dance
1st - Rhonda Bird
2nd - Rhonda Cardinal
3rd - Teresa Snow

Teen Boys' Traditional
1st - Craig Auger
2nd - Lonny Potts
3rd - Shawn Bernard

Teen Girls' Traditional
1st - Germaine Bird
2nd - Roberta Agecutay
3rd - Gloria Snow

Boys' (12 & under)
1st - Bobby Morin
2nd - Shane Red Star
3rd - Waseskuan Bellerose

Girls' (12 & under)
1st - Taryn Agecutay
2nd - Monica Bird
3rd - Mariah Longmore

Elders' Traditional
1st - Mark Wolfleg Sr.

Grass Dance
1st - Delbert Wapass
2nd - Morris Davis
3rd - Shane Red Star

aged the young, to carry on the traditions. He would have been very proud with what he would have seen today," said Kathleen Calf Robe, as she watched young Benjamin Calf Robe, the great-grandson of the late Elder, run and play.

SPEAKING OUT...

"Should powwows be competitive with prize money?"



Russell Auger, Edmonton, 33, addictions counsellor, Poundmaker's Lodge:

"No. Powwow is a time for sharing and closeness. Competition takes away from what Indian culture talks about."



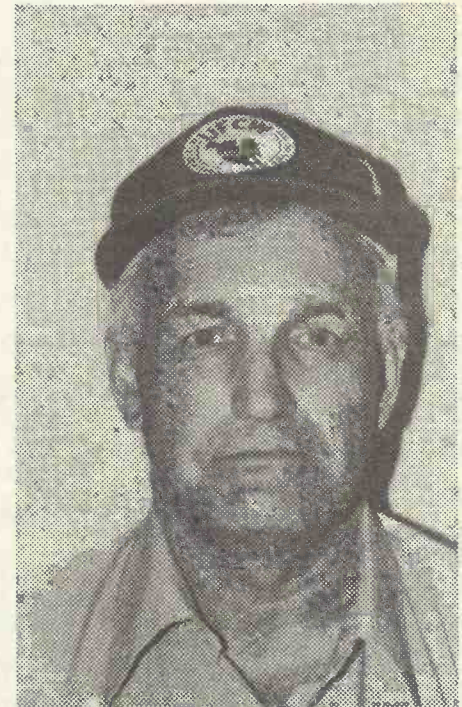
Willie Auger, Sarcee, a student at U of C, traditional dancer:

"Yes. They tried it the other way. Nowadays there is travelling involved. And proper dress, in the form of a complete outfit is required."



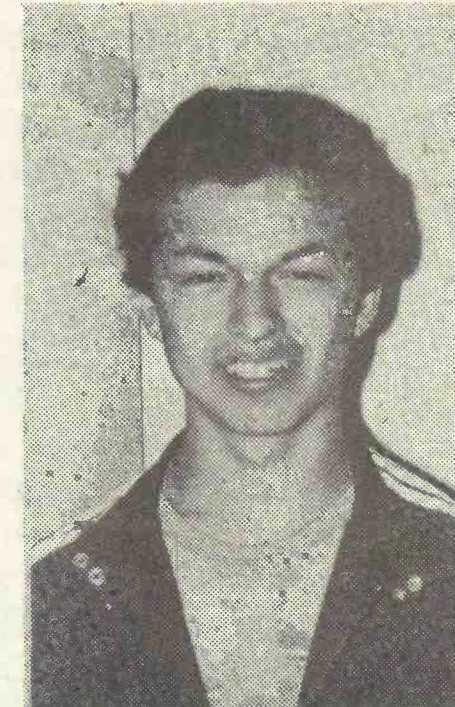
Diana Tokohopie, Whitebear Sask., 23, unemployed:

"No. In the olden days, they didn't have that (competition). It meant more."



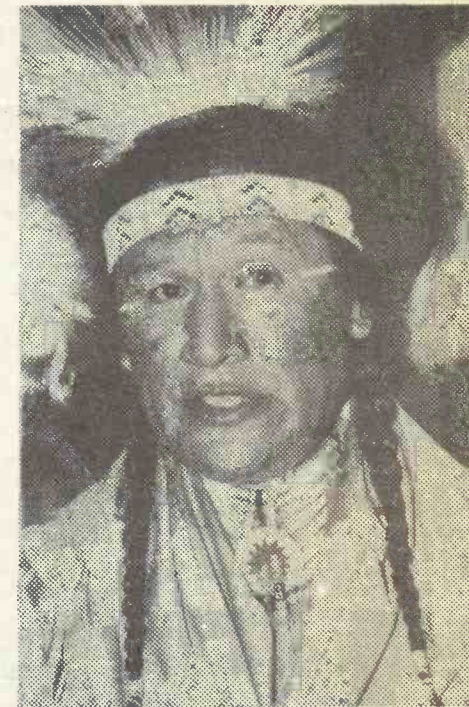
Walter Allison, Edmonton, 59, former security guard:

"Yes. If prizes are given, people will be more interested."



Richard Amable, Edmonton, 17, Grade 9 student at Ben Calf Robe School:

"No. They never received prize money in the past."



Dave LaSwisse, Fort Qu'appelle, Sask., 45, traditional dancer, AADAC worker:

"No. Competitions have political overtones. There are people who travel long distances to take part in many powwows, and they never win."



GARY LABOUCAN (Standing)
...portrays legendary Indian dance

Strange mix makes good concert

By Mark McCallum

Air guitar, Indian legends, jazz dance...

A strange combination? Not if you're a student at the Prince Charles School in Edmonton, where a May 6 Spring concert with that mix attracted the largest crowd to date, and went off "smoothly."

Students performed the Indian legend story, "How the Human People Got the First Fire," from the book *Son of Raven, Son of Deer* by George Clutesi. Clutesi wrote the story after watching his grandparents act out the story characters in tra-

ditional robust song and dance ceremonies.

Teacher Cheryl Leduc, who helped direct the 20 student actors, explains that "none of the human people in the legend were able to make fire. But Ah-tush-mit, the young son of deer, asked the chief if he would try to get fire from the wolf people, who had the warm flames in their homes."

Ah-tush-mit received permission from the chief, and women in the tribe made him a costume for his mission. Outside of the wolf den, he danced so high the wolf people could not

resist letting him in. His dance made the wolf people roll over in laughter. Then, the son of deer took one final leap over the fire and raced home, his costume burning at the knees.

This is how the human people got fire. Ah-tush-mit hid dry timber inside his knee-bands to attract the flames, and that is why to this day the inside of a deer's legs are black, according to the legend.

Teacher Perry Onishenao says 13-year-old Gary Laboucan was great in the role of Ah-tush-mit even though he was a last-minute replacement and had

almost no time to rehearse.

Onishenao, who assisted the students, said they worked on the set for over two months before the big night.

For the jazz dance production *Sky-Man*, teacher and converted producer Remi Mailhot remarked, "the students made all their own costumes from scratch."

Three months of preparation -- 78 hours of rehearsals at lunch hours -- and 60 dancers were needed for the production, taken from the Haida legends and applied to jazz steps.

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A craft show-barbeque-powwow will be held on June 6, 1987 at McDonald Island. The host drummers will be the Kehewin and Onion Lake bands. Admission is \$15 per person.

Banquet and dance after the assembly at the Ramada Inn, music by the Strangers.

For more information phone the Nistawoyou Friendship Centre at (403) 743-8555 or write 8310 Manning Avenue, Fort McMurray, Alberta, T9H 1W1.



DALE SPENCE and GORDON RUSSELL
...Spence surprised winner

Spence wins "trying for second"

By Jerome Bear

After 67 golfers played 2,412 holes over two sunny days at the Fifth Annual Canadian Native Friendship Centre's Spring Warm-up tournament last weekend at the Sherwood Park Golf Club, Hobbema's Dale Spence stepped into the winners circle.

Spence, a member of the Wetaskiwin golf club, won with a 36-hole score of 161. He was just one stroke better than Ray Wolfe of Hobbema.

"This was my first time in this tournament and also was the first time I played this course," said Spence. He was surprised by his victory. "I was just trying for second place."

Spence, a golfer for eight years, shot a 79 on opening

day and 82 the next with the winning score of 161.

"I plan to play in more tournaments scheduled this summer and to improve my standard of playing," he said.

Other winners were Elly Cadieux in the ladies' division, Simon Threefingers in the Senior division and Steve Buffalo in the Junior division.

Prizes were awarded for the longest drive and the closest to the pin in each division. A steak dinner was part of the closing awards ceremony.

Another Native golf tournament is scheduled for May 30 and 31 at the Stony Plain club. The \$75 entry fee buys two days of golf, a steak barbeque and prize money in each division.

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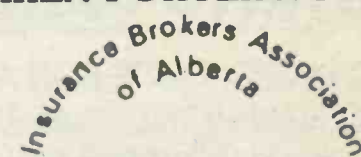
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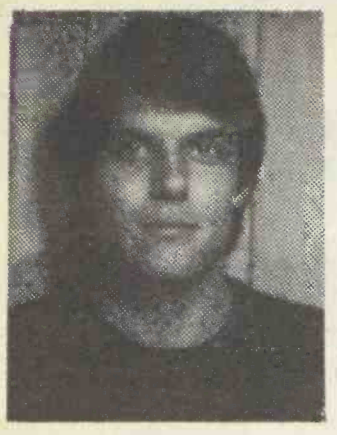
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Mark
McCallum

The official kick-off date for **National Physical Fitness Week** is **May 22 -- Sneaker Day**. **Fitness Canada** encourages everyone to wear their Nikes or Rebocs. But, if your pocket book is in worse shape than your belly, forget the brand name joggers and just wear **mukluks**.

Besides, Sneaker Day sounds sort of...well, sneaky. The word sneaker is too closely associated with people who sign into motels under the name Smith, or creep around at night up to no good. So, why not make a little change, and call it Mukluk Day.

After all, have you ever heard of anyone muklukiing out of the office five minutes early? Some mukluky-looking character in Ottawa probably thought up the name.

In any case, **Fitness Week** will run 'til **May 31**. So, get your moose-sole runners on and get in on the action.

HOBHEMA -- A minor softball league is slowly starting to get off the ground for young people from seven to 16, explains recreation director **Lorna Lenz**. But more players are needed for the league. Lorna says, "kids 4 and 5 years old are showing more interest in playing ball. So if we get enough, we'll start a T-ball league for them." She adds a Hobbema ladies' fastball league is also being established.

A soccer clinic will be held at the **Howard Buffalo Memorial** (HBM) soccer field (10 to 3 p.m.) May 23. Lorna says, "we'll need at least 15 people to make it run."

Mukluks on Sneaker Day?

On May 25 in conjunction with National Physical Fitness Week, a fitness evaluation testing booth will be set up at the **Muswachees Mall** (11 to 2 p.m.) for anyone who wants to check their fitness level. A free racket ball clinic will be held at the HBM centre May 28. And, May 29 will rap-up Fitness Week at **Hobbema** when a **Four Bands fun run** will draw a starting line at the Ermineskin school (10 a.m.) Runners must pre-register at the school or at Four Bands Recreation. For more information about these events, call Lorna at 423-9115.

ALEXANDER -- A Sports Spring Classic will include **Alberta Pony, Chuckwagon and Chariot Association** races **May 16, 17 and 18**. Recreation worker **Tony Arcand** says, 16-team men's and eight-team women's fastball tournaments will add to the activities. Call Tony or J.R. at **939-4346** for details.

DESMARAIS -- The **Northlands Games** is a new event phys ed teacher and coordinator Mies Walsh, of the hosting **Demarais** school, hopes will become an annual event. The games are aimed at students in Northlands Division schools. Because these schools are spread around northern Alberta,

explains Mies, students really never get the chance to know each other.

May 30 at 10 a.m. the games and its eight events will start at the largest school in Northlands division. Mies says over 300 students from 10 schools are already confirmed for the games, so why not come out and encourage these young athletes.

WINDSPEAKER -- The office slow-pitch team got its season off to an appropriately slow start on May 11. Guess you could say, the game was "Gone With the Wind." **Windspeaker** blew the opener against the **Grizzly Beers** 24-14 (now that's offence!). The grizzly experience has taught everyone to bear down a little more. Our gang will blow up a storm or two this year, hopefully.

NATIONAL JUNIOR BOXING RESULTS -- Two members of the **Alberta Junior C Boxing Team** were victorious at the Nationals in **London, Ontario** May 8 and 9. **Fort McMurray Nistawoyou Friendship Centre** club fighter **Brett Marchand** defeated **Dean Jeffries, of Halifax**. And **Rorrie O'Leary, of Edmonton**, out boxed **St. Catharines' Paul Bernard**.

Until next week, there ain't no more.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Blood chiropractor was a counsellor

By Jackie Red Crow

CARDSTON — Dr. Grant Fox never planned to be a chiropractor. In fact, he wasn't sure what a chiropractor does.

But that all changed for the 42-year-old Blood Indian who decided to return to university in 1980. However, it was not to study chiropractic but counselling.

Dr. Fox was the Cardston High School Native counsellor for several years. "I returned to school because I wanted to be a better counsellor. I thought I would pick up some psychology courses," said Dr. Fox in an interview in his office.

While studying psychology at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, Fox took an aptitude test so that he would know how to conduct the test to prospective students.

"I scored high in counselling and agriculture. But the highest was in chiropractic.

"I thought this ridiculous. I'm not even sure what a chiropractor does," smiled Dr. Fox.

Several weeks later, Dr.

Fox returned to his home community — the Blood reserve — and a number of strange events seemed to perpetuate his calling. During his semester break Fox's wife Vikke started complaining about problems with her spine. They decided to make an appointment with a chiropractor in Pincher Creek, Dr. Cal Salmon, who had seen other members of the Dr. Fox family. "I went to find out what great things he was doing for my family," said Dr. Fox.

During his wife's medical examination, Dr. Fox's interest was piqued. "I asked a lot of questions about various chiropractic procedures," he said.

"Dr. Salmon finally turned to me and said, you know you would make a good chiropractor.

"That moment sparked my interest and I began to think about a career in chiropractic more seriously," he said. And my wife responded well to Dr. Salmon's treatments."

Dr. Fox then started looking into the admission requirements in a chiropractic course. Since he

already had a Bachelor of Science degree from BYU he obtained in the early '70s, all he needed was an additional chemistry course before being admitted into a school of chiropractic.

"We had a family meeting and we decided to move to Utah and start working towards my goal," said Dr. Fox.

After he completed his required chemistry course, Dr. Fox enrolled in Palmer College in Iowa to study chiropractic in September, 1981.

As with all students, Dr. Fox was not really prepared for the hard work ahead of him. "A month later, it (school) was really stressful. I thought what am I doing here," said Dr. Fox.

He had classes from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every day with only an hour break for lunch.

"And when I got home after 3:30 p.m., I just couldn't kick off my shoes and relax. I had to study into the night.

"After I made it through the first quarter, I got good marks, I thought I can make it now," said Dr. Fox.

In 1984, he graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic. He then attended the Toftness Post Graduate School of Chiropractic. Dr. Fox is now working on getting his certificate in the Toftness Procedures, which requires three years of practical application.

Upon completion of his chiropractic course, Dr. Fox still had more examinations to pass. He successfully passed the Montana Chiropractic Association test to obtain his license to practise in the U.S. His family moved to Havre, Montana so that Dr. Fox could practise in the town for nine months.

At that time Dr. Fox was approached by the former executive director of the Blood Health Centre, Warren Means, about the possibility of setting up an office on the Blood reserve to practise his profession.

"He told me to give them a proposal (Blood Health Board) which I did but I never heard from them again," said Dr. Fox.

"I don't know what the problem was (why he never heard from the Blood Tribe

Health Board). I preferred to practise on the Blood reserve.

Dr. Fox's family wanted to move back home so he started preparing for another chiropractic examination. Last summer he passed the Canadian National Board test to practise chiropractic in Canada.

When negotiations with the Blood Tribe Health Board didn't go anywhere, Dr. Fox started looking for an office to set up his practise.

Dr. Fox invested his own capital into renovating an office space in Cardston. Last October, he opened his office which is called the Southwest Chiropractic Clinic located on Main Street in Cardston.

"It was a blessing in disguise," said Dr. Fox referring to being situated in Cardston rather than on the Blood Reserve. "I'm not sure if I would have received a lot of patients being in the middle of the reserve."

"I'm happy I got a good location. I get both Native and non-Native patients," said Dr. Fox.

Dr. Fox specializes in the Toftness technique in chiropractic which is using radiation to detect problems present in the spine.

"Chiropractic is similar to Native healing. Indians are more receptive to natural means rather than pills and surgery," said Dr. Fox.

Dr. Fox credits his wife, Vikki, who gave him the most support and encouragement during his years of study. "Without her support, I don't think I could have made the course."

Dr. Fox completed his B.Sc. degree from BYU in animal science and has worked in the agriculture field with the Blood Tribe for several years. He also does his own ranching.

He resides on the Blood reserve with his wife and their eight children.

Dr. Fox is the son of Josephine and the late Alex Fox. He also has several brothers and sisters who "really supported me" during his years of study.

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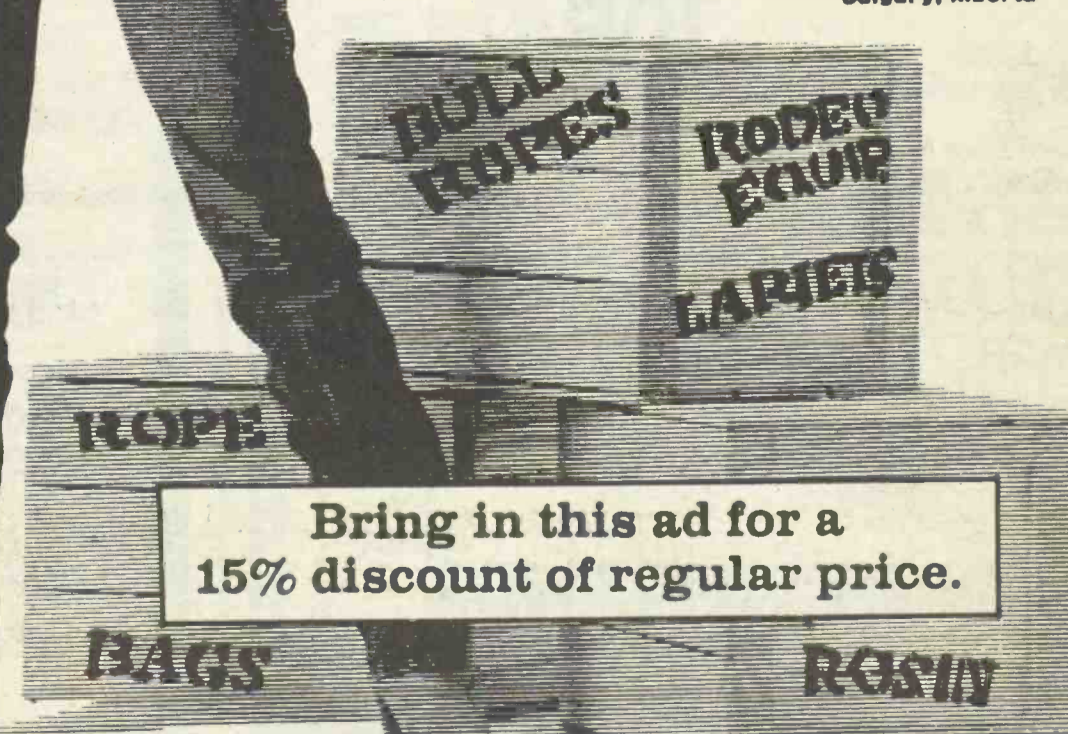
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IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Metis Zone 3 wants more coverage

By Albert Crier

The extent of coverage of southern Alberta Metis news by the Kainai News newspaper is being questioned by Aurele Dumont, vice-president, of Zone 3 of the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA).

A dispute has been sim-

mering for several months between the Calgary-based Metis Authority South (MAS) and Indian News Media Inc. (INM) publisher of the southern Native weekly paper, over how much and how well Metis news is published in Kainai News.

The Indian News Media,

which is based in Cardston, Alberta receives federal and provincial funding to serve the Native population from Red Deer to the U.S. border.

The latest chapter in the dispute, a May 4 meeting in Calgary between INM and MAS, ended with little agreement.

"The meeting did not go very well. Kainai News told us that they did not have a mandate to cover Metis News in their area," Dumont told Windspeaker.

Conceding that Dumont has been "somewhat irate over Kainai coverage of Metis news" Clayton Blood, coordinator of INM, said he thought the meeting was constructive.

"The Metis had given us good ideas on expanding our coverage of Native news in the area," said Blood.

MAS was represented at the meeting by Dumont, Zone 3 director, Joan Major Malmas and Jim White, MAA Local 18 president, INM society was represented by Blood, president Marie Smallface Marule, and marketing manager Loro Carmen.

MAS presented a proposal for expanded Metis coverage, particular of Calgary urban Native matters.

The proposal called for new names for Kainai News and the Indian News Media Society to better reflect all Aboriginal peoples in the area. MAS also proposed establishment of a MAS communications society, staffed by Metis, to produce two full pages of Metis material for each issue of Kainai News.

MAS also proposed establishment of a communications training program, including journalism and advertising, with INM and other government-funded agencies such as the Native Economic Development Program, NEDP, involved in the funding.

MAS also asked INM to send three free copies of Kainai News to all Metis Locals in the area, with all members of MAS getting an initial subscription discount.

INM resisted most of these demands.

"We refuse to be manipulated by any interest groups," said Blood. But he



AURELE DUMONT
...unsatisfied

said INM did agree to send the free copies of Kainai News to the MAS office, and suggested a freelance writer be assigned to Metis events and issues.

Kainai News currently has reporter Rudy Mann working out of its Calgary Bureau on a three-month contract.

Kainai News has often retained other freelance writers in Edmonton and Calgary to cover Metis

news, said Blood.

Dumont admits Kainai News has carried more Metis news lately, but he claimed this is only a result of Metis complaints. And he claimed Kainai News is serving the Blackfoot people across the U.S. border with Canadian and Alberta government funds.

"News is news and the one with the most news is the one that gets the most attention," responded Blood, adding that the Blackfoot in Montana are part of the Blackfoot Confederacy of southern Alberta.

Marc Arnal, Edmonton-based regional director of the Native Citizens Directorate of Secretary of State, said he was unaware of the results of the May 4 meeting. But he said his office has been working with both MAS and INM to resolve their differences.

"At this point in time, we will have to sit down with both sides to find a resolution. We are not discussing the funding arrangements of Kainai at the present," said Arnal, whose department provides federal funding to Kainai News.

Folk Dance Fever at Grand MacEwan

By Jerome Bear

Folk Dance Fever '87, a summer school for folk dance teachers, will be held at the Grant MacEwan Community College, Jasper Place Campus from July 17 - 24 and July 25 - August 1.

Gail Leonard, dance program head, and David Goa, curator of Folk Life at the Provincial Museum of Alberta, are the two principle instructors. They will present skills and techniques to assist students in teaching folk dance more effectively. They will also be introduced to theatre production.

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over, have three years of dance experience, provide a letter of recommendation, complete a folklore assignment prior to the training, teach an ethnic dance to the class, and provide a session of instruction to their dance group within six months of the course completion.

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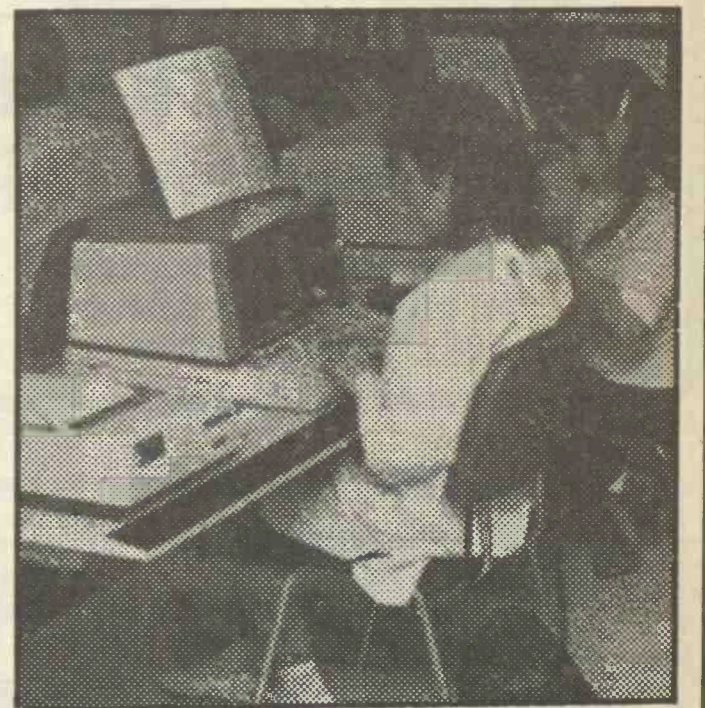
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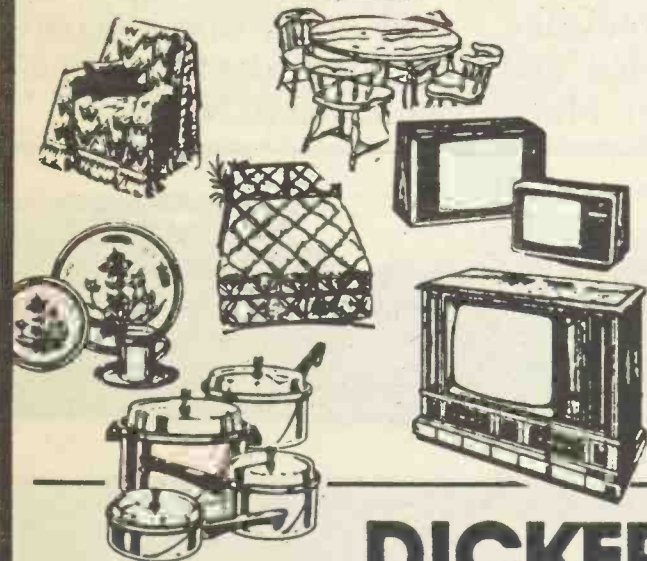
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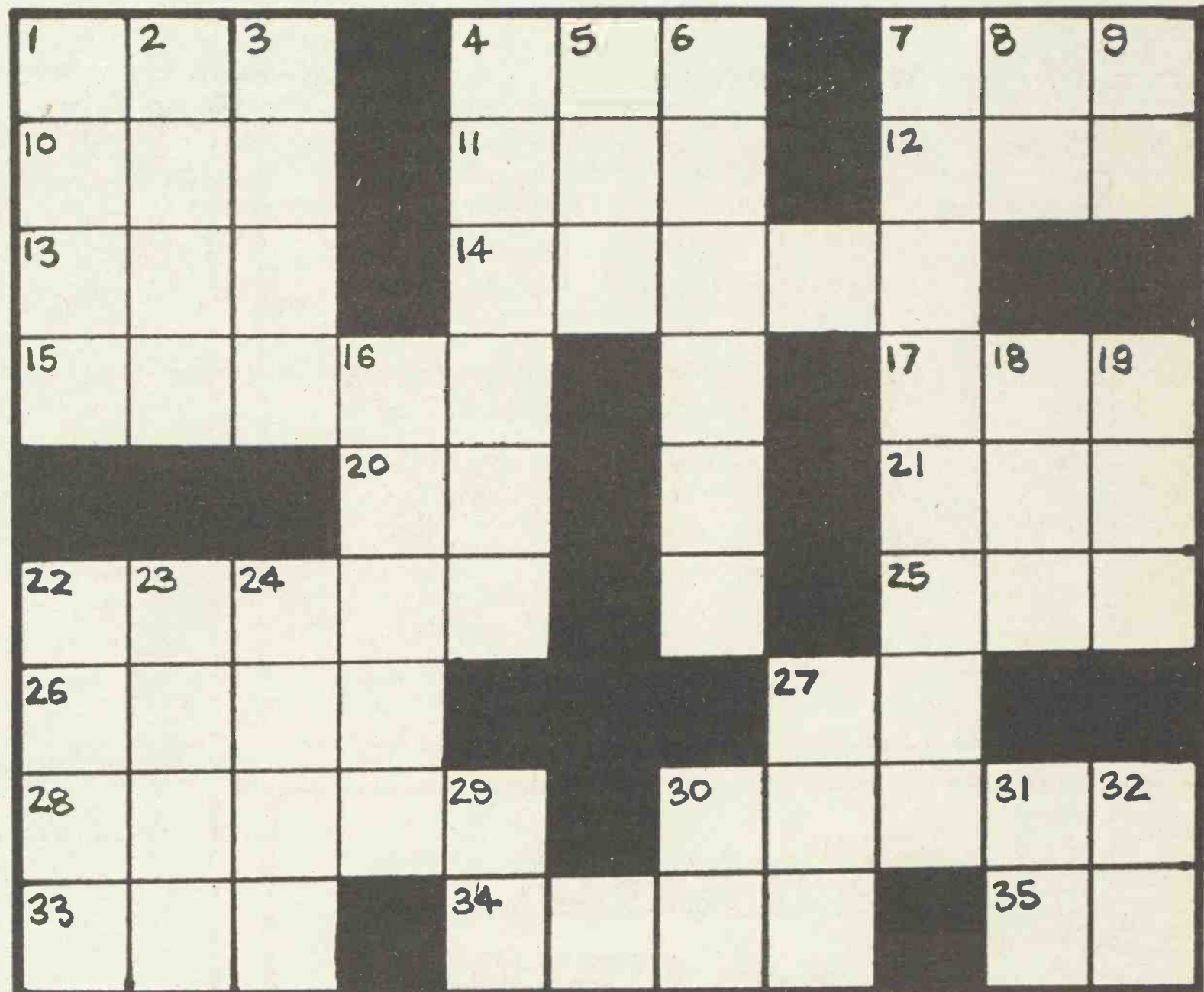
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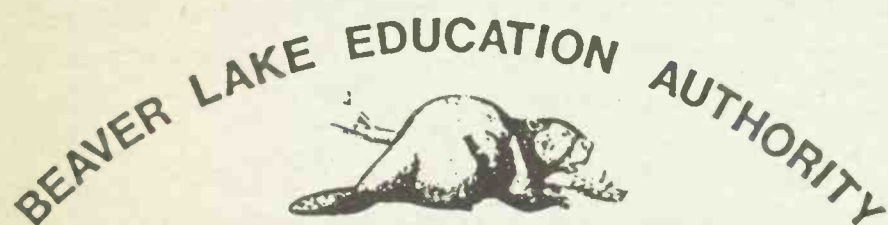
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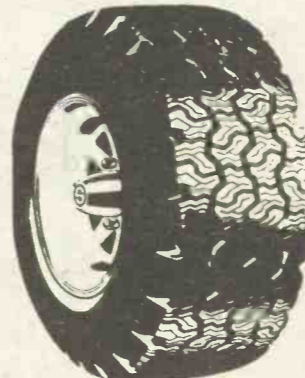
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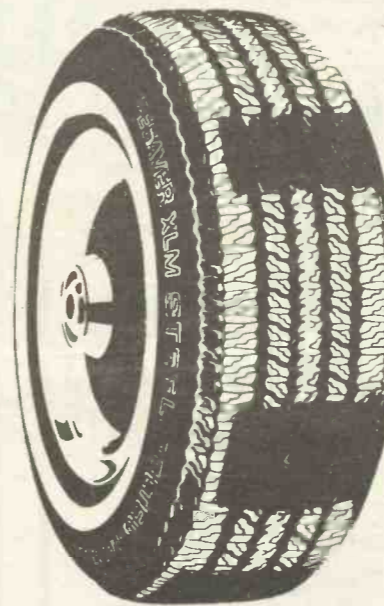
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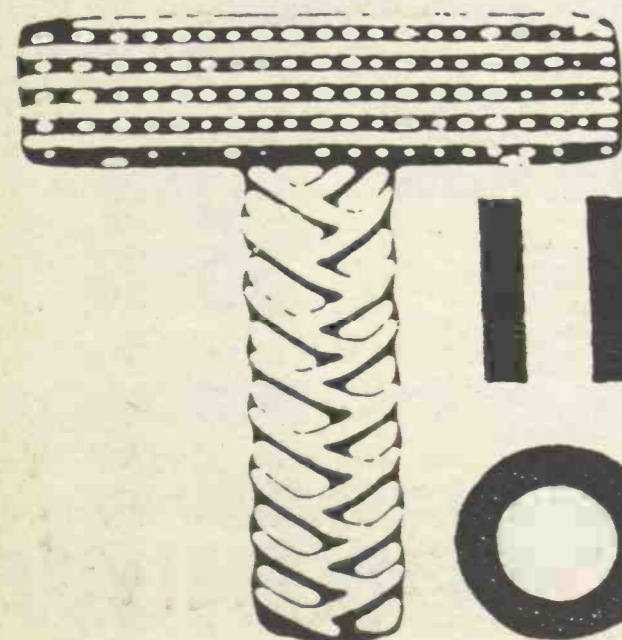
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