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Rally at gov't building

Meech Lake accord protested by leaders

By Lesley Crossingham

The Meech Lake accord betrays Aboriginal people and jeopardizes treaty rights say Indian Association of Alberta leaders.

About 100 demonstrators demonstrated against the accord at the Alberta legislature Monday Nov. 23 and called upon the government to change it to allow for treaty protection. Protestors also called upon the government to settle the Lubicon Lake band's land claim.

"Mulroney calls Meech Lake an historic agreement that brings Quebec into the constitution, but he conveniently forgets about treaty and Aboriginal rights," said president Gregg Smith to the assembled crowd on the steps of the legislature.

"Until our rights are properly recognized and entrenched, Canada will be incomplete," he added.

The Meech Lake accord is an agreement between the provinces and the federal government that will allow Quebec to enter into Confederation. Quebec refused to sign the constitution when it was repatriated in 1982 because former Premier Rene Levesque said Quebec is a unique and distinct society.

The new accord recognizes Quebec as a distinct society and has given far

ranging powers to all the provinces including allowing them to select Supreme Court judges and opt out of federal spending programs.

And, in order to amend the constitution all provinces must agree. Currently, a constitutional amendment only requires the majority of provinces calculated on population.

Smith and other members of the association feel that once the accord is ratified Aboriginal self-government will be almost impossible to achieve.

Treaty 8 vice-president Lawrence Courtoreille called upon the government to reopen negotiations on the accord to allow for Aboriginal input.

Courtoreille submitted a three-part demand to the legislature which calls for a "fair settlement for the Lubicon claim, that the Meech Lake accord include treaty and Aboriginal rights, or totally scrap the accord."

Association official Peter Many Wounds Jr. then called upon the government to speak but when no official came forward, led the crowd in a chant of "wimps."

Courtoreille added that when Premier Getty gets any opposition "he calls Albertans wimps. We're not going to take that. We won't be called wimps," he said.



CARVER TAKES WING

Metis carver Marvin Bourge, 32, did brisk business at the 1987 National Native Arts and Crafts show at Edmonton's Convention Centre Nov. 20 - 22, selling his antler and horn carvings and taking orders for

more. The Fort Simpson (N.W.T.) artist, born in Fort Chipewyan, began carving wood with a pocketknife as a young boy.

— Photo by Terry Lusty

Dec. 11 special issue

Ancient legends at Xmas - our gift to you

Windspeaker has a special gift for you, our reader, this Christmas.

It's a special Dec. 11 issue filled to the brim with ancient legends from many tribes (Micmac, Haida, Blackfoot, Cree, Inuit, etc.), modern stories, wild meat recipes, herb lore, old

ways and information about powerful animals like the bear, wolf and buffalo.

And, to all of you who have sent us your poetry to publish, if you haven't seen it in former issues of Windspeaker, the Dec. 11 issue is where you'll likely find it.

December is Pawastak-

inases month (Cree for "Little Drifting month"). It truly is the time of year when the cold winds blow the snow into little piles. It's also the time when, in days long past, our people stayed inside to tell wonderful stories and legends by the light of the fire.

This Christmas season we hope you, too, will gather your family around you and read to them some of the stories we've published at this special time of year.

Remember, the Christmas special will be published Dec. 11. Watch for it!

Federation prez says 'lack of funding' is real problem

Hardy calls 'watchdog' group 'healthy,' says complaints are growing pains

By Lesley Crossingham

Complaints and disagreements on the eight Metis settlements are the natural growing pains of democracy says the president of the Federation of Metis Settlements in reaction to the announcement of a "watchdog" organization formed on the Buffalo Lake settlement recently.

"I have no problem with our members organizing new groups, in fact I think it's healthy," said Hardy, who points out that because of limited resources settlement councils often have to bear the brunt of criticism from their members when

programs and services cannot function properly because of lack of funding.

"There is always a problem with housing, and because almost all of us are related in some way or another, people say it is nepotism. But perhaps people should look at the real problem — lack of funding."

Hardy points to the fact that housing budgets for the eight settlements have been "cut by 40 per cent" and are left to local discretion. He also points out that the recent problems at the Peavine (Big Prairie settlement) over alleged election discrepancies were

the result of poor legislation.

"Everyone (settlements) runs on a traditional base for elections and each settlement varies. There are no hard and fast rules but with the new Metis Settlement Act, we hope to put all that aside," he said.

The new act, which is scheduled to be introduced into the Alberta legislature in the spring will include set rules and regulations that all settlements must follow.

"There will also be an arbitration board made up of members and Elders who would rule on disputes such as elections, memberships and land ownership," he said. "Right now this is

all left up to the council and of course people are unhappy. This law (the Metis Betterment Act) is paternalistic and gives the councils no power."

The current legislation, which was formed in 1938, leaves the power of decision to the Alberta government. When council's make a bylaw it must be approved by the minister who can turn down any council decision without giving a reason.

Recently, a meeting was held in the Buffalo Lake (Caslan) settlement and a new organization, Metis



WINDSPEAKER PHOTOFILE

RANDY HARDY
...forming new Metis Act

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DIANNE MEILI, Windspeaker

NIK ALEXANDER
...rock star doesn't do drugs

Youngsters say no to drugs

By Dianne Meili

The young people who attended the Yellowhead Tribal Council's youth conference, Nov. 20 and 21 at Enoch, went away feeling proud of their culture and a little more prepared to say "no" to drugs and alcohol.

And that, according to Robert Cardinal, co-ordinator of the Eagle Flight '87 — Soaring to New Heights conference, is what the event was all about. Held during the national alcohol and drug abuse awareness week, the workshops with Elders, rock stars and visitors from other provinces were designed to make young people feel good about their heritage and themselves.

"We were pretty selective about the workshop speakers. We wanted to create an awareness in the kids as to who they are — they're Native people and they have so much to be proud of," explained Cardinal. He noted that the speakers didn't preach to the kids about what they should or shouldn't do, but instead taught them about their culture.

"The speakers were working from the heart. They volunteered their time and didn't come for the money...they were given only gas money and food. They planted a seed in the young people...told them about the Native way to give them strength to build on," Cardinal said. It was also made very clear to them that the Elders pray very hard for them so that they might grow up strong and true to tradition, instead of surrendering to drugs and alcohol, he added.

Conference master of ceremonies and "Spirit of the Rainbow" program representative Don Burnstick, who used to live at Enoch, was encouraged by what he saw at the conference. "This is a dream come true!" he exclaimed, claiming he's happy to see

such positive work occurring on his former reserve.

After a give-away and round dance, in which the young people hugged each other and held hands, Burnstick told Windspeaker it's these kinds of activities that make kids feel good.

"It increases their self-esteem...they learn it's okay to show affection. Indian men especially have a hard time with this sometimes." Burnstick adds that "self-image building" exercises better prepare our youth to be strong against drugs and alcohol, even when all their friends are indulging.

Nik Alexander, of the American rock group Winterhawk, spoke straight about drugs and alcohol to the more than 600 young people from the five Yellowhead Council bands and Driftpile, Meander River, Slave Lake, Saddle Lake, Swan River and Assumption. "Look at me, I'm a rock musician...and I don't do drugs, drink or smoke," Alexander told the crowd, presenting himself as an unlikely role model for the kids to look up to.

Each night, after the days' workshops were over, he presented a rock show to the crowd, featuring traditional music and dress. Conference organizers say the "rock concert" format played a big part in capturing the youth's attention and conveying the message of how important culture is to them.

Dennis Arcand, youth co-ordinator for the Yellowhead Tribal Council, was extremely pleased with the success of the conference and is already planning another for the summer.

"It'll probably be like a big camp-out and I'd like to see it last for about three or four days," said Arcand, hoping, it will run during the first or second week in August, 1988.

(Windspeaker will feature more coverage of the Eagle Flight '87 conference in the Dec. 25 "youth salute" issue.)

Provincial

Lubicons get support

Bands call for settlement

By Lesley Crossingham

Alberta Indian bands joined together in a mass demonstration of support for the Lubicon Lake Indian band's 47-year-old land claim.

About 100 demonstrators marched from Edmonton's Churchill Square to the steps of the Legislative Building on the first day of the fall session, Nov. 23, to demand the government settle with the small Cree band.

A large placard saying "up with Lubicon Lake" was carried by three men as the procession wound its way through Edmonton's icy streets. The procession was led by three drummers who chanted traditional Indian songs.

In a speech to the crowd gathered on the frosty steps of the legislature Indian Association Treaty 7 vice-president Narcisse Blood called the Alberta government's treatment of Indian people "racist," adding that Lac La Biche MLA Leo Piquette's "being forced to apologize for speaking in French is hypocrisy."



LESLEY CROSSINGHAM, Windspeaker

CHIEF BERNARD OMINAYAK with JOE BLYAN — gathered support for land claim.

In an interview after the rally Blood said the five tribes of Treaty 7 do support the Lubicon's land claim but had not officially joined the band's boycott of

the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympic Games.

"As you know the Peigan's have now supported the boycott and I expect the other bands will follow.



NARCISSE BLOOD
...supports boycott

They are all waiting to see what the Games had to offer first," he said, adding that he personally supported the boycott and would be participating in protests in Calgary.

Taking part in the march and the demonstration was Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak who said he was pleased with the large turnout. However, he did not participate in the speech making, explaining "it's just not my style."

Ominayak says his band plans to protest the land claim at the Calgary Olympics, scheduled to begin Feb. 13, but added details have yet to be finalized.

Little Red River band members complain

Air service denies gouging

By Terry Lusty

The manager of an Indian band-owned air service denies that it is price gouging its clients, many of whom are Little Red River band members.

Speaking on behalf of Little Red Air based in Fort Vermilion, John Rogers counters a letter that appeared in the Nov. 6 issue of Windspeaker claiming that band members must now pay \$120 for a flight to Fox Lake compared to a supposed \$20 fee charged by the former air service, Peace Air.

The \$120 rate, says Rogers, is based on the cost of a return charter flight for

which the fee was paid by only one person.

If that same person had hired Peace Air for that flight, the cost "would have been about \$60 to \$70 more than the \$120" charge by Little Red Air, says Rogers. He explained that charter flights differ from the scheduled flights Peace Air used to offer.

Little Red Air flights cost about \$1.10 or \$1.20 a mile whereas "in Saskatchewan you'd be paying \$1.90... \$1.50 in Alberta." If a total of six people use the flight, the fee would average out to \$20 each or \$40 each if it were just three people he added. However, Peace Air does not agree. High

Level base manager, Terry Hall, says their (Peace Air) charter rate between Fox Lake and Fort Vermilion was \$110 and scheduled flights cost \$27.

Hall says the entire situation has become highly political.

The band "slapped us with a \$70 landing fee which made it fairly unfeasible for us to continue especially on days when we had several flights touching down at Fox Lake," he said.

After serving the communities of Fox Lake and Garden River for seven years, Hall is bitter, saying it is not fair that Peace Air be turned out to pasture.

Garden River is an

example of how Peace Air's rates are better than those of Little Red Air he says, charging about \$30 less to fly to High Level.

But Jim Webb, the superintendent for economic and employment development for Indian affairs also defends the Little Red Air rates saying that complaints are nothing more than "apples and oranges."

"The rates that Little Red currently charge is a charter rate for the exclusive use of the airplane to go from one location to another," says Webb.

"I would suspect you'll probably see a schedule service back," he stated. Such a service he adds, is not really a paying proposition for the band. But, it is a convenience for band members.

Rogers also points out that existing mail service is being conducted by the airline free of charge. Hall, however, claims that Peace Air flies the mail into Fox Lake.

Little Red Air owns and operates three Cessna airplanes. The largest can accommodate up to seven passengers including the pilot.

NCC(A) cancels assembly

By Lesley Crossingham

The Native Council of Canada (Alberta) annual assembly originally scheduled for Dec. 12 has been cancelled due to lack of funds, announced president Doris Ronnenberg this week.

"We were hoping to secure funds...but now it doesn't look like the cheque will come through

in time," she said.

However, the council has rescheduled the assembly for Jan. 30, 1988 for the Fort McMurray Friendship Centre.

"This time it looks good," said Ronnenberg, who pointed out that Dec. 12 had been scheduled for a Metis Association zone meeting and many hotels and large meeting rooms had already been booked.

"And it is also close to Christmas so many people just couldn't attend," she added.

During the upcoming assembly, an attempt to amend the council's constitution allowing few board members will be made. Elections for new board members will also be carried out along with the usual reports from the president and the board.

Staff turnovers are only 'growing pains'**Metis association not in \$80,000 deficit - Prez****By Dan Dibbelt and Lesley Crossingham**

The president of the Metis Association of Alberta said he was dismayed when he read that the association had an \$80,000 deficit in an October edition of Windspeaker.

Speaking at a Zone 3 Regional Council meeting Oct. 31 Desmeules admitted to the association's expenditures, as reported in the Oct. 2 article, but denied these expenditures had placed the association in a deficit position.

"We dismissed two employees in the most humane way possible," he said, explaining why two former employees Donna Woodward and Elda Goodin were given severance pay when removed from their positions in September.

"One employee received a payment of \$12,000 and the other was paid until Dec. 1," he said, adding that the second employee would be receiving \$6,000.

Past president Sam Sinclair was given an honorarium of \$15,000 which was reduced from the proposed amount of \$25,000, said Desmeules, adding he could not give an estimate to the cost of the annual assembly which was

reported to run in the \$25,000 range.

"Just working it out roughly, not including the cost of the annual assembly, we're looking at almost \$50,000," said Local 14 president, Theresa Arseneau.

Desmeules did not refute Arseneau's calculations but said the amount is covered within the association's fiscal year budget ending Mar. 31, 1988.

In an interview Nov. 24, Desmeules restated that the association is not in a deficit situation, but the changes within the organization, including recent staff turnovers, are "growing pains."

Self-government official Steve Crocker left his position this week to work for Apeetogosan, but Desmeules says self-government is still on the agenda.

"We are even going to expand our plans," he said.

Currently, the association is negotiating a framework agreement, expected to be announced at any time, that would set in place the foundations of self-government.

"People have to realize that political organizations are not cost effective. We have to be spontaneous and be able to quickly put



DIANNE MEILL, Windspeaker

LARRY DESMEULES**...political organizations not cost effective**

out bush fires," he said.

Desmeules points out that currently the association is often subject to the whim of the provincial and federal governments and long term planning can be difficult.

"We have to respond at the last moment. When God calls you go to God and to us the government is like God," he said.

During the past few years Desmeules points out that the cost of living has steadily increased, yet funding to the association,

which stands at about \$700,000 per year, has remained the same.

"Yet we have more people and things are more expensive today," he said.

However, he says the association will continue to work toward self-determination and cites the recent land purchase by the Zone 1 Regional Council as one step toward that goal.

Desmeules says that although the association is a society, it is basically a political organization forced to run on the Society's Act

regulations.

"This means often bylaws are passed at the annual assembly that are not beneficial, but the people are tired and want to go home so they vote for them anyway."

Desmeules would like to form a structure "somewhere between a municipality and a society," that would give the association greater freedom to develop while allowing each area of the province to develop its own form of self-determination.

"The zones are already powerful, but they will become even stronger, while here at the association we will remain a political body...we're not getting into delivery services," he said.

The association hopes to fund self-government by resource sharing, which Desmeules says has already been put before the Alberta government for negotiation. Resource sharing will mean funds will be transferred to the association on a per-capita basis from the province's natural resources such as oil and gas.

Desmeules will also be undertaking a series of workshops on the new Metis Betterment Act and particularly Resolution 18 in the early new year.

"We'll be holding one in the east and one in the west for both on and off-colony Metis," he said. "We have been working closely with the Federation (of Metis Settlements) and we have a good working relationship," he said.

However, right now Desmeules says he is waiting for the government to finalize negotiations on the framework agreement which should be signed any day.

**DROPPIN IN****By Margaret Desjarlais**

Hi! By now all you Droppin' In readers must be wondering what happened to Rocky, our long time columnist and reporter. Unfortunately, Rocky — who's been with the organization since day one, has resigned from his job to go on to bigger and better things. Maybe Hollywood-bound Rocky? The best of luck in your future endeavors. I'm sure you'll be missed by our readers.

Although this column may not be the same anymore, it will carry on to serve the communities out there. So if you have any community events you'd like mentioned in this column feel free to call me at 455-2700.

FORT MAC: There's quite a number of activities going on at the Nistawoyou Friendship Centre. Assistant manager, Marion Stone says the place is bubbling with numerous events for both young and old such as beading, moccasin and parka making, Cree classes, a children's drop-in centre, bingo, kitchen program (noon meals), clothing room, aerobic classes (no-bounce), ski packages and AA meetings.

Marion says the centre is doing its best to serve the community especially at this time of year — with Christmas sneaking up on us.

For all you athletic and energetic people out at Fort Mac, call your centre for more info on any of the above events.

FORT CHIP: Hello from Fort Chip, the Great White North. My correspondent, George Poitras says he's now the executive assistant to the chief (Rita Marten) with the Cree band. He's also the public relations person for the Bicentennial committee which will be holding their celebrations throughout next year. Fort Chip is claiming to be the oldest community in Alberta, founded in 1788.

Nistawoyou bubbles with activity

"It's going to be a full year including a home-coming," says Curious George, adding that the celebrations will be in a more traditional style. This newspaper will keep you informed of the sports and recreational events taking place next year.

Fort Chip's only bank, Treasury Branch which has a basic banking system, will be open soon. George says the people can't obtain loans in Chip — "they have to go to Fort Smith or Fort Mac." Apparently the bank had closed its doors last September because "the last agent moved out of town." Sounds like a western!

"We look forward to Thursday's here," laughs George.

"Why?" you ask.

Because the drop-in centre serves bannock and stew at noon every Thursday. (I wonder if it's rabbit stew.) You can have this yummy Indian cuisine for a mere \$3 a plate.

The winter roads leading to Fort Smith, Fort Mac and Edmonton will be open soon. George says it's cheaper than flying by air. He also says it's safer to bring the rabbits he's promised me by vehicle. Apparently, there's so many of those little white furry wapoose's out there, George boasts he usually catches a couple in one snare.

FROG LAKE: Not much happening in kermit country says Clifford Cross. The annual Christmas party is tentatively set for Dec. 17. This party is a community event which includes a dinner for members. "It's a tradition out here for everyone to partake," quipped Clifford.

As a counsellor in the field of education, Clifford informs me he does everything "pertaining to education on the reserve," including the operation and maintenance of the school.

What a coincidence! I also found out Clifford is a cousin of mine I've yet to meet. We both have an Auntie Alma, so it must be true.

POUNDMAKER'S LODGE: It's round dance time! Once again Poundmaker/Nechi held their round dance last Saturday night. The round dance attracted more than 500 people from across Canada and the Northwest Territories.

Carl Quinn, one of the organizers and a treatment

co-ordinator at Poundmaker's, says there were 13 drum groups who participated. To name a few, the drum groups travelled from Alexis, Saddle Lake, Beaver Lake, Frog Lake, Onion Lake, Hobbema and Moosomin, Sask.

A delicious meal of rabbit stew and raisin bannock was served to everyone late in the evening. Carl says the "rabbits were snared by some clients right behind the bush (Poundmaker's)." This rabbit-lover was caught off guard when Carl jokingly asked, "Didn't you notice the urban taste?" He says he was "extremely pleased with the way things went."

Poundmaker's is in the planning stages of holding another Sweetheart Round Dance in February. Watch for the date in this newspaper.

Round dances, by the way, are becoming more and more popular each year. It's a sign that we are turning back to our own culture. Watch for upcoming round dances in our calendar of events.

DENE THA' BAND: I received a call from Lorny Meetchooyeah, recreation director of the Dene Tha' band. Lorny was inquiring about upcoming powwows and round dances in the area. Seems to me he wants to enter his drum group to participate in such events during the festive season.

The Dene Tha' drum group, Lorny says are "still a novelty and are being recognized for their excellence."

The drum group was formed after many Elders stressed the community rebuild the Dene Tha' social structure.

Lorny says many of their songs were being taken away by different tribes, adding that the group had to regain the songs back together. "So far they have accomplished that to some extent."

Lorny also mentioned about the possibility of finding out if the Cree, who historically used to live around Habey, have any influence or to what extent, if any, their music has to the Dene.

If any of the communities in Alberta have an upcoming powwow or round dance, please feel free to call Lorny at 321-3842. I'm sure he'll be able to provide you with an excellent group of entertainers.

And how was your week?

Community

Communities may be put on dial

By Mark McCallum

Fort Vermilion residents may soon be able to tune into their own station for weather reports and the latest news if all goes to plan.

Currently the prospect of a community radio station for the Fort Vermilion area are good. If enough community support for the project is found the new station could begin operation as early as fall 1988.

The station would broadcast on the FM dial 89.9 each day and provide a link between surrounding reserves and communities. The broadcast will likely also feature more than one language, including Native dialects.

Ft. McKay multiplex to open early '88

Construction for a Multi-complex consisting of a food store, snack bar restaurant, gas bar, laundromat and community hall has begun on the old forestry site of Fort McKay. The community of about 300 people is located 60 km north of Fort McMurray.

The multiplex will also house the band administrative staff, and office space for the band businesses and community organizations.

Site preparation began Sept. 21, 1987 and construction should be completed ahead of schedule on or near mid-February 1988.

"The multiplex is band-owned and the estimated cost will be around \$850,000," says business manager, Helen Vannicola.

Vannicola has been managing the Fort McKay band-owned and operated businesses for about one and a half years.

Construction of the multi-plex has created jobs for some of the residents of the small community.

By helping establish the community radio station, Cardinal is completing her training with the Native Perspective, which is Alberta's first Native radio station (located at Lac La Biche). Native Perspective radio director (and disc jockey) Ray Fox explains that training radio personnel and forming other community stations is one of the main reasons for their existence.

Although the Native Perspective was established more than a year ago to provide northern Alberta with Native communications, Fox says they were also established to assist communities such as Vermilion to form their own broadcasting network. He notes they have already

Once the complex's community hall is completed, residents will no longer need to use the school gymnasium or the band garage for their community activities and social functions. "I think the community hall will be the most beneficial aspect of the multi-plex to the community, since they don't have a place to meet now," says Vannicola.

Another added benefit and luxury to many of the residents will be the multiplex's laundromat. The laundromat will hold five washers and dryers. "I don't have a washer and dryer, and it will sure beat going into Fort McMurray, 40 miles just to do the laundry," says life-long resident of 33 years, Barbara Faichney.

"Fort McKay has been through a lot of changes ever since I can remember," says Faichney, "and the future multiplex will be a change for the better, that I'm sure everyone can agree on."

helped Lac La Biche form a community radio station (last August) and are welcoming other northern communities interested in the area to contact them (623-3333).

Fox points out that "community radio is more of a mainstream communications vehicle than the Native Perspective, which caters to Native listeners, because its broadcasting depends largely on the community it is serving.

Fort Vermilion is highly populated by Cree and Dene Tha' residents. So, broadcasting there would be much different than an area like Edmonton. You have to find out who your audience is and give them what they want," he explains, adding that the Native Perspective could be used as a resource for information and training.

The Lac La Biche community radio station starts broadcasting in the morning at 7 a.m. and stays on the air until about 1:30

a.m. For the first three hours of broadcasting, the station uses the Native Perspective as its morning show and then continues sending Lac La Biche area listeners signals for the rest of the day with volunteers working in the DJ's booth.

"The volunteers are just great. They're people from the community who have other jobs, but dedicate time to the station because they see its potential," says Fox, explaining that they plan to approach advertisers with the community radio concept and try sale them on the idea.

Although the transmitting range of most community radio stations is limited to about a 25 km radius, Fox says if a number of stations can pull together and syndicate, they may be able to attract new advertisers because their listening audience would be spread across the province.

Plans to produce community radio demonstrations in Fort Vermilion, Assumption and Wabasca are



MARK McCALLUM, Windspeaker

BRIDGET CARDINAL
...spearheads operation

slated for next January and broadcasts will last one to two days. Residents are invited to drop by and participate in the dem-

onstration by helping the Native crew "spin a few records and get a feel for what it's all about," she concludes.

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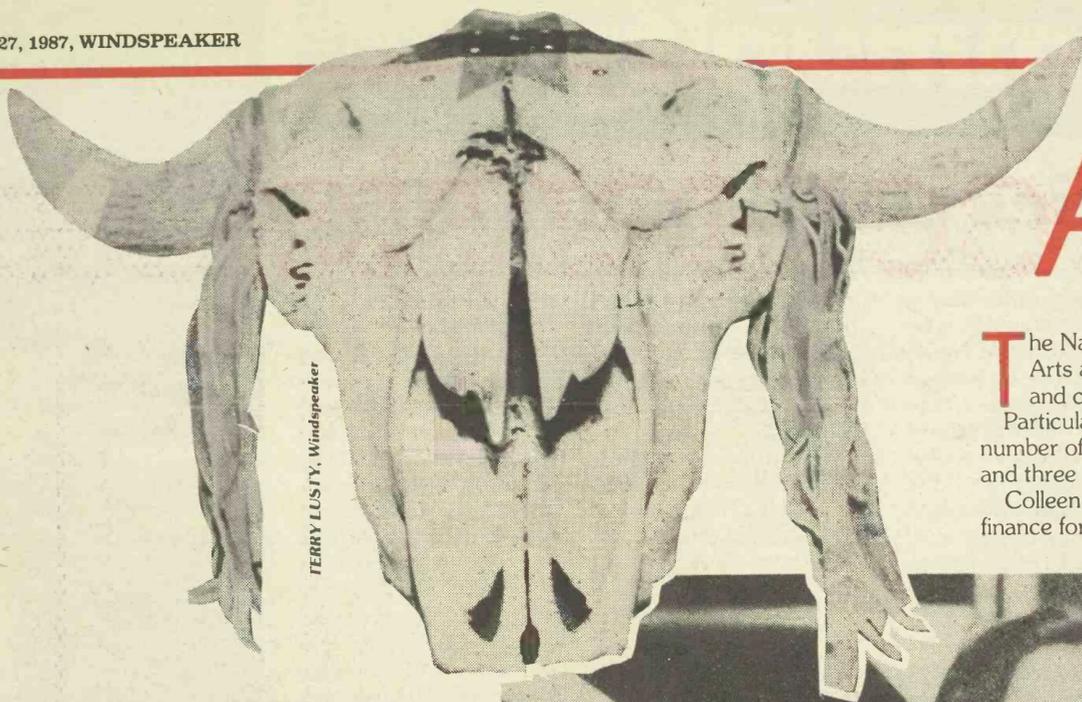
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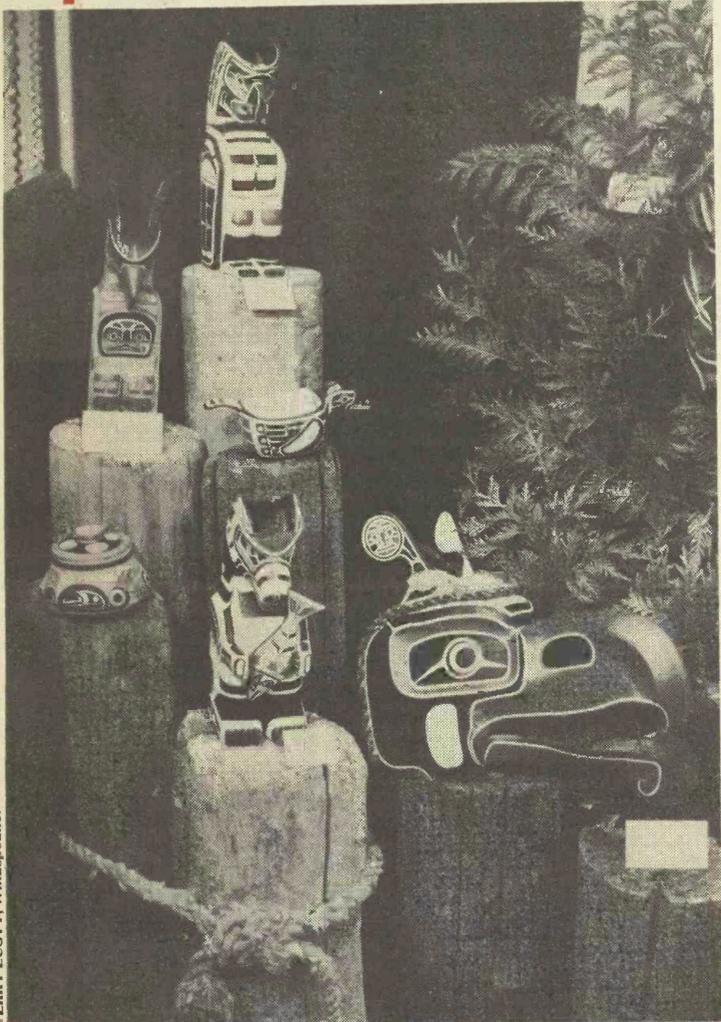
The National Native Show and Sale of Canadian Arts and Crafts moved from Calgary to Edmonton and continued its success Nov. 20 to 22.

Particularly noticeable this year was the increased number of exhibitors from B.C., two from Whitehorse and three from the N.W.T.

Colleen Bence, the director of administration and finance for the Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Society



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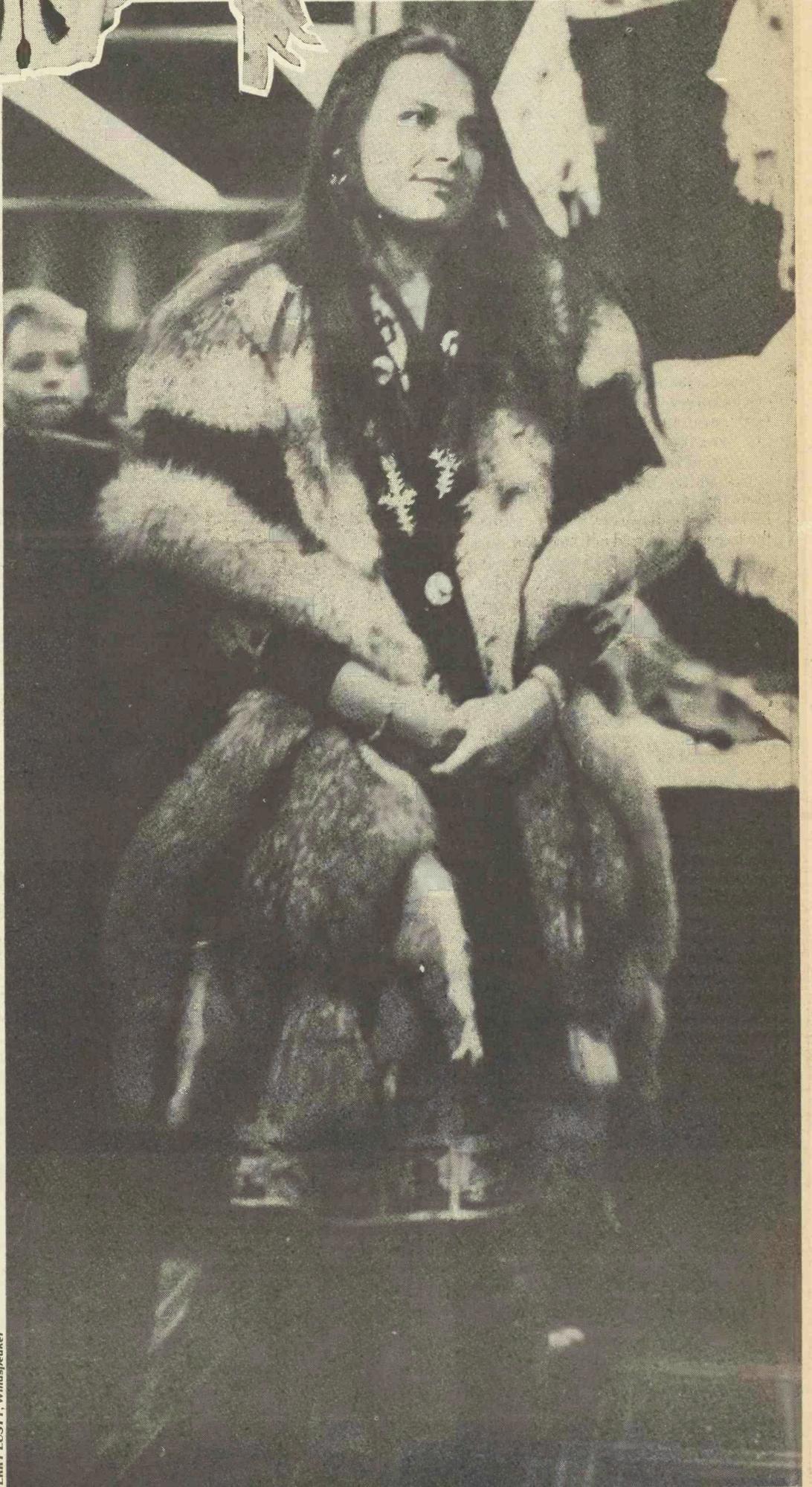


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LESLEY CROSSINGHAM, Windspeaker

This page clockwise from top: buffalo skull, Sherry-Anne Jacobs of Thunder Bay Crafts, Ont., buck skin pouches from Lethbridge Friendship Centre and B.C. traditional carvings from Harris Smith.



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LESLEY CROSSINGHAM, Windspeaker

ns take center stage

(AIACS) which sponsors the show each year, informed Windspeaker that Calgary had 31 exhibitors while Edmonton had 47. The actual number of booths in Edmonton, explained Bence was 74. But, because some exhibitors use more than one, the figure is misleading.

Some felt a bit cheated this year due to the fine weather Edmonton has had. Sales of parkas, mukluks, mitts and fur hats were down appreciably said some booth managers.

Staff of the Indian Craft Shop booth from Yellowknife said parka sales were very poor this year because there was no snow. "Last year, we couldn't keep up," they added.

For Yukon Native Products of Whitehorse, it was a different story. Manager Kathy Birckel said their parkas moved very well as did moccasins, mittens and small beadcraft. They even had to send out for more parkas because they sold so many in Calgary explained Bence.

However, not everyone was so lucky. Naomi Himech from Houston, B.C. said her hand-knit sweaters did not move well but she plans to return next year. Himech says she rushed into participating this year but thinks she can do better with proper planning and a greater variety of goods.

Although all wholesale orders are not in yet, AIACS claims that \$300,000 of business conducted just in Edmonton adding that, "in retail alone, we got almost \$250,000 in Calgary never mind wholesale."

Certain items moved better than others according to a brief survey conducted by Windspeaker. The response from most booths was that moccasins, silver and turquoise jewellery, mittens, inexpensive beadcraft, rawhide hand drums and art prints sold best.

Calgary also proved to move artwork better but Edmonton sales were adequate and, according to Hal Lethbridge of the Art Loft from Peterborough, Ontario, the larger pieces sold in Edmonton.

Lethbridge added that most Edmonton sales were in cash or by cheque while transactions in Calgary were mainly with plastic (credit/bank cards).

The Methitowin craftspeople from Athabasca/Rocky Mountain House was really impressed with how well their earring kits sold. The kits are a "how to" product which uses porcupine quills and beads to make earrings.

Yet another popular item were the Little Red River books from Fox Lake, a northern Alberta fly-in community. The first part of the books was on "how to" stories about making snowshoes, fires, etc. The latter part of the books contain Cree legends in the English language at a Grade 2 level.

Two booths sold sweetgrass which drew sharp criticism from Native traditionalists and customers. Susan Jackknife complained bitterly saying that sweetgrass is "sacred" and should not be a saleable product. Such items, she stated, are not supposed to change hands with cash being involved. That is not "traditional" nor is it "customary."

Despite the shortcomings the show attracted a steady stream of customers with an estimated 18,000 in Edmonton and 15,000 in Calgary. The Edmonton show reflected a professionalism, "a touch of class" with its colorful decor and ample space in a fine facility and both customers and exhibitors expressed great pleasure with the venue at the beautiful Convention Centre.

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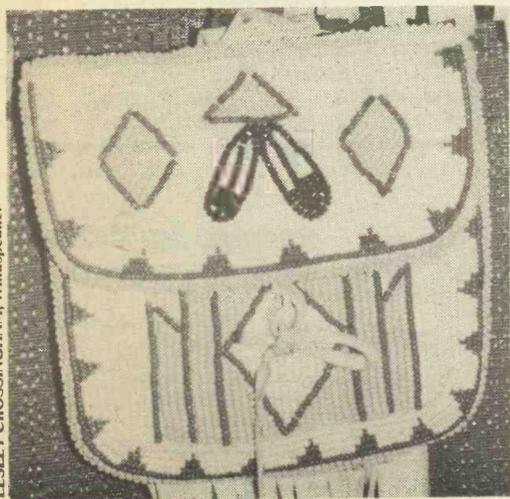


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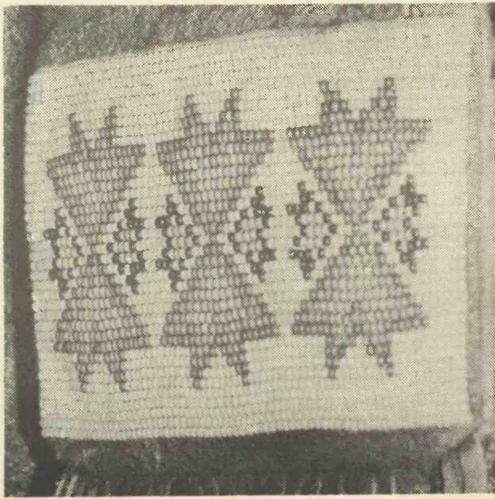


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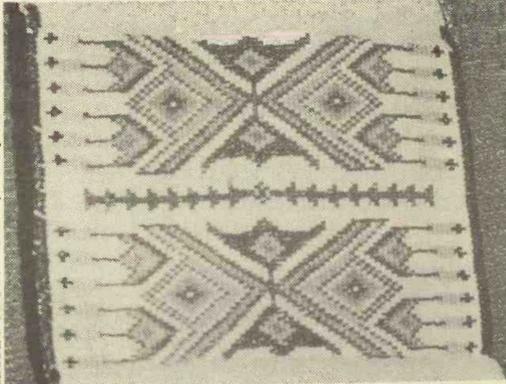
This page counterclockwise from bottom left: beadwork from Nancy Samson of Hobbema, Iroquois stone carver Duffy Wilson of Niagara Falls, N.Y. and children are fascinated by Alphonse Cardinal's display of miniatures.



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The Windspeaker Calendar of Events

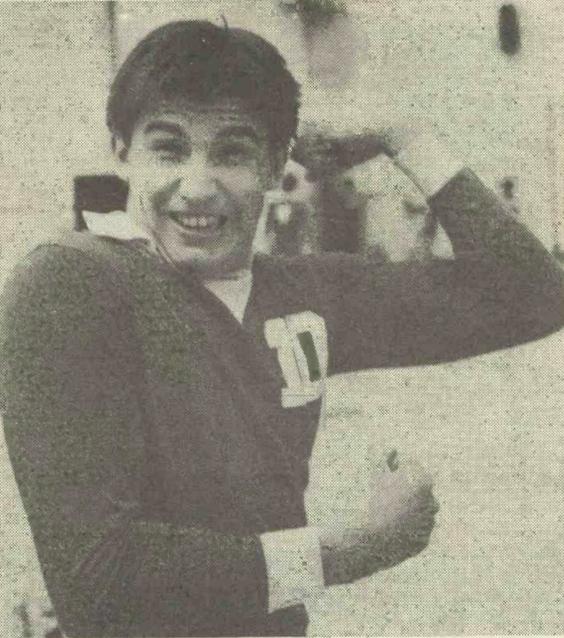
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- **Native Arts & Crafts Sale**, Saturday, Nov. 28, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., CNFC Edmonton. For artisans interested in displaying call Anne at 482-7632.
- **All-Native Craft Sale**, Nov. 28, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Rocky Native Friendship Centre. For more info call 845-2788.
- **5th Annual Elder's Banquet & Dance**, Dec. 4, Legion Hall, High Prairie. Free invitations can be picked up at the Native Friendship Centre for anyone over 50.
- **Coed Volleyball Tourney**, Dec. 5 & 6, Louis Bull Rec Centre. Contact Bill Godin or Winston Twins at 585-4075/4079.
- **Old Timers Supper**, Dec. 5, 6 - 10 p.m., Nistawoyou Friendship Centre, Fort McMurray. Guest speaker - Elder Rufus Goodstriker. Tickets available at the centre.
- **Strikers Volleyball Tourney**, Dec. 12 & 13, Commonwealth Stadium, Edmonton. Please call Robert George at 426-4859 for more info.
- **Children's Christmas Party**, Dec. 12, 1 - 4 p.m., Nistawoyou Friendship Centre, Fort McMurray. Call the centre for more info.
- **Coed Volleyball**, Dec. 12 & 13, Sportplex, Blackfoot.
- **Children's Christmas Party**, Dec. 19, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Calgary Indian Friendship Centre. Family membership required.
- **Oldtimer's Hockey**, Dec. 26, Sarcee.
- **Senior's Hockey Tournament**, Dec. 26, 27 & 28, Saddle Lake. Contact Ken Kakeesim at 726-3829 (Band office).
- **Redwood Cup Hockey**, Dec. 27 - 29, Sarcee.
- **Hockey Tournament**, (No Hit), Dec. 27, 28 & 29, Elk Point Arena. Sponsored by Kehewin. Contact Roland Dion, Herman or Brenda John at 826-3333 for more info.
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- **Round Dance**, Dec. 29 & 30, Goodfish school gym. For further info contact Rene Houle at 636-3622.

Sports

Volleyball top guns

Strikers clean up in Manitoba



WINDSPEAKER PHOTOFILE

TONY SHIRT
...muscular striker

BRANDON: Last Thursday evening the Edmonton Strikers went on a 17-hour journey to a huge volleyball tourney at Brandon, Manitoba during the Nov. 20 - 22 weekend with hopes of getting some prize money and glory. And that's what they got, first place and \$1,600 prize money plus most valuable player award, best spiker award, best setter award, and best men's coach award. "Definitely a worthwhile weekend," said a road-weary George in a telephone interview.

To add to those achievements, the Strikers never lost one game. In the first round they played Manitoba's Blood Vein River winning 11-3 and 11-2. They won by default in the second round. Then they

met the Awasa Blues of Manitoba, winning easily 15-2 and 15-3. Then in round four things got tougher with Broadview's Spiritwrestlers 15-12 and 15-5. Then came the 15-8 and 15-13 victories over the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College. Finally in the final showdown, the Strikers met the Spiritwrestlers again, and winning again 15-7 and 15-7.

Robert George won the best coach award. Kevin Cardinal won the MVP plus the best spiker award and Tony Shirt was best setter. The rest of the Strikers who made the journey were: Tony Shirt, Leo Kootenay, Gary Wolfe, Wally Janvier and Rick Boudreau.

George says he got thrown in the showers and was "too worried about getting dry than anything else," so he was unable to get all the details of the women's side of the tourney. But he did say that an Alberta women's team called the Saratoga Spirits placed third and won \$800.

But for now, the Strikers have one more tournament in Meadow Lake, Sask. before they host their own tourney here in Edmonton Dec. 12-13. They're taking 16 teams on each side (men's and women's) and now have 13 men's teams signed up and eight women's teams.

Boxer takes traditional name

By Kim McLain

In a ceremony conducted by Hobbema Elder Fred Nadeau, boxer Danny Lindstrom had his name changed to Stonewalker.

The Cree boxer from Fort McMurray said he wanted a name that reflected who he is before the Canadian-commonwealth light heavyweight championship fight at Toronto this

Dec. 8. Stonewalker, now number 1 contender, will attempt to take away the championship title from Willier Featherstone.

In a report in last week's Edmonton Sunday Sun, Stonewalker said he would be knocking out Featherstone in the early rounds. Said Stonewalker: "I'm going to take him out early," adding he'll then celebrate with 11-month-

old daughter, Poppy DeL.

"I'm a hungry Indian fighting for my nation," said Stonewalker, "against a small white guy — would you like to be Featherstone?"

Stonewalker had fought Featherstone once before and won. Stonewalker said he "beat him before without any training, just going on instinct, this time I'm going to waste him."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

A gymnasium full of junior and high school students, teachers, and parents looked on in pride as **Saddle Lake** Elder Joe P. Cardinal handed Victor Omeasoo, 15, an eagle feather. The ceremony took place at Victor's pep rally the day before his race for the provincial cross-country finals — at Lacombe last Oct. 24. But the road to the provincial championships began before that day.

First Victor competed in the 4,000 meter cross-country race at Onion Lake, winning first place, encouraging the son of Mike Moosewah and Bella

Runner honored for endurance

Omeasoo to go on to the zone finals in Vermilion. Then Oct. 10 in Vermilion, Victor runs his fastest time, winning the 2.4 mile race in 11 minutes and 17 seconds — giving him a spot at the provincials.

The day of the big race and Victor's cold is at its worse, but the race must continue. The starting gun goes off and Victor and 78 other runners struggle for good position. Victor finishes in 15th place.

Cross-country season is over until next spring. But Victor still trains, he runs three or four times a week, seven miles at a time. For now he has his ribbons, trophies, and that eagle feather — and a hopeful determination that will keep him a top contender for next year.

WABASCA: The Wabasca CVC held a coed volleyball tournament last Nov. 21 Saturday at the Mistassiniy school at Desmarais and the results leave me thinking that those CVC teams are either very competitive or extremely polite.

Here's what I mean. At the CVC tourney before this one, Calling Lake won at Calling Lake, beating Wabasca in the final showdown. Now at this Wabasca tourney, Wabasca beat Calling Lake for the tournament title.

Russel Alook, one of the CVC instructors said in a telephone interview that a total of eight CVC volleyball teams participated in the tourney. "Everyone came," said a pleased Alook. Wabasca entered two teams and they were joined by the following visiting teams: Loon Lake, Calling Lake, Peerless Lake, Slave Lake and two teams from Atikameg.

The team called Wabasca I placed first beating Calling Lake in a best out of three final. Wabasca won the first game 15-8, then lost 11-15 and spiked their way to a 15-12 victory. Third place went to Peerless Lake. The top three teams took home trophies.

William Houle of Peerless won the male MVP while Darlene Gladue from Calling Lake won the female MVP.

SARCEE: Sarcee men's basketball coach Larry Crane says he's taking his team to Bocket this weekend where the "competition is toughest."

Crane has coached the team for ten years now, playing his team in Calgary's City Men's league and various all-Native tournaments. Though all their travels, Crane says that the toughest Native teams are from the south and the Americans, "especially Browning, Montana," he says.

Crane says that personnel changes are so often right now that he can't remember everybody's names on the team. But he was able to list some regulars like: Dean Manywounds, Danny and Mark Crane, Dave and Frank Small Face and Randy Cardinal.

Windspeaker will let you know how things turn out at the Bocket tourney next week.

CORRECTION: This time I'll get it right. Winston Buglar does play with the Broadview Spiritwrestlers and he did play with the Edmonton Strikers, but not at that Calgary tournament, like I said last week. He played for the Strikers at the Kehewin tourney sometime last October.

That's all for this week. Catchya later.

Boxing card a knock-out

By Dan Dibbelt

The Blackfoot Boxing Club's first amateur boxing card of the year, held at the Deerfoot Sportplex near Gleichen Friday, Nov. 20 was a knock-out, said coach Clifford Many Guns.

"It was a real success. We had a real good crowd, some good fights and it's the first time we made money in 30 years," he said.

The card saw 16 bouts with boxers from the Blackfoot and Blood

reserves, two Calgary boxing clubs, Medicine Hat and Kamloops, British Columbia were also in attendance.

The main event featured Wayne Many Guns of the Blackfoot band and Bruce McKenna of Calgary's Bow Water Boxing Club. Many Guns who has just recently returned from a three year absence from the ring, lost the match when he failed to respond to the third round bell.

Dean Wolf Child, also of

the Blackfoot club, won a majority decision against Jim Hart of the Bow Water club after three rounds.

"I think the judging was pretty even," said Many Guns. The judges were from Calgary and Medicine Hat.

Also invited to the card, but unable to attend due to financial reasons, was a Vancouver boxing club. One of their fighters was scheduled to fight Darcy Big Throat at last year's Canadian Championships.

The evening was graced with three special guests: Charlie Smith, a Blackfoot who fought welterweight, more than 30 years ago, George Roberts, a former light welterweight fighter and Gus Calf Robe, the 1962 Canadian light heavy-weight champion all sat ringside.

The action started shortly before 8 p.m. and ran for three hours. Blackfoot's next card is scheduled for February 1988.

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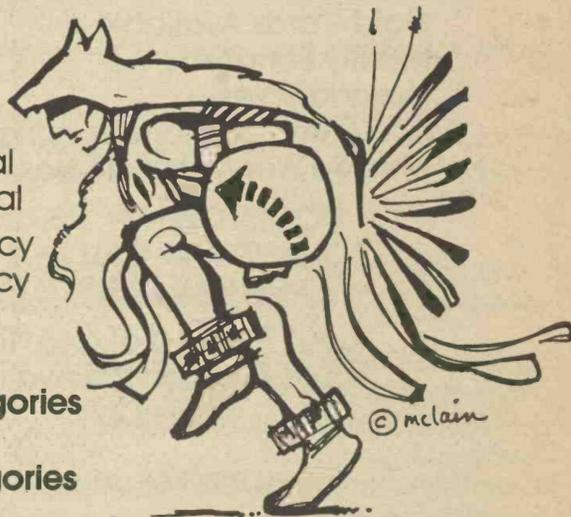
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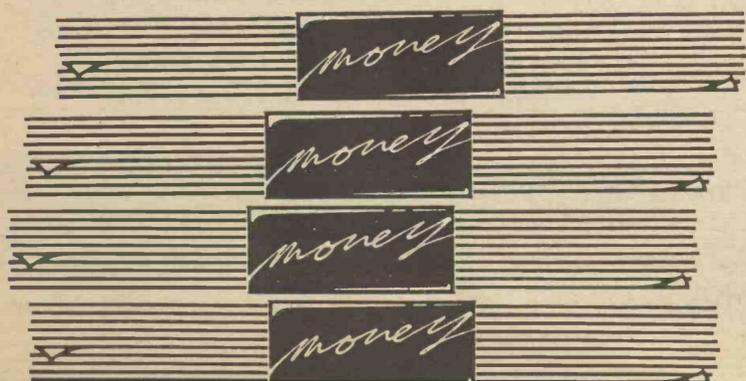
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Canadian Native Arts Foundation moves into action Alberta Native artists raise \$15,000 at auction benefit

By Dan Dibbelt

Alberta Native artists will benefit to the tune of \$15,000 following the Canadian Native Arts Foundation Benefit Auction held in Calgary Nov. 20.

More than 160 people attended the auction to bid on 60 items donated by various artists and businesses. Auctioned off were paintings from such well-known artists as Henry Standing Alone, Leo Bushman and Kim McLain.

But the main item of the evening, a painting by Jane

Ash Poitras entitled *Lost People*, failed to fall under the auctioneer's gavel. The painting valued at \$2,500, had a reserve bid of \$2,000 (bidding had to start at \$2,000) which priced it high above most of the other items.

Special guest of the evening was John Kim Bell, a Mohawk, now living in Toronto. Bell is the founder and director of the Canadian Native Arts Foundation, a renowned symphony conductor, and a role model in the national Native role model program.

"They did a fine job for their first event," said Bell of the Alberta Volunteer Group's (AVG) achievement. "Considering they had no funding, no staff and no office — it shows, Native people can do anything they set out to do. It proves anything is possible if you put your mind to it."

The Alberta Volunteer Group did have many obstacles to overcome in organizing the auction. Working only with volunteers, group regional director, Wanda Wuttunee, had to arrange for donations, a hall to hold the auction in and a way of publicizing it.

"We really owe so many thanks to all our volunteers," said Wuttunee.

The funds raised from the auction will stay in Alberta, she added. The organization will put the funds towards its three programs: incentive and awareness, education and promotion.

Wuttunee explained this is the first time the organization has actually had money to work with since its inception in the fall of 1986 so it would take some time to get the programs under way.

"We would like to see people apply for scholarships — but in all facets of the arts, including journalism and architecture," said Wuttunee. "We want to promote Native arts and spark peoples' interest," she added.

All but three paintings were auctioned off with the high bid of the evening going to a painting by Joane Cardinal-Shubert for \$900.

Other items auctioned off included a trip to Fort Chipewyan Lodge, Plains Indian dolls, a modelling course and a balloon ride.

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Hardy responds to new 'watchdog' group

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Settlement Members Coalition, was formed. Caslan member Joe Blyan was elected as acting president.

In a recent interview Blyan said the federation was "undemocratic" because members do not vote directly for the executive. The federation is made up of council members from each of the eight settlements and selection for executive members is decided among these members.

However, Hardy points out that if the executive were selected by membership at large, one settlement with a large population could dominate the organization.

"Right now each settlement has an equal say, no one dominates and members do have a say when they elect their council members," says Hardy.

"And, a lot would depend on who goes to the general meeting; we would find the executive changes from year to year," he said adding that currently the federation executive are forming legislation that will determine the course of history for Metis people and any disunity could seriously jeopardize these negotiations.

Hardy feels that most of the members' complaints are genuine but says once the new legislation is

passed that most of these problems will be resolved.

"I think the new settlement act, which we have worked on and which has input from all settlement members, will improve the lives of the people on the settlement, including my own," he says adding that he still lives on the Kikino settlement.

The new coalition group will be meeting today in Edmonton. Hardy says he will be attending the meeting.



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Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Inc., committed to provide business financing to Metis and Non-Status Indian entrepreneurs requires a *Receptionist/Secretary*, location - Edmonton. This individual must have top-notch secretarial skills including; word processing experience, dictaphone, 50 w.p.m. typing ability, good organizational skills and a pleasant personality as they will be greeting the public.

Experience in business or the ability to understand business proposals would be a definite asset. Apeetogosan offers a solid career opportunity and a stimulating working environment. Salary negotiable depending on qualifications.

Bookkeeper/Secretary

Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Inc., committed to provide business financing to Metis and Non-Status Indian entrepreneurs requires a *Bookkeeper/Secretary*, location - Edmonton. Previous bookkeeping experience necessary as this individual will be responsible for maintaining the company's general ledger.

Top-notch secretarial skills are required including: word processing experience, 60 w.p.m. typing ability, dictaphone, good organizational skills. This individual will work closely with our Business Analysts and Managers in producing business plans for loan committee/board presentations. This is a supervisory position as you will be responsible for the work load of the Receptionist/Secretary.

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Business Analyst

Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Inc., committed to provide business financing to Metis and Non-Status Indian entrepreneurs requires a *Business Analyst*, location - Edmonton. This person must have previous business/financial experience as the position demands the ability to assist individuals in starting a business, expanding an existing business, or streamlining the operation of a business. This individual must have a good knowledge in a variety of different businesses and their operations. Training will be provided to suit our specific needs. Travel throughout Alberta will be required.

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Please mail your resume to:

Jan Willey
6604 - 94 Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta
T6B 0X9

Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Inc.

LOGO CONTEST

Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Inc., committed to provide business financing to Metis and Non-Status Indian entrepreneurs in the *Province of Alberta*, is holding a contest for individuals to design (draw) a logo for our corporation.

To qualify to enter this contest the individual must be either a Metis or a Non-Status Indian. Proof of this qualification will be required prior to the awarding of any prize money.

To assist in your conception of the design, the mission of Apeetogosan is:

- Provide business financing to Metis and Non-Status Indian entrepreneurs.
- To assist these individuals in developing a business plan.
- To invest in these individuals' businesses.
- To eventually become a focal point for all Metis and Non-Status Indians in the development and funding of businesses.

The deadline for entry is December 18, 1987.

Entries must be a drawing on a 8½" by 11" sheet of white paper and be forwarded to: **Jan Willey, 6604 - 94 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, T6B 0X9.**

No entries will be returned. By entering this contest all individuals understand and acknowledge that they waive any rights, privileges, royalties or any benefits of any kind whatsoever and by submitting the entry it becomes the exclusive property of Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Inc., or any future company it may turn into or merge with. It is also understood that Apeetogosan is under no obligation to use any of the entries as its official logo.

Prizes are:

Winning Entry (1st Place) \$250
Runner Up (2nd Place) \$100
Honourable Mention (3rd Place) \$50

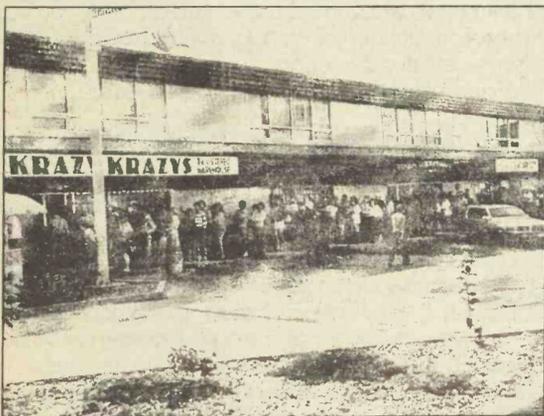
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