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Bands file suit over gas revenue

By Albert Crier

The Saddle Lake and Goodfish Lake Tribal councils have jointly filed a law suit against the federal government and Indian Minerals West, an administrative arm of Indian Affairs responsible for resource development on Indian lands.

The suit was filed at the Edmonton courthouse, on April 25, 1986.

The two tribal councils claim there was "a breach of trust" on the government side over the management of gas revenues obtained from their reserves.

The tribal councils further claim that decisions regarding gas exploitation, including the amount of royalties returned to their people, are made solely by Indian Minerals West, acting on behalf of the federal government.

"The government has unilaterally imposed a system which is overbearing and paternalistic. We want a say on the management and development of our resources," said Chief Sam Bull of the Goodfish Lake Band.

A main sore point for both bands is the recent deductions on gas royalties imposed retroactively as a result of producing companies deducting a gas cost allowance, thereby reducing the overall royalties



POWWOW VISIT

Delphine Agecouitey takes a break from dancing during the Ben Calf Robe Fifth Annual Powwow to chat with Lynn Bear (seated) and to admire Bear's young son, Christopher LaSwisse. See more coverage on the Powwow on **Pages 8, 10 and 15.**

— Photo by Rocky Woodward

Metis leader stresses tri-lateral meetings

By Rocky Woodward

The vice-president for the Metis Association of Alberta in Zone I, Richard (Sonny) Bourque, says that it is important for the federal and provincial governments to meet on a tri-lateral basis with Metis leaders to work out a sub agreement prior to the First Ministers' Conference, scheduled for April, 1987.

According to Bourque, the Metis National Council (MNC) approached the Prime Minister of Canada, Brian Mulroney, on April 10, and Mulroney seemed ready to enter into tri-lateral negotiations.

"The federal people are waiting and it is just a matter of getting an answer from Don Getty. I spoke with Getty on the 5th of May, and he said he would sit down after the elections to talk about funding for the regional offices needed, but we have to act soon," said Bourque.

Bourque believes that the meeting in 1987 will be the last guarantee to meet with government officials and that it is important that

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Gilbert and Lena Crowchild of Sarcee model fashions designed by Charlane Starlight of Starlight Fashions on the Sarcee Reserve. See story and more photos on **Page 16.** — Photo courtesy of Starlight Fashions

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Tribal Chiefs discuss strategy

By Albert Crier

The Tribal Chiefs Association (TCA) met at the Heart Lake Reserve May 9 to discuss strategy on the formation of a regional recreation body, Indian oil and gas management, and Indian health care, among other issues.

This is the first time the Heart Lake Band has hosted a TCA meeting, and the number of issues discussed at this meeting are no different than those faced by Indian communities in other places, said Chief Peter Francis of the Heart Lake Band.

The formation of a regional recreation body under the auspices of the TCA was one of the items explored by the chiefs, said Chief Francis.

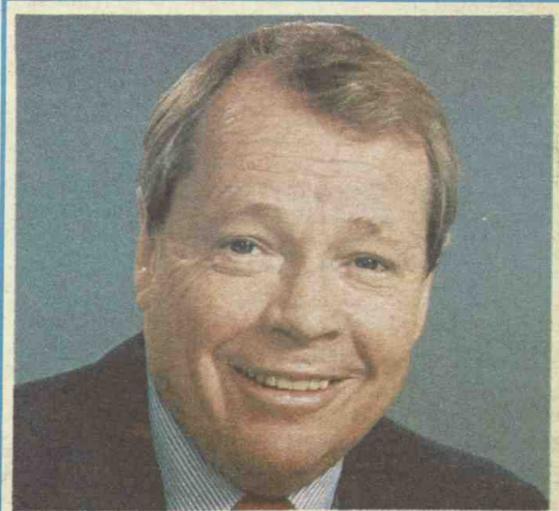
The TCA is looking at forming a regional body that would address the recreation needs of the seven bands belonging to the organization. "We are looking at the possibility of having people at the reserve level being trained in the area of recreation," said Chief Francis.

This training would include the financial and management aspects of recreational program delivery.

Indian health care as a treaty right was another item discussed at this meeting. Earlier this year the federal government indicated that it did not consider health care as a treaty right in the Neilsen Task Force, explained Chief Francis. "We in the TCA affirm that health care is a Treaty right," said Francis.

The TCA have also started a process of reviewing the management of oil and gas development on Indian lands. This review is related to the lawsuit against the federal government and Indian Minerals West filed by Saddle Lake and Goodfish Lake bands in Edmonton on April 25, 1986.

"We are starting a process of taking over the management of oil and gas development on our reserve lands," said Chief Francis. He said that Indian bands were forced to cut back on services and jobs as a result of having no control over the oil and gas resource development on their lands.



CROMBIE HERE

As "Windspeaker" goes to press, Indian Affairs Minister David Crombie is scheduled to visit the Cold Lake First Nation to meet with Indian leaders on a variety of issues. Watch for coverage in next week's issue of "Windspeaker."

Major education conference scheduled for Winnipeg

On May 20-22, 1986 the Education Secretariat, Assembly of First Nations, will host a national Indian Education conference at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. The theme will be Future Directions in Indian Education. Representation from all age groups is expected, including students, teachers, principals, parents, school board representatives, counsellors and Native Elders.

Daily sessions will open with panel discussions and traditional invocations provided by Native Elders. A special keynote address will be given by the A.F.N.'s National Chief, George Erasmus, May 21. Another featured speaker will be the winner of a national essay competition recently conducted by the Education Secretariat to provide youth input to the conference.

Over 70 workshops will be conducted under four major areas of concern in Native education: control, management, quality, and funding. In addition, educational displays and curriculum materials will be on exhibit. Evening activities include contemporary theatre performances by



GEORGE ERASMUS
...will be featured speaker

junior high school students from the Kehewin reserve in northern Alberta, and a traditional social.

A progress report of the Education Secretariat's National Review of Indian Education (a three-year study) will be provided at the conference. Results

from this review will later be merged with insight gained from the conference to develop a set of formal recommendations for change in Indian Education. This will be the first national-level gathering to directly address Native education since 1980.

Criminal jurisdiction changed for Nebraska Reservation

BOULDER, Colorado — Following a tense and heated debate among members of the Nebraska Legislature, the Legislature has agreed to retrocede criminal jurisdiction over the Winnebago Reservation in northeast Nebraska. The vote was 25-21, precisely the number needed for passage.

The favorable passage of LR 57 means the state will give back its criminal jurisdiction to the federal government. The Tribe will then exercise exclusive jurisdiction over misdemeanors committed by Indians on the Reservation.

A similar resolution was introduced last year. A local group dedicated to termination lobbied against it and the resolution never got to the floor for a debate or vote on the merits. This year, strong support from a number of groups and state representatives made the critical difference in passage of the legislation.

Gambling was a central issue in the debate, the opposition's fear being that retrocession would translate into increased gambling on the Reservation and elsewhere. However,

the sponsor of the legislation said that "there can be no more gambling (on the Reservation) after retrocession than before," adding that "retrocession was the fair thing to do for a people who wish to help themselves."

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Nebraska State Patrol (a statewide police agency), have agreed to enter into a full cross-deputization agreement covering the Winnebago Reservation. The agreement will be effective July 1, 1986, the date of retrocession.

Bob Perego, NARF Attorney for the Tribe, said that when retrocession

becomes effective in July, the Tribe will prosecute misdemeanors committed by Indians. "Off reservation crimes committed by Indians will continue to still be prosecuted in state courts, and felonies committed on the Reservation would be tried in federal court. Non-Indians committing crimes on the Reservation will be prosecuted in either state or federal courts. However, non-Indians cannot be tried in tribal court for criminal matters under any circumstances," he added.

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) is a non-profit Indian legal organization representing Tribes, groups and individuals throughout the United States.

Metis leader urges meetings

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the MAA and the province hold policy forums in the communities so that an agreement can be brought about before the First Ministers' Conference.

"The province would like to see us work through the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), but again this does not involve the federal government. We want to work through a trilateral agreement to entrench our rights that we arrive with from the communities.

Bourque, who's regional office is in Lac La Biche, says although they are concerned about issues such as funding for the regional offices, they are still trying to move ahead in his area.

"We will be holding a meeting May 15, in the

Alberta Vocational Centre's conference room, to discuss the possibility of having a friendship centre established here.

"One of the first things we must do is appoint a board of directors for one year before we can qualify for a centre."

Bourque said they have contacted Native Outreach to attend the meeting and Secretary of State's Stan Shank will be on hand to outline details for the establishing of a centre.

"Our main concern is for funding for the regional offices and we have received some, but not enough. Also, policy meetings must be held in the communities so we can work out some sort of agreement on what the Metis want for the First Ministers' Conference. Those items are important," Bourque stated.

National

CENSUS COUNTDOWN

A Message to All Aboriginal People...

The recruitment of Census representatives—personnel responsible for carrying out the field intake operations of the Census—have been tested and interviewed. The successful candidates will be notified for the training session conducted by Statistics Canada. The time and location for the training sessions determined by Census commissioners will be forwarded to all successful candidates.

The time line for the recruitment process of Census representatives is May 20, 1986. After the recruitment process is completed, training sessions of four half days are conducted by the Census commissioners. In other rural and northern communities the training sessions vary. Aside from training sessions, the Census representatives will do home studies. Upon completion of the training sessions and home studies, the Census representatives should be ready to carry out their duties in their respective enumeration areas.

METHODOLOGY

The Census representatives will start dropping off the Census forms to households on May 26, 1986. This "drop-off/mail back" operation encompasses most of the province and by May 29, households should have

received the Census forms. One out of five households will receive the long questionnaire, the 2B, and other households will receive the short questionnaire, 2A.

Upon receiving the Census questionnaires, the head members of the households are encouraged to fill out the questionnaires, accurately and completely. Most of Canada's citizens will complete the forms on June 3, 1986, the official Census Day. Once the forms have been completed they should be dropped off at the nearest post office or mail box.

The time line for the "drop-off/pick up" operation is the same and is carried out in rural communities with less than 5,000 population. In these rural areas the respondent(s) is informed that the Census representative will return after Census Day, June 3, to pick up the Census questionnaire.

The canvasser method will be implemented in all Indian reserves and the eight Metis settlements. This face-to-face approach will be carried out by Native census representatives in these communities. The respondents in the canvasser areas will be asked to fill out the long questionnaire.

The Census countdown continues. For further information contact: Laurent C. Roy, (403) 420-2129 or Carole Lavallee, (403) 292-4914.

June 3, is Census Day. "COUNT YOURSELF IN."

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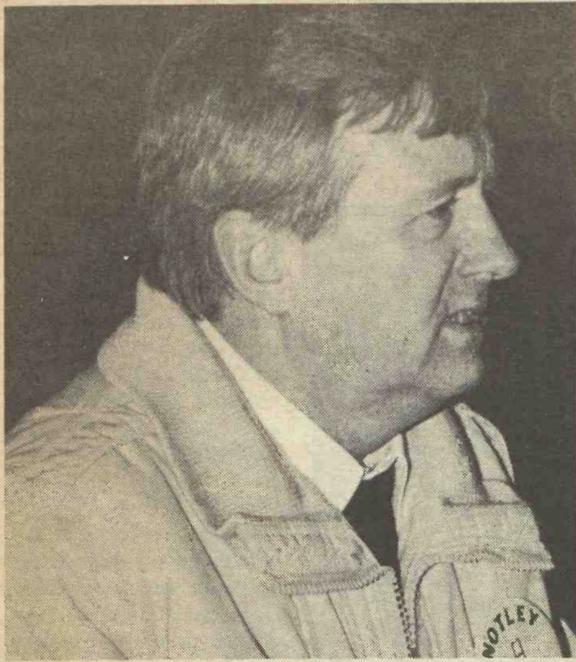
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RAY MARTIN
...continuing the legacy

Notley given credit for ND achievement

By Ivan Morin

"There's not a Native person in Alberta that didn't recognize Grant Notley as a man who stood up for the Native people, and when Grant stood up for the minorities he didn't do it to get votes."

This was the legacy of Grant Notley, leader of the New Democratic Party of Alberta until his untimely death in an airplane accident on October 19, 1984.

This is the legacy that Ray Martin and 15 other recently-elected New Democratic members of the Alberta Legislature pledge to uphold.

In a recent telephone interview with "Windspeaker" on his 16-seat win, Martin said that the New Democrats had drafted a paper on Native issues prior to the election and that the New Democrats campaigned to the Native people on the basis of that paper.

The New Democrats had two Natives running under their banner in the election, Muriel Stanley-Venne (Edmonton-Meadowlark) and George Chatsis (Calgary-Buffalo), although both were unsuccessful in their bid to be elected to the Legislature. Stanley-Venne was the chairman of the committee who put together the New

Democrat's paper on Native issues.

Martin said that throughout the election, the ND's were the only ones who talked about Native issues, such as the one facing the Lubicon Indians of northern Alberta.

Martin says that Premier Don Getty and his government should get on and deal with the issue as it is becoming an international embarrassment to Albertans, alluding to the effect that the Lubicon issue might have on the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics. Much of the New Democrats northern campaign had centered around the Lubicon Indians issue and Indian land claims.

Waiting until the Progressive Conservatives fill their cabinet positions, Martin says that the New Democrats will solicit feedback from all concerned Native groups before filling in his Native Affairs critic position. Martin says based on qualifications, he would certainly be willing to give Natives key positions on his team. He added that the New Democrats firmly believe in affirmative action.

As a final statement Martin said, "I will stand up for any minority group, be it Native or otherwise, and for the little people. Any Social Democrat worth their salt better stand up for the little people."

By Ivan Morin

The capturing of 16 seats by the New Democrats is seen by many, including the ND candidates, as a gain for Native people. Allen End, president of the Alberta New Democrats, says he feels that the Native vote in Athabasca-Lac La Biche and many Edmonton constituencies, had a large impact on the outcome of the number of New Democrats elected.

Here are just a few reactions from the Native community on the larger Opposition supplied by the New Democrats:

LORO CARMEN, President, Alberta Native Women's Association

"Now that we have more than a one party government, we stand a better chance of being heard."

"The New Democrats will be a good Opposition as they don't take corporate donations and stand up for

the little people. We can count on the New Democrats more than we can on any other party.

"The New Democrats will make sure that the Lubicon issue stays at the forefront of our fight, and this will be encouraging for the Lubicons."

"The loss by Milt Pahl (former Native Affairs minister) is a clear message from the Natives and to the Progressive Conservative government, that they have not done enough for the Native people."

SAM SINCLAIR, President, Metis Association of Alberta

"I'm really pleased. I don't think any government functions good without opposition."

"It will be good especially on Native issues."

DORIS RONNEBURG, President, Native Council of Canada (Alberta)

"The New Democrat win is an opportune time for

Natives to make the system work for them.

"Gives Natives a chance to build a higher profile in the Legislature."

"Now we have 22 voices, 22 votes and we as Native people to have make use of that."

"It also shows that Native people are starting to get involved in the mainstream political process."

GARY PARENTEAU, President, Federation of Metis Settlements

"I think the loss of 22 seats by the Conservatives is a healthy change. Once we have an Opposition we're going to have a healthier government."

"We should have an alternative when we bring our concerns to the government, and the Opposition provides that alternative. We don't necessarily have to bring all our concerns to the New Democrats, as there are four sitting Liberals we can approach."

On the loss by Milt Pahl, former minister of Native Affairs:

"I think that Pahl's loss is a reflection of what he hasn't done for the Natives and his constituents."

"Pahl's loss and all the others is just an indication of how callous Albertans have been treated by the Conservatives, and some of the public showed them that."

"Sometimes when people have been in power for too long, they start to take their election for granted, and they forget that there are still people out there who vote."

BERNARD OMINAYAK, Chief, Lubicon Lake Band

"I'm pleased with the increased number of opposition seats, but I'm also saddened by the loss of Jim Gurnett (former MLA for Fairview)."

"A greater number of New Democrats in the Legislature certainly won't hurt the Lubicon position."

Provincial

Festival features Native arts

The exciting and colourful heritage of Alberta Native Arts will be celebrated during a FESTIVAL OF NATIVE ARTS, May 24, 25, 31, and June 1, 1986 on the Alberta Legislature grounds, Edmonton.

Describing the festival program as a learning experience, Milt Pahl, former minister responsible for Native Affairs said, "Albertans will get an opportunity to experience an exciting variety of Native Art and gain a better understanding of Native Albertans and their culture."

The Festival of Native Arts will feature: Native Elder storytellers who will weave delightful tales for children; a food booth operated by Edmonton's Canadian Native Friendship Centre which will feature contemporary Native fare such as bannock burgers; a display of fine art including drawings, prints and sculpture by Native artists; performing arts presentations; and craft demonstrations by Native handicraft artisans who will demonstrate caribou tufting, beadwork, headdress work and porcupine quilling.

The Festival will also mark the first presentation of the THINGS FROM THE HEART Contemporary Alberta Native Handicrafts travelling display. FROM THE HEART presents a fine array of handicrafts and will stimulate interest in Alberta's Native handicrafts industry when it is displayed in Alberta Houses and Canadian Embassies abroad later this year.

The fine art show will display approximately 30 works on loan from private galleries, corporate collec-

tions and institutions including Alberta Native Affairs, the Vik Gallery, the Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Society, and the Alberta Art Foundation.

Festival visitors will be able to purchase crafts from artisans who will be at work on site.

Festival events will occur in the Legislature Pedway, main concourse, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Weather permitting, some events may occur outdoors. Admission is free and ample parking will be available.

Alberta Bands sue Indian Minerals West

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payable to the communities.

Indian Minerals West follows an Alberta government formula for the calculation of the gas cost allowance allowed to cover some of the producer's expenses. The gas cost allowance is the amount allowed to be deducted from production costs and is considered as an operating expense.

Both chiefs say this was an arbitrary decision made without their consent and that any information they have requested from Indian Minerals West is "frequently too little and consistently too late."

The chiefs demand a moratorium on deductions from royalties made in 1985, retroactive to 1979.

The depletion to band revenues amounts to \$1.5 million since deductions

were begun, according to Saddle Lake Chief Eugene Houle. Initial deductions have created a greater impact of jobs and band services for reserve residents. Last fiscal years (1984/85) per-capita distribution payments totalled \$425,000 at Saddle Lake.

There was nearly \$300 million of revenue to Indian bands in western Canada, from oil and gas development, according to Wallace

G. Dombroski, acting director of Indian Minerals West.

Don Allen, assistant deputy minister for economic development for Indian Affairs said the courts may be a good idea to sort out the vagueness of the Indian Oil and Gas Act. Allen was appointed to his position in November, 1985. He previously worked with the Task Force on Indian Economic Development.

According to Allen, there has never been a full-time Indian Affairs deputy minister who was responsible for economic development.

In 1941 and 1949, Saddle Lake and Goodfish Lake, respectively, surrendered resources into the trust of the Crown in right of the Dominion of Canada.

There are a total of 57 gas wells situated on the two reserves.

Since then, the govern-

ment passed the Indian Oil and Gas Act (1974) and the Indian Oil and Gas Regulations (1977), which set out the terms and conditions regarding Indian oil and gas resource development on Indian lands.

The federal government has not yet responded officially to the law suit or the bands claims, although it has transferred the matter from Indian Affairs to the justice ministry.

Sunrise Project broadens student's horizons

By Albert Crier

Darlene Nadeau is the first student entering through the Sunrise (Pisakastew) Project transfer program to graduate from the University of Alberta, in the 1985/86 school year. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree, which includes a double major in sociology and anthropology.

Originally from Kinuso (30 miles northwest of

Slave Lake), Nadeau, 31, is the oldest in a family of eight children.

Nadeau raised five of her own children while finishing work on her degree in Edmonton.

Nadeau began work toward a university degree by taking an upgrading course at the nearby Community Vocational Center in Slave Lake. In January 1983, she enrolled in the Sunrise Project,

beginning classes in a church basement in Slave Lake along with 15 other students. There they took courses offered by Athabasca University and the University of Alberta, which prepared them for full-time studies at the U of A.

In the fall of 1984, Nadeau continued studies at the U of A campus, finishing her degree in December, 1985.

Crime in the city at first worried Nadeau, but she later got used to both city life and the big campus atmosphere at U of A.

Nadeau says her kids gave her the emotional support she needed to help carry her through difficult times at school. Her kids at first wanted to move back home, but came to accept city life, too.

"University work is really stressful; when I'm with my kids, I'm happy," said Nadeau.

Nadeau was also deeply influenced by her late grandfather, August Sound, who taught her the way to think and how to treat other people.

Other people Nadeau



DARLENE NADEAU
...with her brother Mike

credits for encouraging and supporting her drive toward a university degree are her husband Lawrence Willier; David O'Leary, her former counsellor; Tom Guinn, president of CVC, Slave Lake; Lorentz Lorentzen, her upgrading instructor; the NSS, and her fellow Native students at U of A.

"I felt that I wasn't here by myself," said Nadeau.

To any prospective students, Nadeau advises that they use transfer programs and the CVC training as stepping stones to further their career aspirations.

When at university, students should not shy away from asking for help from other Native students, Native Student Services and especially from professors, Nadeau says. "Let them know what you don't understand."

Commenting on transfer programs, Nadeau said "it's the best thing that could happen to Natives, if they continue on afterwards, as long as the programs know that their purpose is to help the student continue on to higher education," added Nadeau.

Nadeau feels the Sunrise Project could improve in the area of preparing the student for the shock they will feel when they arrive at university. She wished she had known more about the little but important things such as the long line-ups, where to get emergency financial help and admissions procedures.

The real success of the Sunrise Project, which began in 1983, was foreseen by administrators as "the return of Native professionals to their communities."

This is also Nadeau's goal. "I always had the intention of going to school, then to go home educated," said Nadeau.

The Sunrise Project is administered by the Sunrise Project Advisory Board, which is comprised of the Bigstone Cree Education Authority, the Council of Community Education Committees, Improvement District #17, the Town of Slave Lake, the Metis Association of Alberta (Zone 5) and the Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council.

Education

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Northland School Division No. 61 will hold its next Regular meeting on Friday, May 30th commencing at 7:00 p.m., and continuing on Saturday, May 31st, 1986, at the Anzac School Gym in Anzac, Alberta.

All interested members of the public are invited to observe, and to gain an understanding of their Board operations.

A question and answer period will be provided for the public as an agenda item.

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Textbook has 'mutualistic approach'

By Albert Crier

Grade 7 school children will begin learning about the Peigan people and their lifestyle, by using text books produced and written by the Peigan people themselves, in the school years ahead.

"*The Peigan, A Nation in Transition*," a Grade 7 social studies textbook, is one of many books currently being produced as a result of a unique "partnership" between Native communities and Alberta Education.

The principal writer of this book is Bernadette Pard, who is of the Peigan nation. The publisher is Plains Publishing Inc. of Edmonton.

Alberta Education, through the Native Education Project, is co-ordinating the efforts of Native communities, school boards and the publishing company in producing educational materials and resources that will fit in with the curriculum followed in Alberta schools.

There has not been a policy directed toward Native education before in Alberta, according to Bernie Makokis, education consultant with the Native Education Project of Alberta Education.

In November 1984, the Honourable David King, then Alberta minister of Education, established the

Native Education Project team, to develop an education policy that would improve the delivery of education to Native students and communities and to start work on the development of authentic materials about Native people.

Partly as a result of the project's work, Proposed Policy Statement on Native Education was released by the Alberta government in October of 1985.

This policy has been discussed for a long time, and if accepted will create a lot of changes and increased and openness in addressing Native educational needs and concerns, predicts Makokis.

The proposed policy, which is still at the discussion stage, is "to complement initiatives taken to foster tolerance and understanding between peoples and pride in our multicultural society," according to Alberta Education. Its policy statement says there are over 23,000 Native students attending provincial schools.

The Native Education Project has a mandate to meet and consult with parents, students, teachers and Elders of the Native community on education matters. The project team also analyses existing and new educational materials and books which have Native content for accuracy and whether they

meet Alberta education curricula. Education consultants will also meet with schools and advise on possible improvements to their approaches.

A third aspect of the project team mandate is to coordinate the development of learning resources in conjunction with Native communities, school jurisdictions, and book publishers.

This "mutualistic approach" combines the interests and efforts of all those involved in education of Native children. Makokis believes that this process will help Native parents to become more comfortable with talking with teachers and dealing with school boards.

The project team has already had 180 meetings with community groups, involving approximately 4,000 parents, in an effort to get the Native community viewpoint.

Native parents were consistent in their views, Makokis says. "They want to be more involved in the education system and want Native people and their contributions to society depicted in the proper perspective," said Makokis.

There are currently 14 Native community projects producing educational materials, mostly on social studies subjects, for use in Grades 1 to 7. For example, in Grade 6, students will

learn about Indian and Metis government systems, as well as learning about the provincial and federal governments. A textbook on Native art is also in the works with the Beaver Lake Band.

The book on the Peigan is already a best-seller in school jurisdictions, said Makokis. Book sales for the Peigan books have reached 15,000 and another 10,000 have been ordered.

"This particular book is a recognized supplementary resource text in Manitoba and indications are that the same will happen in other Canadian provinces and parts of the United States," said Makokis.

Former education minister Dave King is the person who actually got the development of the Native Education Project started, according to Makokis. "At one time King stayed at Smallboy's Camp. He has a lot of empathy for northern Native communities," said Makokis.

The Native Education Project is headed by Dr. Ralph Sabey and has a staff of four.

At present the proposed Native education policy addressed only the secondary level of the Alberta education system.

Even at this level there is room for expansion, Makokis says. "We can expand in every subject area, in science, physical education or art."

University transfer program gets people working together

By Albert Crier

A third group of students is currently finishing the Coordinated University Transfer Program (CUTP) offered by the Native Student Services (NSS) of the University of Alberta.

CUTP is preparing them to tackle the books as full-time U of A students, next year.

This successful program was established in 1984 to help younger Native students, between 17 and 20 years old, and those over 21, who did not meet the non-matriculated entrance requirements.

The major thrust of CUTP is to offer intensive support services to Native students, on an individual basis.

Study skills, seminars, monitoring individual academic progress, tutorials and counselling initiated by NSS staff are the main services offered to students.

To enter university through this program, a person has to apply to the Native Student Services

office at the U of A. They then go through a screening process and orientation where prospective students receive helpful hints and information to assist them in their studies and academic life.

There is a restricted course selection in the student's transfer year, but there is still a good variety offered. After finishing their transfer year, students will have the freedom to choose from a wide variety of U of A courses.

Transfer students take on three half-courses per term (4 months), one from the U of A and two from the Athabasca University. Starting this year, transfer students spend all their study and lecture time at the U of A campus.

CUTP students are encouraged to get as involved as regular students do on campus, including joining the U of A Native Student Club, said Marilyn Dumont, student counsellor with NSS.

Since they are in a group together, transfer students

tend to help one another in school work and personal matters. They also get moral support and academic advice from other Native students who are on regular university programs.

Prospective students are encouraged to plan ahead before moving to the city. The NSS advises anyone planning on pursuing studies at the U of A to be prepared for such important things as a place to live, and making arrangements ahead of time for finances, moving and babysitting, if they have children.

The encouragement and real concern for the student's academic and home life are very supportive, said one shy student who did not want to be identified.

"There is still a strong need for this program," said Dumont, who was not sure how long it will continue to be offered.

Prospective students will be happy to know that Native Student Services of the U of A will continue to provide the much needed CUTP support services next year.

NATIVE COUNCIL OF CANADA (ALBERTA)

DO YOU THINK YOU'RE ELIGIBLE TO BE REINSTATED AS AN INDIAN?

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Editorial

Honor the Elders

By Clint Buehler

The message is clear. We must honor the Elders and benefit from their wisdom.

That message has been received loud and clear at Ben Calf Robe School, where Elders were honoured at the school's Fifth Annual Powwow. Elders also have an important role in the school's spiritual and cultural activities.

That message is also being received and acted on in numerous Native communities, and in preventive and rehabilitative programs dealing with the serious personal and social problems facing Native people.

The return of the Elders to prominence in the lives of Native people, and in their communities and organizations, is evidence in itself of their power and their importance.

It is only through them that the traditions have survived at all in the face of heavy efforts over many years to destroy those traditions and the memory of them.

For many years, they maintained their language while others tried to destroy it by forbidding the Native children in residential schools to speak it.

For many years, they preserved rituals and traditions in secrecy in the face of suppression and oppression, and against the confiscation of sacred objects, many of which later appeared in museums and private collections.

Now, the Elders can speak freely, the language is being restored, the ancient rituals and traditions have been revived.

Now, the Elders speak.

Let us honor them by listening to them and learning from their wisdom.



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Reader questions age limit for Native princess pageant

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to an advertisement in "Windspeaker," Volume 4, No. 8, Page 5. The reason I am writing is I would like to know why the age limit for the 1986 Alberta Native Princess Pageant is 22 years old?

First of all, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Inga Lanctot. I am from Peace River, Alberta and have lived here most of my life. I am of Native descent and have knowledge of the Native culture. I have no dependents and can travel when necessary. However, I am 24 years old.

I am actively involved with the Sagitawa Friendship Centre in Peace River, and have recently become the secretary for the Peace River Alberta Native Women's Society (Region 2). I am currently working for Northland School Division #61 as the receptionist/switchboard operator. We have a subscription for

"Windspeaker" and, having looked through the paper, I read the article for the pageant.

I have always respected organizations such as this. I feel that it is important for young women to be able to enter any contest they wish, to represent an organization and to have the experience of entering a pageant. In this case, the Alberta Native People.

Poise, Personality and Public Speaking are expectations which one has to achieve to enter a Pageant. Once we have achieved these qualities then we should use them as best we can.

I feel that no matter what age a person is, and they have the qualifications to enter the pageant, then they should do so.

All in all there should be no age limit to who can enter a Pageant.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Inga Lanctot

Opinion

Reader disturbed about having non-Natives publishing Native literature

Dear Editor:

Last month there was an article in the Lethbridge Herald regarding the writing of a Blackfoot dictionary by a non-Native at the University of Lethbridge.

I find it very disturbing to have a non-Native publish and edit a dictionary that requires an absolute comprehension of a language so distinct and unique as the Blackfoot language. Still it is

being translated by a non-Native who is totally alien to the Blackfoot dialect.

Once again this is a prime example of total mendacity by the dominant society, and regulation towards Natives with a distinct cultural ancestry. Furthermore, the whole hypocritical aspect of the project is the involvement of Natives as assistants to this preposterous and ludicrous publication of the

Blackfoot dictionary, moreover without even conferring or consenting with our Native Elders. The assistants themselves are not fluent in the Blackfoot language but are in it only for notoriety and money.

This further proves that the dominant society advocates to such degrading conduct, to be carried out without full consultation of all Natives alike. The funding comes from the

government only because it is undertaken by a non-Native, thereby giving Natives an unequal opportunity to self-sufficiency and to create our culture from a Native's point of view. Because Natives are looked at with total apathy, or classified as being apathetic.

Yours truly,

Peter Bellows
Lethbridge

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messed up in his mind rabbit or a coon school dropout.

That is basically what the statistics say about our experience in the non-Native education system.

Instead of looking at why we fail in the system maybe we ought to examine why that system fails not only us, but itself as well.

How could that be, you ask—a school failing its very own test? Well, it's just possible they didn't know all the answers themselves like they try to make us think they do.

When my kid started at the school down the street he brought home an information package about how they ran the place. On the first page it said what they would set out to teach. One thing was to pass on enough skills and knowledge so our boy could carry on with his next grade and eventually to be able to make himself a living. The other main thing was to teach him about himself, others, school—the world around him in other words. The plan there is to turn out a good person ready to take his place in society.

Well, about the first thing there isn't too much room for argument anymore, unfortunately. A person needs to read, write and do some math to get a job these days. The more education, the easier it is to support a family.

Suppose, though, you set out to be a TV repair person. There is still more to living than being able to fix the vertical hold control knob on a television set. That's where the second part of the education process comes in, that part that's supposed to turn out a thinking caring person ready to assume his or her responsibilities in a thinking, caring society.

In geography they used to teach us where major power dams and paper mills and stuff like that would be located all across Canada.

They didn't teach us about the affects those developments had on the natural order and beauty of life in that area. Without coming straight out and saying so, they were teaching us that anything done to support their social structure was okay.

Well it's not okay. My reserve is suffering from the fact that the paper company dumped ten tons of mercury in our river system. For eighty years that poisoned river will threaten all human and animal life along those shores with a grotesque disease that twists and eventually kills the mind and body.

By ignoring that side of basic information giving, the education system is partly responsible for how things are. It is not producing well-rounded people who care about themselves, or others or the world around them, like it said it would.

If a system fails itself, how can we reasonably expect it to work for us?

Yeah, I know. It comes down to learning how to make a living in these times because our traditional and natural lifestyle is gone. Everything else the education process tries to teach us though is suspect. The sad part is, it's all a package deal. Our people are poor and struggling because our heads just won't fit the square shape of that package.

Well, it's too easy to just criticize without proposing some working alternative so lets give that a try next week.

Hello. So how have things been with you these last seven sun ups, sunsets and the dark and shiny times in between? Have you ever noticed how tough it is to keep up with what's going on when you're asleep? Not to worry, though. It's usually only when you have difficulties understanding the proceedings when you're wide awake that might mean you have a problem. Anyway, I hope you have things sufficiently under control so you can put your feet up and have a little read.

In the bush, not so long ago and not so far away, there lived a very intelligent rabbit. He would always ask himself things like: why do large stones have sharp edges while the small ones are mostly round and where does the wind come from and where does it go once its gone? He would sit by himself for days, a puzzled up look on his face, figuring and figuring away.

One morning he happened to see other rabbits playing a game of "swat the fox" just out in front of his place. This ruminative rabbit wanted to play, too, but he just couldn't think of a way to get himself invited to join in.

Another time a young female stopped to rest in the same spot. Again, by the time that intelligent twitchface thought up something smart and impressive to say, she was long gone.

That poor waboos just sighed and went back to his solitary and thinking ways. He ended up living quite a lonely little life. He made few friends and he never did figure out how to get himself married.

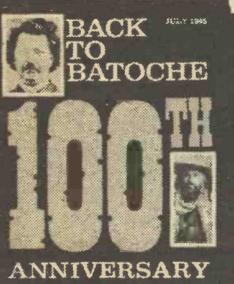
So have you figured out which particular field we are going to hippity hop across this week? If you replace the thinking-to-himself parts of the story with books and reading instead, you'll see that the subject is education.

Now back to that rabbit. Have you ever seen one on welfare or in the line up down at U.I.C.? One major educational necessity, how to be able to make a living, is solved for that bunny already.

His problem is that in developing just his thinking parts, other necessary aspects of his life got left behind. It's like somebody building up their muscles in the gym all the time. That person will be real good at lifting up heavy stuff but maybe he or she will have a hard time figuring out what needs packing around and what doesn't.

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Learning respect changes students' attitudes

By Rocky Woodward

Respect for the Elders is on the top of the list for Gary Neault, Native culture co-ordinator at Ben Calf Robe School.

Over the last four years, Neault says that Native students have learned that in order to learn, move ahead in society and to become whole it is necessary to respect everything about the Elders.

Students at Ben Calf Robe have changed. The young girls know the meaning of the Moon cycle and respect it. At a recent Powwow, young boys catered to the Elders whenever they needed something, and through the teachings from such gifted individuals like White Rainbow (Fred Campiou) they are learning their Native ways.

They are being taught their traditions from people like Neault who take the time to learn themselves.

Speaking to the Elders at a feast prepared in their honor, Neault had these words to say of the Elders, the students and the school he cares for.

"I made an effort this year to go to the Paul Band so that I could become a

part of their family. I needed to understand what is being taught to the young people from the Paul Band that attended school here.

"I don't take the credit for what has been done at this school. The credit must go to the Elders and I want them to know that. We try to give these children some identity about their culture, and without the support of the Elders I could not do my job here.

"One of our Elders, Ben Calf Robe, stated that we cannot beat the white man with guns and anger. The only way is through education.

"I remember when I was in school, I was not allowed to speak my Native language. If I did, I was slapped and I am sure there are many Elders that carry those scars today, of what happened in the residential schools.

"Today, our young people don't have to put up with that. They have the opportunity to move ahead and learn.

"At Ben Calf Robe School we have started a parents council that oversees programs and what programs to be taught here. The Alberta Education team is putting together



GARY NEAULT
...joins elders, and dancers for Grand entry

material that is familiar to us as Native people.

"In the past, all I read about were terrible things that I had to deal with, like living with a savage, a no-good people. That has all been removed from our libraries. We are now clearing the way for our young people so they can move

ahead and take their natural place in society.

"We have brought to Ben Calf Robe the traditional and spiritual way. Some of our students are being exposed to the sweat lodge and spiritual ceremonies. Through these ceremonies, the young girls are taught the importance

of Grandmother Moon. I feel so proud of them because now they don't go near the drum or touch sacred things. These students respect those things now. It took them four years to learn that and now they respect it because they know it is our Native way.

"I have seen so many students grow here. They have left alcohol and drugs out of their lives here at Ben Calf Robe. I feel we must be doing something now, and we must continue for the young people because it is going to be tough for them in the future. The Elders tell us that there are rough times ahead.

"I consider the Elders as advisors of our education in the future. We have put at the top of our list the pipe, and beneath that are the Elders. The teachings must come from the Elders so the young people can gain from that knowledge."

"An important part of schooling at Ben Calf Robe is the Native language.

"A while back we went to the Paul Band and said we want to bring your language

into the school, and rightfully so. The Stoney language should be here. That is something we are now looking at and I feel good about it.

"We must find these people so we can record the language.

"I know Dr. Anne Anderson's books on Native language are in our school. She has done a lot of hard work and has sacrificed a large part of her life for our Native language.

"There has always been a confusion in people's minds that the language which is being taught is not the right language. What has to be understood, is that it is the Y dialect for Cree here. But, with the intermingling of different peoples, the language has changed. So, Dr. Anderson is defining our language, the Y dialect.

"I went up north and found that the people up there are beginning to write their language and starting to teach their children. There are good signs all over and we must continue. It is up to us as Native people."

See pages 10 & 15 for more about pow wow

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Dropping In

Rocky Woodward

Hi! If you have a talent show coming up in your community, please be sure to let DROPPING IN know.

Dropping In would like to know, to cover the show and to hunt down all the talent that is hiding out from NATIVE NASHVILLE NORTH.

I got your message, Chuckie Beaver and I hope you bear with me. I am now in the final stages of setting dates for the Native Nashville North show and only know that it will begin taping shows in September.

That goes for everyone out there. This gives me the time to find the local Alberta talent I need.

I will phone you, Chuckie, when I know the dates. **GIFT LAKE:** It must be nice, Leonard the Traveller. Leonard Flett just got back from EXPO '86 in Vancouver, and says he and the rest of his group had a great time of it.

"I was only about 10 feet away from Princess Diane, Rocky! I will send you some pictures later," said Leonard the excited.

And excited, you should be. I remember when Princess Di visited Edmonton a while back, I was working for the "Nation Ensign" as a freelancer and the only picture I could get was while she was passing by in a car with stained windows.

Needless to say, it didn't work out, so I rushed home and took pictures off the television set! When you're a starving freelancer, you'll do anything. However, that didn't work also.

Leonard made the trip to Expo '86, along with 32 other students from CVC's at Gift Lake and other areas.

Leonard says he even had the opportunity to watch some of the late Chief Dan George's family members dance traditional. It must have been great Leonard.

KEHEWIN: The RODEO scheduled for last week, was postponed and will now be held on MAY 24-25.

You know, I have heard a lot about the Kehewin Rodeo and all of it has been super!

On the 24th, a COUNTRY RODEO DANCE will be held at the SPRING PARK HALL, northeast of Elk Point on Highway 41, and between the town and the Kehewin Reserve.

The WHISPERING RIVER COUNTRY BAND will provide the music and according to Erwin John, the rodeo and Dance have been well planned for everyone's enjoyment. EVERYONE is WELCOME!

HOBBEMA: The FOURS BANDS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT will be holding a SPORTS BANQUET on June 2, at the Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre.

The banquet will begin at 6 P.M. For more details contact Karen at 585-3005.

CALLING LAKE: Congratulations to the CVC Volleyball Team from Calling Lake which captured first place at the Community Vocational Centre's of Wabasca and Desmarais volleyball tournament, just recently. Here is a picture of the winners, who

received trophies from the Director of Education for the Bigstone Band, Adrian Yellowknee.

Back row from left to right, Harold Gambler, Fred Gambler, Charles Houle, Bernie Cardinal, Rena Gambler. Front row from left to right, Mildred Cardinal, Mindy Auger, Roxanne Auger, Nancy Cardinal, Mark Gambler.

Next week I will run the second place winners from GIFT LAKE.

PEACE RIVER: Darlene Courtorielle is a alcohol and drug counsellor for the Little Buffalo-Cadotte Lake area, and she informs me that a track meet will take place in late May or June, but will stay in touch as to the dates.

I would just like to recognize Darlene and wish her the best of luck.

SALT CREEK: THE MAD TRAPPER has scheduled a new summer activity on his trapline and is inviting out all sports enthusiast's to enter into the LAST TRACK MEET.

"It covers twenty miles (trappers don't go kilometer talk) on my trapline and I guarantee it will be their last track meet if they try it," he said laughing.

"Why don't you come up here and try it. It's made for you and hopefully we can change the name once you're out there to the LOST track meet. By the way, I got squirrel's here that can write better than... That's where I cut him off on his mobile phone. Have a nice weekend everyone.



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By Rocky Woodward

The Grand Opening was tremendous.

Out front of all the Indian dancers, Elder Joe Cardinal; Francis Bad Eagle, a relative of Ben Calf Robe; White Rainbow (Fred Campiou); Dr. Anne Anderson, and an RCMP officer dressed in his red uniform, led the parade into the Ben Calf Robe School gymnasium with the Eagle staff, and Canadian and American flags held high. This was the beginning of

the Fifth Annual Ben Calf Robe Powwow held on May 10.

It was special this year as the school's staff and students decided to honor all the Native Elders with this powwow.

After the flag song was performed by the Sunchild Drum Group, the invocation was said by Elder Joe Cardinal.

"This special powwow today makes me think of my friend Ben Calf Robe. I had the opportunity to travel with him across Can-

ada and to Europe. He was a good man. I am happy that this school was named after him.

"Ben Calf Robe doctored and helped all people with his words, wisdom and prayers. We are going in a different direction now, towards the mainstream society, and as Ben Calf Robe would want, we will make a meaningful contribution to Canada."

Gary Neault, the Native cultural co-ordinator at Ben Calf Robe, thanked more than 500 Elders, partici-

ELDERS' COMMENTS AND PHOTOS COMPILED BY ROCKY WOODWARD

JOE CARDINAL (Saddle Lake)

"Ben Calf Robe was a great man. I think of my friend many times. I once had the opportunity to travel with him across Canada and to Europe and I am proud that this school was named after him.

"He doctored and healed all people. He healed people with his words of wisdom, and his prayers.

"Today, we are going in a different direction towards mainstream society.

"When I talk with children today, I tell them that finding one's identity is not going to be easy. The onus also falls on the parents to teach them and remind them of who they are. We do not have to withdraw from society, but learn from our tradition and culture so that we can go ahead with strength. But we must all, together, work to accomplish this.

"I have been to jails across the country where there are many of our people. It tells me that somewhere we have lost our spirit, somewhere we have weakened.

"It shows in the communities like the tragedy at Saddle Lake from where I come and at Peerless Lake. It tells me that education is the only means of survival. We cannot live the way our Grandfathers lived because we can not hunt Buffalo. There are no Buffalo left. But we can learn about ourselves through education, and this is what the Elders are aware of.

"There are good signs. It seems we are finding new strength. People are smiling more. They seem to know, and I hope it will carry on.

"The Elders are working more and more now with the youth and this is a good sign.

"In a matter of 50 years, I have the vision that we will see a more learned and better Indian and we will make a meaningful contribution to society. We are the Aboriginal people. Let us not forget it."

JOE ROAN (Hobbema)

Elder Joe Roan spoke in his Native tongue through interpreter Eric Cardinal at the Ben Calf Robe Powwow.

"I would like to thank Gary and all the people here. I hope Gary retains and finds what he is searching for. I hope all of us do, what we regard as most important to us.

"May the Creator give you the strength, Gary, to do the work that He does and for what you have already contributed. I ask and pray for what has took place that Gary understands what was left to us by the creator.

"May he obtain all the strength it takes to teach the young people. It is hard to teach young people, especially the children. There are many, many roadblocks that a child must face.

"The only thing one can do is to pray, every day, to the Great Spirit and maybe in this manner the Creator will listen.

"That is all I have to say. I thank all the people on this day."

ANNE ANDERSON (Edmonton)

Native Heritage and Cultural Centre's Dr. Anne Anderson attended the Ben Calf Robe School's Powwow and at the Feast held in honor of the Elder's, she voiced her opinions on Native languages, the importance of attending school to receive a proper education and the needed involvement of parents to attain these goals.

"I would like to thank Gary for the wonderful staff he had prepare this beautiful supper for us.

"Twenty years ago, when I first started to write, it was very difficult for me. I had turned to the several reserves for help but they didn't seem interested at the time.

"I wrote my Cree language books the way my mother taught me. My mother was a Cree woman. A very proud Indian woman.

"Through her ways of teaching, this is the way I teach the children of today.

"It is very true that there are four dialects in Cree, but no one can say the words are spelled wrong because we have four dialects. The Y dialect is the one we use here. Saskatchewan, Manitoba and all of the prairie provinces use those different dialects.

"I think it is entirely up to the parents to help the little one's and should start to teach them when they are small because it takes the parents' involvement. You can't teach the children by leaving them at home with a babysitter while parents go out and work. I think it would be wonderful if you can teach the little ones. They are interested.

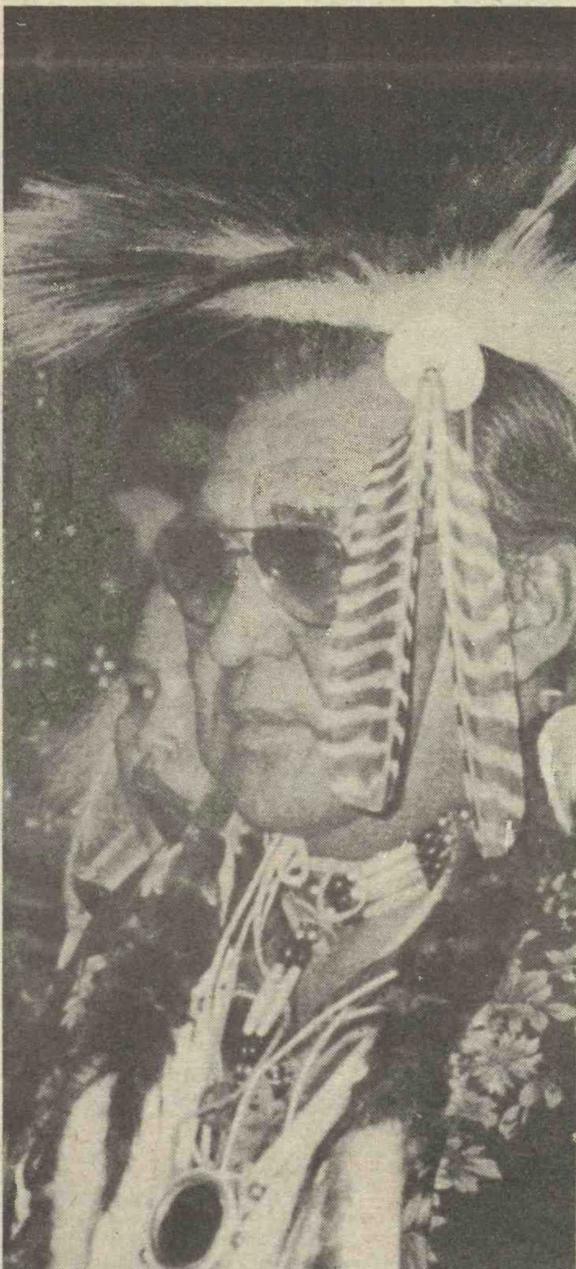
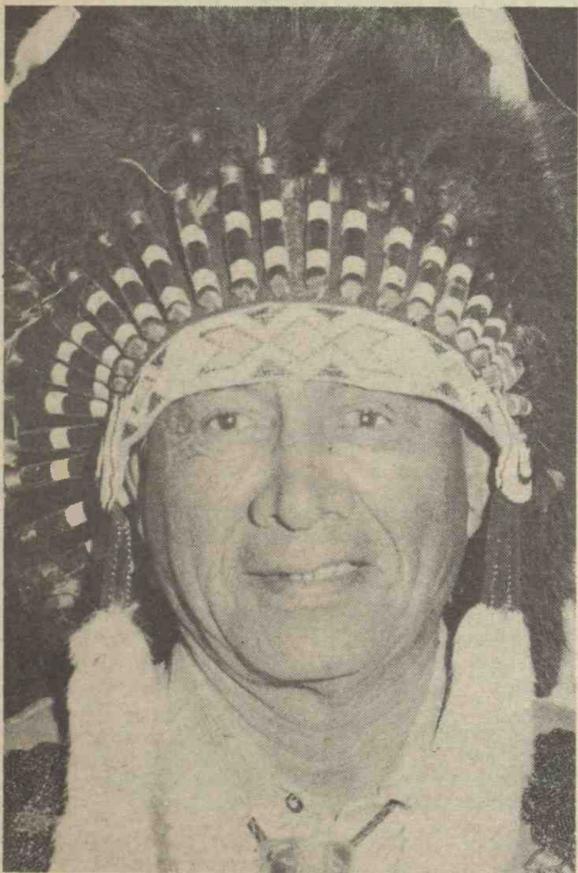
"Today, my heart felt good to see all the little children participating in the dancing. We must continue this. If our culture dies, my dear people, it is our own fault. Like my mother used to tell us, it is our own fault if our culture dies. We must work with it.

We must pray, sing and talk. We must write. The children must go to school, the whiteman's school. But when they go home, they should be speaking their own language. This is what my Mother used to tell us.

"It is only through education that we will understand one another. We should be all brothers and sisters. We must not be jealous of each other: I like people. I don't care who they are, what color they are, I like people. It is the only way to get along.

"I am happy my books are going out into the outlying areas.

"Thanks for listening."



Buyer, Sellers meet at unique Business Summit June 23-27

People everywhere are excited by the potential of the Native Business Summit. They see the great benefits that are apparent by taking part in this bold new venture.

On one coast of Canada, an Indian Band owns prime vacant land in downtown Halifax. On the opposite coast, Indian Bands have experience in developing their lands. Throughout Canada (and in other countries as well), business people with expertise and capital are looking for new ventures in commercial and industrial real estate developments. We will bring them together at the Native Business Summit.

Across Canada, Indian, Inuit and Metis trappers are looking for new

markets and better prices. In San Fransico, an Indian group is looking for a supply of furs for their products. We will bring them together at the Native Business Summit.

In Toronto a Native person wants to franchise her successful business to other locations. Native Development corporations and individuals elsewhere are looking for new ideas to create economic development. We will bring them together at the Native Business Summit.

Our goals for the Summit are simple: We want to create awareness about our achievements and accomplishments. We want to examine and discover new ideas. We want to identify new markets, new sources of

From The Summit

By Tony Belcourt

capital, new business partners. We want to do more business. We want to launch a new era in economic development.

While the goals may be simple, attaining them is not always easy. The Native Business Summit was created as a means to facilitate our requirements.

The Summit is a week-long series of events designed to showcase our products, our resources, our capabilities and our talents. It's a place to display

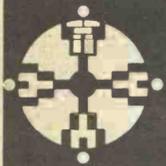
opportunities and explore new deals. The Summit is a forum for exchange.

The response to the Summit has been one of enthusiasm with the many I have met with across Canada — Chiefs, Band Councillors, Native business executives, economic development personnel, senior government officials, Ministers, non-Native business leaders, entrepreneurs and corporate executives. Interest in the Summit is more than national. It includes the U.S., circumpolar, European and Pacific markets.

We have extended an open invitation to participate in this unique and historic event. Those who are looking for the kind of opportunity and

benefit presented by the Summit will not want to miss it.

A.E. (Tony) Belcourt, Summit Chairman and Producer, is Vice-President of both Seneca Communications Inc., and Seneca Productions Inc. Based in Caughnawaga, Quebec, and Ottawa, Seneca specializes in communications consulting and video production and is also in the telecommunications business including the installation of a tele-video and lower power broadcasting facilities. A Metis of Cree origin, Mr. Belcourt has been active for some 20 years in projects to enhance the Native Community through business and public affairs.



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Business Conferences Highlight Native Summit

Four separate business conferences, keyed to building growth in major sectors of the Native economy, are featured during the Summit.

"Each conference will focus on a major area of Native business concern and each is designed to attract top Native and non-Native business and government representatives", says Program Director Richard Brant.

"We're aiming for the best and the response has been very encouraging," Brant adds. "However, this isn't just for the elite. The special programs and speakers we've put together will be invaluable to those starting up new enterprises or simply wanting to improve the businesses they're already operating."

The four areas are: housing and real estate development, Native business development, resources and economic development and finance and trade.

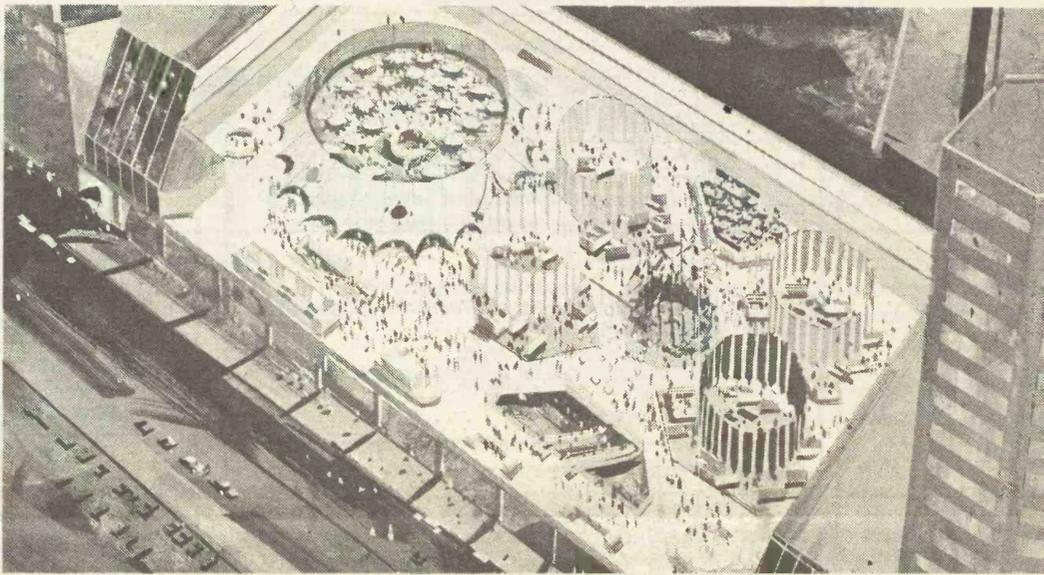
NATIVE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Brant says that for most Native people business means small business and all of the challenges associated with it.

Conference sessions under Native business development will address development opportunities which exist through Native purchasing power, special marketing advantages presented by public interest in Native culture and history and the business advantages of Native human and resource capital.

Special sessions are scheduled on light manufacturing, retail and wholesale businesses, the service industries, tourism, communications and professional services.

Brant says there are special opportunities in the whole area of marketing



Artist's conception of Native Business Summit at Metro Convention Centre June 23-27

Native goods and services to both domestic and international markets.

"There is a special need for more companies in the marketing area to bring buyer and seller together. The conference will focus on these opportunities as well as highlight the great potential of the Native consumer market," he added.

HOUSING AND REAL ESTATE

Brant says the housing and real estate conference will examine both new opportunities in the field and the major obstacles to future development.

"We will be examining the very dynamic and exciting area of recent growth of industrial, commercial and recreational development — both urban and rural.

"There is a whole range of financial advantages to developing on Indian, Inuit and Metis lands. The conference will consider these and other possible incentives.

"As well, proposals for a Native mortgage company and new types of mortgages and investment instruments will be pursued. Much Native land lends itself to development for tourism and leisure as well as having strong industrial development capacity.

"On the residential side, an enormous business opportunity has gone untapped. Native housing needs can be met by Native business developing creative ways to serve the market. These will be explored," said the program Chairman.

RESOURCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The role of Native development corporations is emerging as only one key factor in resource development and the conference will demonstrate this diversity.

For example, the conference will address the question of how community, industrial and corporate Native firms can do more of the business flowing from their own resources. It will examine ways to strengthen the traditional economy as well as entering into new developments through expanding production and marketing methods.

"Resource development is not just mega projects. It also means using new technology to build and expand a family farm, for example, and applying better harvesting and marketing

methods in traditional industries like wild rice, ranching, reforestation, and fishing," Brant added.

FINANCE AND TRADE

"Native people are North America's first traders," Brant explains. "That's why our conference on International Finance and Trade is relevant here."

Financing businesses and increasing domestic and foreign trade are the central topics of the Summit on June 26 and 27. An international panel of experts in trade and commerce from government and private sectors will be involved. So, too, will be Canadian, American and circumpolar aboriginal people who are already active in these fields and have plans for expansion.

The conference will draw attention to alternative sources of capital and will examine present and potential Native financial institutions. It will examine Native advantages in trade, review potential markets and identify ways of breaking into those markets.

"This conference will be of interest to people in many countries around the world who are being invited through External Affairs. We are especially anxious to discuss Pacific Rim and European markets and business opportunities in addition to increasing trade with our traditional circumpolar and U.S. neighbours," Brant concluded.

Richard Brant, Conference Program Director for the Summit, is President and Chief Executive Officer of Brant and Brant Native Development Consultants Ltd., located on the Tyendinaga Indian Reserve near Deseronto, Ontario. Mr. Brant is a lawyer and has authored several major papers on Native economic development and self government.

Major Trade Show and Exhibition Will Showcase Native Achievement

From the very beginning, the Summit's Trade Show has been a popular feature attracting exhibitors from all across Canada and beyond.

"With two full months to go before the doors open to the Summit, about 70 per cent of the trade show was already booked. The response has been tremendous," said Trade Show Director, Rosemary McCarney.

"Native and non-Native business people alike are realizing that the Summit is the place to be," McCarney added. "The trade show will be a showcase of Native business accomplishment and a preview of tomorrow's success stories."

McCarney said it is possible additional space may be available to meet last minute requests but her advice to all interested exhibitors is to book now to avoid disappointment.

The trade show will provide a forum for outlets for Native producers from every sector of the economy where they can meet buyers and other customers.

Small, medium and large businesses from every Native group have booked exhibit space at the trade show.

For example, National Indian Arts and Crafts Corporation will be there with a wide array of its outstanding products looking for new customers and new domestic and international markets.

The Federal Business Development Bank is also among the exhibitors and will provide information and advice on financial assistance available to small businesses.

People in the travel industry will have the opportunity to meet tourist outfitters from many parts of the

country to explore new opportunities for both Canadians and visitors from the United States and overseas.

"The trade show will offer everything from canoes to computer programming. The field is wide open and the opportunities are unlimited," said McCarney.

"The show is being arranged to provide a dramatic backdrop to show Native business to its best advantage. The industrial, retail and financial sectors will be complemented by highly visual fashion and art shows.

"The overall effect will be an environment where Native and non-Native business people can come together to make things happen," said McCarney.

Native businesses can explore potential customers, sources of funds, business associations and joint ven-

ture partners. At the same time, the trade show will provide Native businesses with exposure to new ideas, products and services to help them improve their own businesses.

The trade show's general focus will be in many of the same business areas as the parallel conference, chiefly, housing and real estate development, resource industries development, financial services, recreation and tourism, business services and light manufacturing.

Rosemary McCarney, Summit Trade Director, is a Toronto lawyer and vice-president of Kanchar, an international consulting company in the trade field. She is also a faculty member of the Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Ohio and an instructor at the University of Saskatchewan Native Law Centre in Saskatoon.

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MONDAY, JUNE 23

08:30 Registration
09:00 Exhibitors set up for Exhibition and Trade Show

16:30 Official opening ceremonies
18:30 Art Show Opening

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

09:00 OPENING SESSION FOR ALL DELEGATES (THEATRE)
Master of Ceremonies: (To Be Announced)

Prayer: Rufus Goodstriker
Opening ceremony
1. Welcome to Delegates
Summit Chairman: A.E. (Tony) Belcourt
2. Opening Address
Native Business Summit Foundation Chairman: Roy Louis
Key Note Address on the State of the Native Economy

Key Note Speaker: Hon. Barbara McDougall, P.C., M.P.
Minister of State (Finance), Government of Canada

10:30 Coffee
Key Note Address on the Scope of Native Business
Key Note Speaker: Billy Diamond, President, Air Creebec
12:00 Luncheon/Welcome to Delegates
Special Guest Speaker: Hon. Donald Macdonald
Royal Commission on the Economy

AFTERNOON — Concurrent Conferences

<p>14:00 HOUSING AND REAL ESTATE Chairperson: (To Be Announced) Co-Chairperson: Lawrence Gladue, Native Council of Canada</p> <p>PLENARY ONE Theme: Residential Development — "A Billion Dollar Business" 1. Rural and Reserve Housing — "The Business of Native Housing" Guest Speaker: George Anderson, C.M.H.C. 2. Urban Native Housing — "Doing Business While Serving a Need" Guest Speaker: Clare Brant, Wigwam Corporation 3. Technology — "Profiting from Innovation" Guest Speaker: (To Be Announced)</p> <p>15:00 PLENARY TWO Theme: Commercial, Industrial and Recreational Real Estate Development — "Prime Land with Prime Opportunity" 1. Commercial Development — "Commercial Opportunities Abound" Guest Speaker: Peter Hebb, Guaranty Trust Co. 2. Industrial Development — "Room to Grow" Guest Speaker: (To Be Announced) 3. Recreational Development — "Undiscovered Playgrounds" Guest Speaker: Wellington Staats Ontario Regional Liaison Council</p>	<p>14:00 NATIVE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE Chairperson: Murray Koffler, Chairman, Shoppers' Drug Mart Co-Chairperson: Steven Brant, Peace Hills Trust Co.</p> <p>PLENARY ONE Theme: Product Opportunities — "Toward Economic Revitalization" 1. Retail & Wholesale Business Opportunities — "The Increasing Buying Power of the Native Market" Guest Speaker: Bill Lyall, Arctic Co-Operatives Ltd. 2. Manufacturing Opportunities — "The Rise in Native Productivity" Guest Speaker: Larry Ned, Sumas Clay Products Ltd. 3. Marketing Opportunities — "The Growing Demand for Native-Made Products" Guest Speaker: Chockie Cottier, Corporation for American Indian Development</p> <p>15:00 PLENARY TWO Theme: Service Opportunities — "Toward an Economic Partnership" 1. Service Industry Opportunities — "The Unprecedented Growth of the Skilled Native Sector" Guest Speaker: (To Be Announced) 2. Professional Service Opportunities — "The Burgeoning 'White Collar' Sector of the Native Community" Guest Speaker: Del Anaquod, Saskatchewan Indian Federated College 3. Opportunities in the Communications Field — "The Growing Demand for Information in the Native Community" Guest Speaker: Peter Rice, Seneca Communications Inc.</p>	<p>14:00 RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE Chairperson: Hon. Nick Sibbeston, M.L.A., Government Leader, Government of N.W.T. Co-Chairperson: Neil Greig, Makivik Corporation</p> <p>PLENARY ONE Theme: Renewable Resources Opportunities — "Renewable Sources of Opportunity" 1. Fisheries Opportunities — "The Dynamic Nature of Fishing Production" Guest Speaker: (To Be Announced) 2. Agricultural Opportunities — "A New Perspective on Agriculture" Guest Speaker: Bob Pasco, Western Indian Agriculture Corp. 3. Forestry Resources Opportunities — "A New Era in Forestry Production" Guest Speaker: Ed John, Tanizul Lumber Company 4. Traditional Economic Opportunities — "Enhancing the Value of Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Within a Worldwide Wage Economy" Guest Speaker: Mark R. Gordon, Makivik Corporation</p> <p>15:20 PLENARY TWO Theme: Non-Renewable Resources Opportunities — "Joint Venturing in Canada's Future" 1. Oil & Gas Opportunities — "Profiting from Native Partnership in the Oil & Gas Industry" Guest Speaker: (To Be Announced) 2. Energy Development Opportunities — "Profiting from Native partnership in energy development." Guest Speaker: Hon. Wilson Parasiuk, M.L.A., Minister of Energy and Mines, Government of Manitoba</p>
<p>16:00 BREAK FOR: EXHIBITION AND TRADE SHOW/BUSINESS EXCHANGE</p>	<p>19:30 WELCOMING BANQUET Special Guest: Hon. David Peterson, Premier of Ontario</p>	

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

<p>09:00 CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS BEGIN — (Concurrent)</p> <p>HOUSING & REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE WORKSHOP Theme: The Broad Range of Commercial Development Opportunities on Native Lands Topics: Retail Complexes, Residential Complexes, Office Complexes, Waterfront Developments, Hotels, Legal Restrictions, Incentives, Tax Advantages, Etc.</p> <p>INDUSTRIAL LAND DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP — Theme: Vast Availability Of Ideal Industrial Sites On Native Lands Topics: Industrial Parks, Manufacturing Plants, Locations to Markets, Costs of Labour, Legal Restrictions, Incentives, Tax Advantages, Etc.</p> <p>RURAL & RESERVE HOUSING WORKSHOP — Theme: Creating Business Out Of Rural & Reserve Housing Topics: Community Housing Programs, Private-Non-Profit Housing, Individually Mortgaged Housing, Material Needs of Rural and Reserve Native Communities, Housing Supply Sources, Labour & Training Needs, Etc.</p> <p>URBAN NATIVE HOUSING WORKSHOP — Theme: Meeting the Housing Needs of Urban Natives Through the Creation of Related Businesses Topics: Private Non-Profit Housing, Community Non-Profit Housing, Individually Mortgaged Housing, Material Needs of Urban Native Communities, Housing Supply Sources, Labour & Training Needs, Building Restrictions, Etc.</p>	<p>09:00 CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS BEGIN — (Concurrent)</p> <p>NATIVE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT — (Concurrent)</p> <p>RETAIL & WHOLESALE OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP Theme: Creating Business Around the Buying Power of Natives Topics: Community, Individual, and Corporate Buying Power, Merchandising, Franchising, Supplying Native Communities, Necessity Stores, Variety Stores, Etc.</p> <p>MANUFACTURING OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP — Theme: Harnessing Native Creativity Topics: On-Reserve Manufacturing, Manufacturing in rural Communities, Native Labour, Legal Advantages, Incentives, Tax Advantages, Etc.</p> <p>SERVICE INDUSTRY OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP Theme: The Broad Range of Native Services Opportunities Topics: "Mega-Project" Support, Native Contractors, Skilled Native Operators, Native Journeymen-Tradesmen, Commercial Transportation (Air, Land and Sea), Etc.</p> <p>COMMUNICATIONS (PRINT MEDIA) OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP Theme: Meeting the Information Needs of Native Communities Topics: Native Newspapers, Newsletters, and Publications, Networking, Advertising, Specialized Journalism, Etc.</p>	<p>09:00 CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS BEGIN — (Concurrent)</p> <p>RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FISHING OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP — Theme: The Broad Economic Potential of Native Fishing Topics: Commercial Fishing, Sport Fishing, Hatcheries, Roe on Kelp Operations, Aquaculture, Salmon Ranching, Habitat Management, Fish Marketing, Fishing Camps, Etc.</p> <p>OIL & GAS OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP — Theme: New Opportunities in the Oil & Gas Industry Topics: Production, Exploration, Technology, Services, Human Resources, Joint Ventures, Extraction Operations, Etc.</p> <p>AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP Theme: The Broad Economic Potential of Native Agriculture Topics: Market Gardening, Northern Greenhouse Production, Wild Rice Production & Marketing, The Family Farm, New Production Methods, Irrigation, Innovations, Markets, Services, Etc.</p> <p>TRADITIONAL ECONOMY WORKSHOP Theme: Maximizing the Economic Potential of the Traditional Native Economy Through Entrepreneurial Development Topics: Research & Development of Alternative Wildlife Markets, Cooperative Forms of Local Economic Development, Resource Management, Traditional Economic Values, Human Resource Management, Appropriate Technology, Etc.</p>
<p>12:00 LUNCHEON Special Guest Speaker: Bob Blair, Chairman, Nova an Alberta Corporation</p>		

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AFTERNOON — Concurrent Conferences

<p>14:00 HOUSING & REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS CONTINUE — (Concurrent) HOUSING FINANCING WORKSHOP Theme: Exploring Available Means of Financing Housing Developments in Native Communities Topics: Federal Programs, CMHC Programs, Provincial Programs, Federal-Provincial Programs, Private Financing Schemes, Private-Government Financing Schemes, New Alternatives, Etc.</p> <p>RECREATIONAL LAND DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP Theme: Vast Availability of Ideal Recreational Real Estate on Native Lands Topics: Theme Parks, Resort Development, Leisure & Sports Facilities, Tourism Related Opportunities, Legal Restrictions, Incentives, Tax Advantages, Etc.</p> <p>HOUSING TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP Theme: Housing Methods & Innovations That Can Lead to Business Opportunities and Profits Topics: Design & Materials, Methods, Innovations, Specifications & Standards, Insulations Techniques, Energy Efficiency Devices, Etc.</p>	<p>14:00 NATIVE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS CONTINUE — (Concurrent) MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP Theme: The Market Potential of Native-Made Products Topics: Marketing Native Products, Native Product Appeal, New Untapped Markets, International Markets, Art & Design Markets, Crafts Markets, Etc.</p> <p>SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP Theme: Turning Minimal Opportunity Into Big Profits Topics: Capitalizing on Location, Lower Labour Costs, Tax Advantages, Special Government Assistance Programs, Etc.</p> <p>COMMUNICATIONS (ELECTRONIC) OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP Theme: Linking Native Communities to the Future Topics: Native Satellite Networks, Native Cable Networks, Northern and Remote Telecommunications Opportunities, Information Systems for Native Communities, Computer Facilities for Native Communities, Etc.</p> <p>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WORKSHOP Theme: The Emergence of the Professional Native Sector Topics: Native Executives, Native Experts & Specialists, Native Business Leaders, Native Consultants, Native Managers, Architects, Doctors, Lawyers, Bankers, Etc.</p>	<p>14:00 RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS CONTINUE — (Concurrent) FORESTRY RESOURCES OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP Theme: New Opportunities in the Forestry Industry Topics: Small vs. Large Operations, Reforestation for Profit, Secondary Production, Services, Human Resources, Etc.</p> <p>WILDLIFE RESOURCES OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP Theme: New Opportunities Centered on Wildlife Harvesting Topics: Hunting & Tourist Camps, Wilderness Tours, Wildlife Ranching, New Markets for Wildlife Products, Etc.</p> <p>MINING OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP Theme: New Opportunities Centered on Resource Sharing Topics: Joint Venturing, Partnerships in Exploration and Development, Technology, Services, Human Resources, Etc.</p> <p>WATER RESOURCE OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP Theme: The Potential for Water Resource Development on Native Lands Topics: Hydro-Electric Development, Fresh Water Export, Irrigation, Water Generated Energy Alternatives, Etc.</p>
<p>16:00 BREAK FOR: EXHIBITION AND TRADE SHOW/BUSINESS EXCHANGE</p>		

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

<p>09:00 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON FINANCE AND TRADE — (Theatre) Chairperson: (To Be Announced) Co-Chairperson: Ewan Cotterill, Goldwest Resources Ltd.</p> <p>09:25 PLENARY ONE Theme: Native Capital Formation Guest Speaker: Ron Jamieson, Imperial Securities Ltd.</p> <p>09:40 PLENARY TWO Theme: Opportunities in International Trade Guest Speaker: Frank Hughes, Pannell Kerr Forester</p> <p>10:15 Coffee</p>	<p>11:00 PLENARY THREE Theme: Native Advantages in Business and Trade Guest Speaker: (To Be Announced)</p> <p>11:25 PLENARY FOUR Theme: Financing New Business and Expansion Guest Speaker: Joe Regan, Royal Bank of Canada</p> <p>11:50 Break for Lunch</p> <p>12:00 LUNCHEON Special Guest Speaker: Hon. Joseph Motzfeldt, Minister of Trade, Traffic and Commerce, Greenland Home Rule</p>
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AFTERNOON

<p>14:00 INTERNATIONAL TRADE & FINANCE WORKSHOPS BEGIN — (Concurrent) A REVIEW OF POTENTIAL MARKETS WORKSHOP (I) Theme: An examination of potential new markets. Topics: European Economic Community, United States, and Circumpolar Nations.</p> <p>FINANCING NEW BUSINESS & EXPANSION WORKSHOP Theme: Exploring the elements of financing new business development and expansion, and a review of the institutions and government assistance available to support Native business. Topics: Debt financing from chartered banks, obtaining venture capital, raising equity, joint ventures and consortiums, Federal and Provincial funding programs.</p>	<p>14:00 INTERNATIONAL TRADE & FINANCING WORKSHOPS CONTINUE — (Concurrent) BREAKING IN TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE WORKSHOP Theme: Practical advice on how to break into international trade. Topics: Conducting market surveys and analysis, obtaining local representation, licensing arrangements, getting help from foreign and domestic governments.</p> <p>NATIVE ADVANTAGES IN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & TRADE WORKSHOP Theme: An examination of the present and potential advantages open to status Indians in business competitiveness and international trade. Topics: The implications of the Jay Treaty in Canada/U.S. trade by Indian businesses, special taxation advantages open to Indians and on-Reserve businesses, the potential for free trade zones, etc.</p> <p>NATIVE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WORKSHOP Theme: An examination of present and potential Native financial institutions and the services they could provide Native business in start-up, expansion, and trade. Topics: Native banks, native equity corporations, development corporations, etc.</p>
<p>16:00 BREAK FOR: EXHIBITION AND TRADE SHOW/BUSINESS EXCHANGE</p>	<p>19:30 N.B.S. BANQUET</p>

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<p>09:00 INTERNATIONAL TRADE & FINANCE WORKSHOPS CONTINUE — (Concurrent) TRADE IN THE NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES AND MANUFACTURING SECTOR WORKSHOP Theme: A review of the potential for growth and trade in the non-renewable and manufacturing sectors. An analysis of trends, developments and mechanisms. Topics: Petroleum, mining, manufacturing.</p> <p>TRADE IN THE RENEWABLE RESOURCES WORKSHOP Theme: A review of the potential for growth and trade in the renewable resources sector. An analysis of trends, developments and mechanisms. Topics: Fishing, wildlife harvesting, agriculture, furs, forestry, aquaculture, etc.</p> <p>REVIEW OF POTENTIAL MARKETS WORKSHOP (II) Theme: A review of international markets open to Native business. Topics: Third World markets, the Pacific Rim markets, and market in the Contadora Countries, and the circumpolar nations.</p>	<p>TRADE IN THE GOODS AND SERVICES SECTOR WORKSHOP Theme: A review of the potential for growth and trade in goods and services. An analysis of trends, developments and mechanisms. Topics: Arts and crafts, tourism, culture, etc.</p> <p>CASE STUDIES IN DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP Theme: An examination of success stories in Native business development and trade as a vehicle to understand problems, solutions, assistance programs, and workable approaches. Topics: West Coast fisheries, financial institutions, joint ventures, businesses engaged in international trade.</p> <p>12:00 LUNCHEON AND CONFERENCE WRAP-UP Special Guest: (To Be Announced)</p>
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Tony Belcourt, chairman of the Native Business Summit and vice-president of Seneca Communications presents Murray Koffler, a founding director of NBS with one of the first Summit posters at a recent CCNB conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Native Business Summit Symbol Represents Future

The Native Business Summit Foundation's symbol and inspiration, like the Summit itself, is rooted in Native traditions and comes from the Medicine Wheel, a unique design rich in history and meaning. The origin is Plains Indians, but the values are common to all cultures.

Traditionally the Medicine Wheel is shown in the form of objects, usually stones, arranged in a circle to represent the entire universe, including the family, friends, the animal kingdom, governments, philosophies, and even entire nations. To reflect the traditions

of the Inuit, the symbol was modified to include an Inuksuk.

The North is represented by the colour white symbolizing wisdom; the South side, representing truth and innocence, is green; the Westerly point, coloured red, refers to looking inward, or introspection; and the yellow colours of the East represent looking outward, or illumination.

Often used as an instrument for teaching or as a guide for a visiting guest, it is a symbol deeply rooted in the past and is now serving to lead us into the 21st Century.

Largest Native Exhibition Slated For Summit Week

By Juanita Rennie

TORONTO — One of the largest Indian and Inuit art exhibitions ever to be held under one roof will take place at the upcoming Native Business Summit (NBS) at Toronto's Metro Convention Centre, June 23 - 27 inclusive. It will feature major collections of contemporary and traditional works

painters and sculptures is a sound financial investment.

For example, says Houle, the collection owned by the Department of Indian Affairs in Ottawa is worth at least \$1 Million while the National Museum of Man owns a "virtually priceless" collection of Indian and Inuit art.

For the novice, it is a chance to experience, visually, how some of the artists express their feelings concerning their unique and diverse tribal cultures and values through the use of contemporary and traditional art.

Houle is quick to point out that "New Beginnings is not concerned with the philosophical and academic arguments regarding traditional and contemporary Indian art". He personally believes a lot of contemporary Native art derives its inspiration from traditional art. "They compliment each other," he says.

"Visions", an exhibit of contemporary Native photography, will be yet another feature of the art exhibition.

"This exhibition," says Houle, "is a stunning entrance by Native photographers onto the Canadian visual arts scene. Behind the camera is a Native person. It is us, looking at ourselves."

The photography exhibit is organized by the Native Indian and Inuit Photographers Association which represents nearly 50 Native photographers.

"New Beginnings" is the Summit's recognition of the contribution of artists and artisans to the Native community.

When the Summit says, "New Beginnings", it is saying that Native people can organize and mount a program for the arts and demonstrate proficiency as professionals in the field to a national and international audience.

"For the emerging artist," he concludes, "New Beginnings means there is a future. For the Creative Elders, it is our way of honouring them."

Robert Houle is a Saulteaux Indian who was born on the Sandy Bay Reserve, approximately 100 miles south of Winnipeg, Manitoba. He is the oldest of 14 children. His work has been featured in exhibitions in the United States, Canada, Switzerland and the Netherlands.



Robert Houle

by established Native artists, says Robert Houle, a former curator for the National Museum of Man coordinating the project.

Houle, 39-year-old consultant curator and successful artist in his own right, is currently putting together the various collections and their sponsors which will constitute the exhibition entitled "New Beginnings".

"New Beginnings will have something for everyone," says Houle.

"Besides the major exhibition, a special exposition area will feature the work of emerging artists and paintings and sculptures will be available for sale, either through the artists themselves or their representatives," says Houle.

"It is an excellent opportunity for the artists to exhibit their work to a large, international audience," says Houle.

On site painting and sculpting will also be an added feature as well as advice, suggestions and counsel from established artists Houle prefers to call, "Creative Elders".

For the buyer, the message is simple and direct: Art produced by Native

Across Canada

Roy Louis



EDMONTON, ALBERTA — "The Summit is a focus of what we have accomplished as North America's original traders and our potential as leaders in the creation of prosperity for our people and all of society. We are dedicated to using our energy and our enterprise to create new markets for our products, to build new ventures with the national and international community, to create new jobs, new training and new economic development opportunities".

Roy Louis, is Chairman of the Native Business Summit Foundation. Mr. Louis, a Cree member of the Samson Indian Band of Hobbema, Alberta, is Chairman of the Board and Executive Committee of Peace Hills Trust, Canada's only Native financial institution with assets in excess of \$110 million and a loan and mortgage portfolio of \$49 million stretching from Manitoba to B.C. Peace Hills Trust has branches in Hobbema and Edmonton and is wholly-owned by the Samson Indian Band.

A Band councillor, businessman and rancher, Mr. Louis is also a Director of the Native Venture Capital Corp. of Alberta.

Martin Connell



TORONTO, ONTARIO — "The Summit provides a tremendous chance for the Native and non-Native business communities to share the almost unlimited opportunities that are available through the exchange of ideas, expertise, talents and new market potential. It's a unique business opportunity that should not be missed."

Martin Connell, Vice Chairman of the NBS Board, is Chairman of the

Board of Directors and principal shareholder of Conwest Explorations Ltd. Based in Toronto, the company has significant oil and gas production and exploration interests in Western Canada as well as mining interests in Ontario and the high Arctic. The company has assets in excess of \$140 million. He is also active in several business, political and charitable organizations.

Mark R. Gordon



KUUJUAUQ, QUEBEC — "The Summit is designed to put Native people on the map. We have the businesses and the potential. We want the world to know about it and the Summit is the vehicle to do it. It will mark an historic step for the Native economy of Canada."

Mark R. Gordon is first vice-chairman of the Native Business Summit Foundation. Mr. Gordon is president of the Makivik Corporation and has been involved with Aboriginal rights issues since 1972 when he became the Chief negotiator for the Northern Quebec Inuit Association regarding the James Bay and northern Quebec land claims dispute.

Born in Kuujuaq (Old Fort Chimo), Quebec, Mr. Gordon has also served as executive director of the Inuit Tapirsat of Canada (1977), director on the interim board of the Northern Quebec Inuit Association; coordinator for the Inuit Committee on National Issues; vice-president of Makivik Corp; president of Sanak Maintenance and treasurer of Air Inuit Ltd.

Lester B. Lafond



SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN — "The Summit will showcase Native business from across Canada

but at the same time it will provide a place where business can be transacted and where partnerships can be struck among Native people and with non-Natives as well.

The Summit provides a ground floor opportunity to tap new markets and new business. Our message to all business people across Canada is that this is an opportunity you can't afford to miss."

Lester B. Lafond, Secretary of the Native Business Summit Foundation, also holds several executive positions in the financial and investment business community that provide assistance to Canadian Native businesses. He is currently president of the D.C. Venture Capital Corporation, Vice-president of D.C. Financial Corporation and President of Lafond Enterprises Ltd.

Ron Jamieson

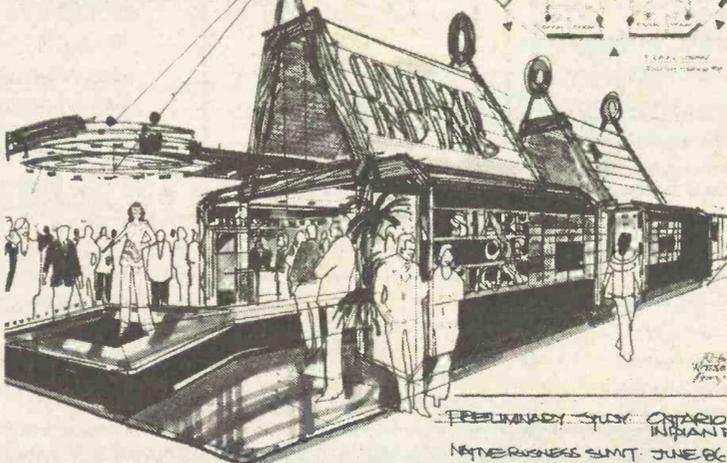


OHSWEKEN, ONTARIO — "There is certainly no shortage of outstanding Native and non-Native people willing to share their expertise and experience with others. But even these highly successful members of the business Community can benefit immensely by making new contacts and exploring such potential areas as joint ventures and new international markets."

Ron Jamieson, Treasurer to the NBS Board, is a division manager with Imperial Securities Ltd. where he and his staff of registered representatives manage the marketing of various investment vehicles with assets in excess of \$1/2-billion.

A member of the Six Nations Indian Band, Mr. Jamieson's community service activities include past chairman of the Community Planning Committee and Community Economic Development Committee of Ohsweken.

Ontario Business Featured in Pavilion



OHSWEKEN, ONTARIO — "Share our Success", the theme of Ontario's exhibit at the Native Business Summit, is designed to provide a representative sampling of the diversified business enterprises to be found in Ontario's Indian communities.

Wellington Staats, Former Chief councillor of the Six Nations Indian Band and currently Chairman of the Economic Development Board for the Chiefs of Ontario, says the Ontario location will be a meeting place and information centre for Summit delegates and the general public.

"The door to Ontario's Display is open," Staats said. "Come and enjoy our hospitality, visit Indian business people, enjoy our fashion shows and audio visual presentations, and get the facts and the contacts you need to share in our success."

A display of Indian artifacts will remind the visitor Indian trade began 5,000 years ago and has evolved into a dynamic business community today.

Tourism, industrial parks, fashion, arts and crafts, mineral development,

cultural exhibits and agriculture — these are some of the exhibits guaranteed to generate interest in the opportunities to be found in Indian business.

The visitor to Ontario's display will find an even broader range of expertise available listed in the updated Indian Business directory available at the Ontario Information Booth.

The hospitable Ontario Display with its soaring roof topped with four symbolic red circles, will showcase diversified Ontario Indian business enterprise from wilderness hunting and fishing camps to wild rice production and manufacturing.

Twice-daily fashion shows will present the work of creative Indian designers. Traditional skills and contemporary design are combined in exotic hand-beaded silk gowns, a body-skimming leather wedding dress, and sheepskin fashions for men and women.

In the craft display, intricate quill baskets, classic pottery and stone carvings will be included in a spectrum of important pieces of Indian crafts and fine art.



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ELDERS POW WOW

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pants and the public for coming out to support the powwow and, "the Elders have told me that they would not come if we held competitive performances. We will stand by their wishes."

Neault mentioned that the dances are sacred and that it was allowed for the youth to dance for a plaque designed by the school that the three top dancers would receive in special traditional dances.

At the beginning of the ceremony, a special dance

was performed for the Elders and in memory of the late Peter Potts of the Alexis Reserve, who passed away on May 3.

Charlie Wilson and the Five Nations Drum Group performed for this special ceremony.

Throughout the afternoon, traditional dancers circled the gym floor performing various traditional dances.

The uniqueness of the Ben Calf Robe Powwow was to see the Native students mixing with the

crowds, asking them if they needed refreshments. They kept care of the Elders needs, in particular, very well.

Others who attended the powwow were the Chief of the Sandy Lake Reserve in Ontario, Josias Fiddler, and Nechi's Maggie Hodgson.

"Maggie has contributed a lot of her sweat into making Ben Calf Robe School a reality," said Neault.

Later that afternoon a special feast was prepared

for the Elders by the staff. Elk stew, bannock, vegetables and blueberry fruit were enjoyed by everyone, including guests, in the gymnasium.

The Ben Calf Robe students and staff can take pride in knowing they offered a powwow that no one will forget. As one Elder put it while enjoying the dances, "this is the first time I have seen in the faces of so many, smiles and contentment in their eyes," said Alfred Bonaise.



TANYA CAPPO
...Princess of Ben Calf Robe

Princess possesses all the right stuff

By Ivan Morin

Living and understanding the Indian way of life are only two qualities one must have to be considered as the Princess of Ben Calf Robe School, but one must also be an example for the rest of the school mates to follow.

It was on these qualities that Tanya Cappo, 14, originally from Sturgeon Lake, was chosen as the 1986 Princess of Ben Calf Robe School.

Cappo, a Grade 9 student, says, "I'm proud to be chosen Princess, it makes me proud of who and what I am, and where I go to school."

Having attended a mainstream school in the city prior to attending Ben Calf Robe, Cappo feels that she learns easier at Ben Calf Robe because there is no communication barrier to deal with there, as there is in a mainstream school, and you're learning from your own people, about your own people.

She says learning the traditional way of life is exciting, because they teach you about yourself, your people and about your tradition. Although, Cappo hails from a reserve, she says that she knew little about the traditional way of life. "I knew some things, but not as much as I know now." As an example she used traditional powwow dancing, which she didn't know before attending Ben

Calf Robe. She is now quite a good dancer.

Gary Neault, cultural coordinator at Ben Calf Robe School, says that the princess for the school is not picked on her good looks, but on her school abilities, on how she projects herself in Indian culture, and how she understands about the traditional ways.

Neault added that "Tanya stood out among all the girls who were considered, her participation in the traditional dancing program (class), and her ability to respect the ways that have been taught to her."

He says that it is tough in today's society for kids to follow the traditional way of life, and it's encouraging to see some of these kids doing it.

Elder Maggie Black Kettle presented Cappo with the Princess crown, and gave a brief talk in her own language. Black Kettle also gave the Indian name "White Buffalo Woman" to Cappo, a name she will carry for the rest of her life.

Marie Cappo, gave a brief address for the people of the North in Cree.

Joanne Thompson, 15, from the Little Pine Reserve near North Battleford, Saskatchewan, last year's princess, emotionally congratulated Cappo, and wished her the best for the coming year.

The students of Ben Calf Robe come from various parts of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, B.C., and the Northwest Territories.

ABBIE BURNSTICK (Paul Band)

"I have had the opportunity to bring some of the students from the Ben Calf Robe school to Elder Abbie Burnstick and she has taught them so much in an afternoon by the stories she tells. She lives the old ways," commented Gary Neault while introducing Burnstick prior to her talk at the Elders' Feast.

"I thank Joe Cardinal and Maggie Black Kettle, everyone who spoke. It is a person's mind when they speak, they mean it.

"I come from the Paul Band. I am an Elder. I am 83 years old now and I still have my memories of the schools. I was like that myself.

"These people who went to the residential schools, they know how they were treated. Now when they grow up, they have that experience, how they were treated.

"Nowadays, the children are so lucky to have the education to go to high school. The parents and grandparents should encourage the young people not to drop out.

"With me, I have two grandchildren. When they want to quit school, I tell them, think of your future life. Fifty years from now life is not going to be the same as it is today. Think of it! Now one of my grandsons is in Grade 12, and the other is going to Alberta College.

"I had a hard time, to get them up in the mornings and send them to school but I encourage them. I didn't scold them, I just encouraged them. That is the way to bring up children. You must encourage them.

"Many times I had a hard time to get up but still I got up. Today, I am glad that they are finishing school.

"I thank Gary very much and the young people that helped serve us."



MAGGIE BLACK KETTLE (Gleichen)

Elder Maggie Black Kettle from the Blackfoot Reserve at Gleichen in Southern Alberta, stood up and slowly raised a cup of tea. In her Native tongue she blessed the food that was prepared for the feast in honor of the Elders, at the Ben Calf Robe School's Fifth Annual Powwow.

Then Maggie Black Kettle spoke.

"Gary Neault is right. Our Native languages and education is important. We have a school like this in Calgary and I work there. We teach them our Indian culture and language. Many are forgetting.

"Even my grandchildren can't talk my language. They just talk English, so we try to teach them.

"We take the boys to Sarcee for sweats. They go into the bush, and the men take them camping. We are trying to teach them our Indian life.

"We will never be a whiteman.

"It was my uncle, Ben Calf Robe, who always told me we will never be a whiteman no matter how long you try. You are always going to be Indian, so we should keep up our Indian culture. This is how I learned.

"I am glad we have these schools. The parents should help to try and teach the kids our Indian culture.

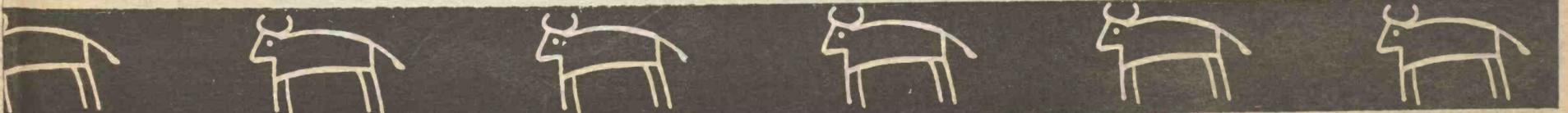
"I hope we never forget it because we will be sorry if there is no beading or dancing. It is good to have these things and to learn about them. We have to teach them so it will keep on going. All the Elders should teach.

"The Buffalo is gone. We are just like the Buffalo, so we are going fast, too.

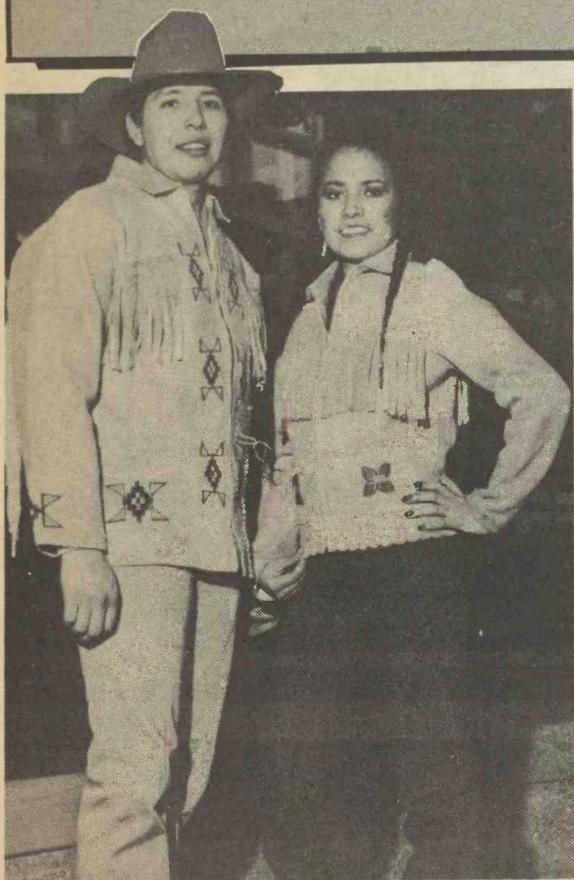
"The only thing is to be friends with one another. Not to be jealous of each other. To be good friends from the bottom of your heart.

"Help each other in any problems, call each other and have a meeting. That is how Indian culture will keep on going.

Keep on praying, use the sweetgrass. That is what the Creator gave us, the sweetgrass and whatever grows on the ground. The Creator gave it to us, so keep using it. I had a good meal. I have enjoyed myself."



Fashion designer combines elements of tradition with modern flare



BUCKSKIN JACKETS
...smoked and beaded

By Anne Georg

SARCEE RESERVE — Ah, but to get married in a white buckskin wedding gown...a romantic garment for a romantic occasion, and a garment that is distinctively Native.

Although Starlight Fashions does not consist exclusively of finery for only the most special occasion, Charlane Starlight's fashions are designed exclusively for Natives. "I like sewing for Indian people," Charlane says from her home on the Sarcee Reserve on the southeast border of Calgary. "I want to retain the Indianness of Indian people. Some things should be worn only by Indian people and not by the general public." She laughs. "I'm touchy about who wears my things."

Starlight Fashions include blouses, shirts, skirts, dresses, coats and accessories. The style is loose fitting and casual, made from easy-to-wear fabrics. Charlane designs not only for women, but for men and children as well. Her Good Luck shirts are a hot item on the rodeo circuit. She not only has request for them from western clothing

shops across Canada, she has many private orders for the colorfully designed cotton polyester shirts as well.

Charlane began sewing as a teenager out of necessity. Her arms were too long for any of the commercial designs that were available. Her commercial career as a designer of Native fashion began after she met the cowboy who would become her husband on the rodeo circuit in Nevada where she was born. Sidney Starlight is from the Sarcee Reserve. The two fell in love and travelled the North American Rodeo circuit together, Charlane selling her Good Luck shirts wherever they went.

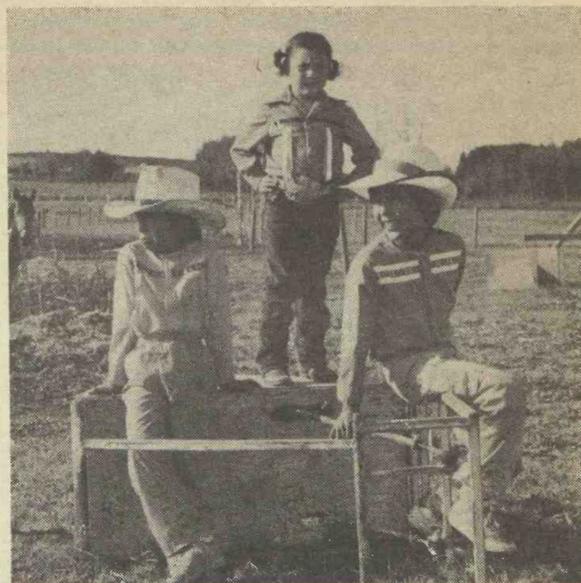
The Starlight home is dotted with rodeo photographs, propped on tables and hung on walls. When asked if she has a photograph of herself, Charlane laughs and offers one of her in a barrel race.

Charlane's home, the Shoshone Reservation in the desert near Reno, Nevada, is very small. Her people tend to leave the reservation to get an education, and because employment on the reservation is practically nonexistent, they assimilate into the non-Native culture. Charlane attended Idaho State University. She graduated from the Faculty of Business Education in 1978 and continued teaching business courses there for one year before meeting Sidney and moving to the Sarcee Reserve.

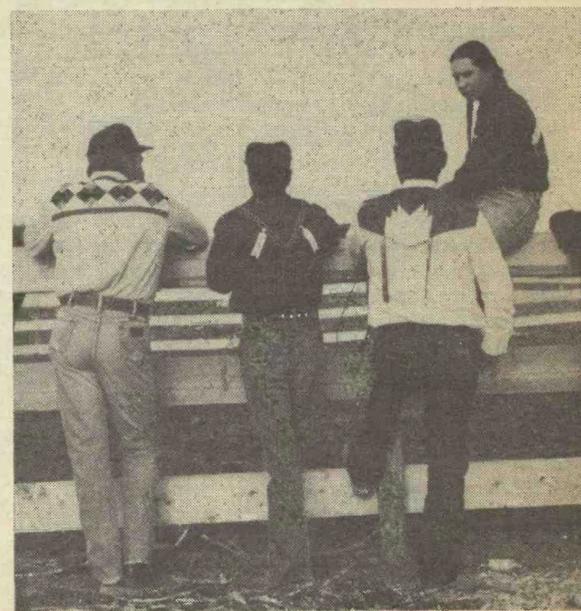
She likes it here and says she doubts that her fashions would enjoy the same success in Nevada as they do in Alberta, although she does have a fashion show tentatively scheduled for the Shoshone Reservation. "The people at home are not as much into cultural values as the people here are. Everyone gets an education and become more associated with the non-Natives; they have to survive."

The Sarcee Reserve is an ideal location for Starlight Fashions. Its proximity to an urban centre is, of course, useful; and because the urban centre happens to be Calgary it is even more of a blessing. The promise of big tourist bucks drawn in by the 1988 Winter Olympics puts Charlane in a prime position to reap the benefits of that influx. She has a lot of work to do before then.

Right now her business stands as it has for the past three years since she seriously began to pursue a career of designing Native fashions. She works sporadically, filling orders as they come in. If it is a big contract like the buckskin outfits she made for the



FASHION FOR YOUTH
...ribbon shirts popular



'GOOD LUCK SHIRTS'
...ribbon shirts with a distinctive look

Kehewin Band chief and council, or the jackets the Sarcee band commissioned her to make for the Elders of the reserve, Charlane will work up to 16 hours a day. And if she has a major fashion show in the works, her day begins at 8 a.m. and doesn't end till 2 a.m. "If I'm slack, I work maybe eight to twelve hours a day," Charlane says casually, putting the rest of us loafers to shame.

Even Charlane gets discouraged by the long hours. The amount of time involved prevents her from pursuing the really large contracts. Although she has requests, both large and small, coming in from all directions, she just isn't equipped to deal with them on a continuous basis. Sometimes she hires workers to help her fill a large order of, say, one hundred Good Luck shirts. But that's small potatoes. There is potential to sell thousands of those shirts nationally, a market Charlane is eager to tap.

But her real passion lies in opening her own designer boutique. She wants to open a store on the reserve that sells her one-of-a-kind designs, and those of other Native designers. She would also like to sell fabric with a distinctive Native look, something she finds difficult to find in Calgary's fabric shops.

"People think what I am trying to do is something like an arts and crafts shop. I try to explain that it's not

like that. I want to build a reputation so people know about my clothes and recognize their distinctive look. There will be things like fully beaded vests and buckskin dresses. It will be an exclusive shop."

She is moving in the right direction. She bought a trailer that will function as a factory, and this year she plans to buy machinery and inventory to stock it and make it work.

The road continues to be uphill for Charlane. But she shows no sign of wear. In the midst of great swatches of decorative fabric, she enthusiastically explains seminoles, an applique technique from Florida Charlane uses to create Indian designs on her clothing. She runs her hand over a Pendleton jacket of vibrant gold and brown hues. She likes to contrast Pendleton, a type of wool, with buckskin. "People like it because it's unique," she says simply.

All of Charlane's fashions are unique. They combine elements of traditional Native clothing with a modern flare. And the functional cotton polyester blends she sews with makes her clothing practical everyday wear—that is unless you want something a little more risque. Perhaps in buckskin or beads, bone or weasel tails or satin; something strictly for special occasions.

Wedding in white buckskin, anyone?

SUMMER LIFESTYLES

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ASUM MENA Is Cree For 'Once Again'

Great country coming up

By Rocky Woodward

Can you believe it Craven, Saskatchewan will be the site of one of the biggest COUNTRY JAMBOREE'S ever on July 18-19-20.

The **Big Valley Jamboree** is located in the scenic setting of the Qu'Appelle Valley, 40 km north of Regina, and provides a perfect backdrop for Canada's largest outdoor music extravaganza.

The Man in Black, **Johnny Cash** will be there along with other super stars as **Moe Bandy, Louise Mandrell, Willie Nelson, Tanya Tucker, Eddie Rabbit, The C-Weed Band, Juice Newton, B.J. Thomas and The Charlie Daniels Band.**

Winston Wuttunnee from the **Red Pheasant Reserve** in Saskatchewan



CHUCKIE BEAVER
...Indian folksinger



JERRY SADDLEBACK
...will be at country fair

will also perform on Friday and his exciting act is always something to take in.

The Big Valley Jamboree has been designed for the whole family at bargain prices the family can afford. Big Valley has 200 acres of free camping and parking available, which is included with the weekend ticket.

On the site there are grandstands and bleachers to seat 8,500 people, and at a minimal additional charge, the centre for emotionally disturbed adolescents is available.

The Big Valley Jamboree is one of three gigantic fund raising events scheduled for this summer in Craven.

The first event, the **Big Valley Rodeo**, June 19-22, is part of the **Labatt's Pro-Rodeo** series and will

be one of the top five rodeos in Canada.

And finally, the **Big Valley Roundup**, August 14-17, is a professional rodeo, and includes the Northwest Finals of the big Chuckwagons and the Pony Chuckwagons World Championships.

Other stars who will entertain at the Big Valley Jamboree are, **Doug Kershaw, Marie Botterell, Terry Carisse, The Whites and Deborah Lauren**, host of **CTV's Country West.**

Back in Alberta, the **North Country Fair** will be held at **Spruce Point Park** near **Kinuso**, June 20-21-22.

Names lined up for the fair, according to **Dale Auger**, are **Winston Wuttunnee, Hoop Dancer and Folk Singer Jerry Saddleback, Ballad Singer Metis Terry Lusty** and, of course, **Wabasca's** very own **Chuckie Beaver.**

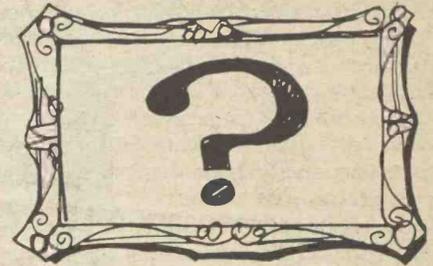
The three-day event will also offer drum groups and a powwow and other activities for children...something you should not miss.

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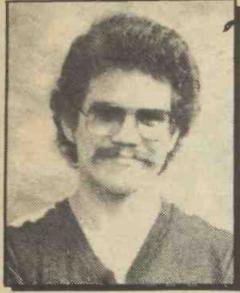
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Sports Roundup

By Ivan Morin

Hi there! I've just come out of the studio from doing my SPORTS ROUNDUP on the NATIVE PERSPECTIVE. Did you know that the NATIVE PERSPECTIVE has an estimated potential audience of one million people? That means that every time that I'm on, there's a possibility that two million ears are listening to my every word, and a potential of one million people will hear the score, or tournament information that you phone or write in to me. So, get those community sports announcements out to me as soon as you can.

AMMSA/ARTS — WINDSPEAKER and the NATIVE PERSPECTIVE are holding a pool tournament of their own. Yours truly was knocked out by columnist Wagamese (after bragging for days that I was going to win the tournament. Serves me right.). Our Editor Clint Buehler and freelance writer, Terry Lusty, are in the race for first place on the "A" side of things, as are WINDSPEAKER News Editor Rocky Woodward and THE NATIVE PERSPECTIVE'S Director, "4 Rails" Ray Fox. Other's still in the race for trophies are Production Editor "Slim" Kim McLain and "Shuffler" Bert Crowfoot (Our Boss of Bosses). I'll give you the results next week, as it should be over by then.

EDMONTON — I forgot to mention in last week's column that I went to the deWit-Lakusta press conference for their June 14 fight at the Northlands Coliseum. Lakusta must have eaten his Wheaties on the morning of the press conference, because he was sure feeling his oats. Here are just a few of the things that Lakusta said: "deWit may as well be fighting any other world contender if he's fighting me." What was Willie's response? "Anybody can talk cheap before a fight."

Lakusta: "We're not going to make any mistakes in the biggest fight of my life." deWit says: "We've seen the tape from the last fight and the guy is full of mistakes I'll be taking advantage of."

Finally, Kenny sez, "if there's going to be a knock-out I'm going to score it. The guys that this guy has been fighting couldn't knock out their own sisters, and nobody has ever hit him the way I can." And what does deWit say about this? He just grins and sez, "uh-huh."

So there you go. It should be quite the scrap. If you're interested in tickets, they only have the top half of the Coliseum left as they sold over 8,000 tickets already. So, you better get in there while there are still some good \$20 seats left.

COLD LAKE — Remember those communities I was talking about last week that I didn't have much contact with over the winter, but they kinda like to play ball and other summer sports?

I had a chance to talk to Armand Martial and he tells me that Cold Lake will be holding their Treaty Days on July 17, 18 and 19. They plan on having canoe races, hand games and a host of other things. Armand says they're not totally sure of all the events right now because the committee is still working out the details of the Treaty Day celebrations. He promises to get back to me on this.

The Cold Lake Band also plans on hosting a ball tournament August 1, 2 and 3. Entry fee for the tournament has been set at \$250. The Band is hoping to attract 12 teams. Also on the 1st to the 3rd weekend, Armand and everybody else in Cold Lake are hoping to get a Stampede Wrestling card up there. He's not sure how this is going to turn out, but he promises to give me a lot more info the next time we get a chance to talk.

HIGH LEVEL — How many of you knew that Mary Schulte was the executive director of the High Level Friendship Centre? Well, I didn't. How about this? The only thing I knew about High Level is that Leona Shandruk (one of our board of directors) was from up there. I don't even know where High Level is, but I'll find the time to find out and go up there for a visit in the next little while.

Anyway, Mary was telling me that they are just planning their summer programs and the centre really hasn't got anything off the ground yet. She says that the friendship centre usually sponsors two softball teams in the summer—one for kids up to 17 years old and the other for adults.

The friendship centre is also interested in sending some kids to the Friends of Sports Games, which are sponsored by the Native Friendship Centres of Alberta, and is being held in Lethbridge this year. The last thing on Mary's list was the fact that the friendship centre will be sending some kids to summer camp this year. And when things really start to move along in High Level she says she'll call me and give us all the goods on it.

GRAND CENTRE — The good thing about having a column like this (as I'm sure Rocky can tell you) is that you sure get to talk to some real down home and good people each week. This week I called Grand Centre and talked with Linda Minoose at the friendship centre and she gave a little news—not much, but it certainly was more than I had before I called her. Linda tells me that Grand Centre is having a rodeo on June 6, 7 and 8.

Another thing Linda did for me is give me the number of a friend of hers who works with Native Outreach up there so I could get a little information on the ball tournament and the such. Turns out the person she had me call, Melanie Janvier, used to

belong to a Native sports club which has since ceased to exist. Melanie is a ball player with the town of Grand Centre, and her kids play ball in the town. Unfortunately, Melanie hasn't got a handle on all the ball activity up there. Oh, well, I'm sure she'll get the goods on all the ball tournaments in her area and when I get a chance to call her again, we'll all know what's going on up there.

HIGH PRAIRIE — One of our regular contributors and I had a pretty good conversation about some of the things that will be going on in his community and some of the things that have gone on. Ellis O'Brien the executive director of the friendship centre up there was just telling me that the friendship centre just opened their recreation centre on May 3. He says a lot of people contributed and showed up for the opening.

And did you know that it is National Physical Fitness Week from May 24 to June 1. Slave Lake and High Prairie have this kind of neat contest they've been running for the past three years called the High Prairie-Slave Lake Fitness Challenge. The Challenge is designed to increase physical fitness activity in the two communities. The way the Challenge works is that everybody is given a card to record any kind of physical fitness activity that they have done over a day or whatever, and for each activity they are given a point. The points between the two communities are tallied up at the end of the week and the town with the most points gets to claim itself as the most fit.

Alex Courtorielle and the rest of the Slave Lake crew won last year, while the first year of competition went to High Prairie. Some of the activities that take place in the competition are bike riding (like a marathon bike ride), racquetball (Slave Lake style), pumping iron, and a run between the two towns. And ELLIS O'BRIEN, AND THE HIGH PRAIRIE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE OFFICIALLY CHALLENGES, THROUGH WINDSPEAKER NEWSPAPER, ALEX COURTORIELLE AND THE SLAVE LAKE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE to begin the Slave Lake-High Prairie Fitness Challenge. And from Slave Lake?????

SLAVE LAKE — I tracked down Alex Courtorielle about 200 miles from home, and he's never heard of a guy named Ellis O'Brien. No, actually he sort of remembers him from last year, but just barely. And the good news is ALEX AND EVERYBODY ELSE AT THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE WILL MOST DEFINITELY ACCEPT THE PHYSICAL FITNESS CHALLENGE FROM THE HIGH PRAIRIE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE.

So, there you have it, two happy communities well on their way to a week of fun and challenges. GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS IN BOTH COMMUNITIES AND MAY THE FITTEST SURVIVE.

And that about does for another week of the SPORTS ROUNDUP. We'll catch you again next week. And remember, if you have a score to report or an activity you'd like to report on you can call me collect or write me. Phone 455-2700, and write me at 15001-112 Avenue, Edmonton, T5M 2V6. I also need a little help on my radio programs. Without you it just doesn't work.

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Youths win cash prizes for art contest

By Rocky Woodward

St. Michael's Catholic School and the Sacred Heart School in Edmonton have many Native youth entered in classes there, and now, since the arrival of Patricia Campbell, they are learning about their Native culture.

On May 6, six students, four from St. Michael's and two from Sacred Heart, won cash prizes for being picked as the first, second and third prize winners of a drawing and coloring contest organized by Campbell.

Campbell began working with the schools as a Native counsellor and cultural

instructor in February and it was not long after that she had six Clans established for her cultural club.

Campbell is from the Turtle Clan (Mohawk) in eastern Canada and comes from the Caugnawahga Reserve.

"I know my culture is somewhat different, but what the children are doing is learning about their own culture. The children are not all Native in the Cultural Club, but it is the Native students who are running it," said Campbell.

Each Clan having its own animal name such as the Bear, Eagle, Wolf, Buffalo and Cougar Clan.

Just recently they took a trip to the city library to learn more about their culture, something they never did in the past.

"I work with approximately 150 Native children, and these students come from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta. The staff here are quite impressed because these kids did not know anything about their culture, and in only a few months they have come to know a lot about their ancestry and traditions."

The students, through the culture club, are now learning Native arts and crafts and basic Cree, and

have invited Native guests who speak to them about trapping, hunting and about the traditional pipe and sweetgrass.

Just recently, they had Joe Linklater from the Ben Calf Robe School as a guest. Linklater is originally from a clan in the east and offered his expertise on pipe ceremonies, the eagle feather and sacred circles.

The culture club will soon have their own sweaters, and the reason for the poster contest was to get a logo for the sweaters.

St. Michael's Elementary School has classes from Kindergarten to Grade 6.

Kevin Chau won first

place for his drawing of a teepee and eagle, and Clifford McConnell came in second with his "Indian Camp."

There was a tie for third place and Nicole Ward and Monica Black shared the honor with their "Horse and Lady" and "Indian and Lady" drawings.

"Will Mr. Windspeaker now say a few words!" said the Principal of St. Michael's, John Morris, referring to the Windspeaker reporter.

The Sacred Heart School winners were Lisa Anderson and Dodi Brunette.

Lisa placed first with her "Circle and Eagle" drawing while Dodi won second

place honors with her "Snake Buffalo and Indian Camp."

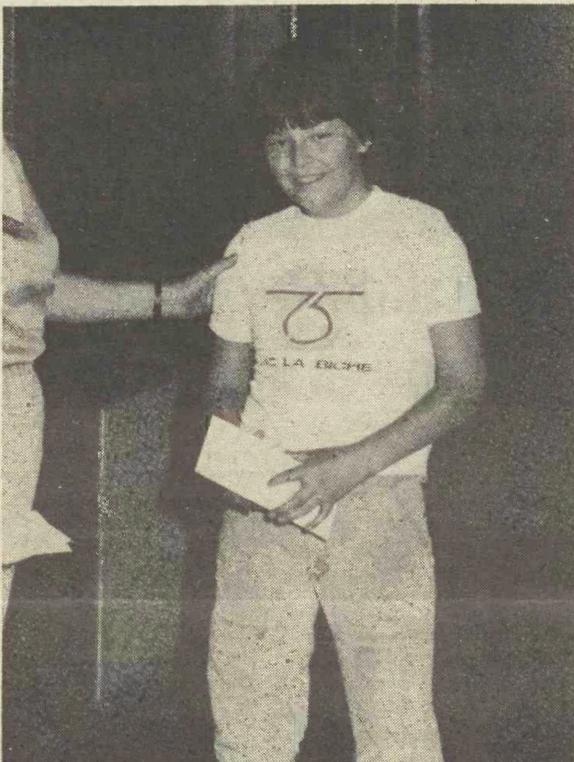
The posters were put on display at Ben Calf Robe School, and judges for the contest were, Native Culture Co-ordinator Gary Neault, Principal John Morris, Eva Beretti, Leith Campbell and Joe Linklater.

Sacred Heart Principal Ernie Howrsh congratulated his two winners, Dodi Brunette and Lisa Anderson, while handing them their prize money.

The posters will now be sent to the Saint Matthew School to have them laminated because "they are very good," said Pat



KEVIN CHAU
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Students tour the city

By Diane Parenteau

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Excitement was high that morning on May 7th. The soon-to-be travellers began arriving at the J.F. Dion School grounds shortly before the 9:00 a.m. departure time toting sleeping bags, suitcases and even ghetto blasters.

The field trip organized by the staff at J.F. Dion, included students from Grades 1 to 5. It was funded in part by Northland School Division and the school student union, with Fishing Lake Settlement Council picking up the slack with matching funds. Expenses included busing, admission fees to visit the various activity centers and meals for the three-day excursion.

The itinerary was chosen to be entertaining and fun as well as educational. A chance for many of the children to experience first hand many of the highlights of Edmonton that they would otherwise only hear or dream about.

The first day was spent largely on the road with a



33 ANXIOUS TRAVELLERS
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short stop for lunch on the way. Students visited the AGT Tower and went for a swim at the Kinsmen Sport Center before settling down at St. Kevin's School for the night.

7:00 a.m. came early for the students who had a

quick breakfast and headed for Fantasyland at West Edmonton Mall. Mid-afternoon saw the group at the Muttart Conservatory. After supper another couple of hours passed touring the Space Sciences Center. Friday was reserved for

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Snowshoes universal

By Terry Lusty

To elaborate on the use of snowshoes by Indian people, the late but noted historian and writer, Diamond Jenness, once wrote that they "were almost universal outside of the Pacific and Arctic coasts."

When constructed, the frames for the shoes were generally made, in order of preference, from the wood of such trees as hickory, ash, birch, chokecherry, spruce, or willow.

Whatever wood was used, it was frequently selected not just for its strength and durability, but also its straight grain and the absence of knots. Knots tended to give it weak spots that would cause the frame to bend or break at that particular point.

Many areas of the north had a greater inclination to use spruce or birch for the frames as these woods were better suited for the purpose and were more readily available. Spruce is certainly lighter than most other woods but does not break as easily. Birch on the other hand, could stand up well even when abused.

To prepare the wood, the strips for the frames were heated over a fire or steamed until they became pliable enough to bend. Once softened, the wood was shaped to take the required form. The frame was then cross-hatched with strong rawhide lacing known as "babiche" to construct a netted, or meshed, middle section.

The late John Tetso, a life-time trapper, claimed that this mid-section wore out quickest and needed replacing once or twice a year depending on how much they were used. It further depended on the quality of the rawhide which, in turn, depended on the age of the original hide-bearing animal from which it was taken. The older the animal, the tougher the hide just as in the case of the animal's meat when used for eating purposes.

The most durable hide was that of the caribou, but, due to its scarcity, the more commonly used hides were those of the moose, horse,

Illustrations by Terry Lusty



SNOWSHOER KNOT

...used by Indians and trappers

or cow. These proved practical enough as they did not absorb water, nor did they sag when they got wet.

The size of the mesh opening was dependent upon the kind of snow on which the shoe was used. In the Canadian west and the north, for example, a small mesh was utilized to travel over soft, powdery snow. If the snow was wet and heavy, a larger mesh opening was more ideal.

Most Indians, trappers, and hunters preferred to make their own style of harness (straps) rather than purchase a commercially manufactured harness. Although moosehide was and continues to be most widely used, one-inch lamp wick material or calf-skin was also used. This was desirable as it was easier to free oneself if one ever fell, plus it was easier to replace once it wore out.

The moosehide thong which tied one's feet to the snowshoes was respected for the damage it could do.

If adjusted too tightly, they often resulted in blisters on one's toes. Even the slightest blister could become infected and make for serious problems.

Without proper transportation or a means of communication, one always had to be on their guard for such problems, especially when one was miles away from any settlement area. Yet, snowshoes were of tremendous importance. For example, when the Cree were at war with the Blackfoot, they had a distinct advantage because of their greater mobility through using snowshoes.

Apart from being used for travel, snowshoes served other functions. In deep snow, they were employed as shovels. When setting beaver traps on the ice, they were used to take ice chips out of the holes that the trappers would chisel.

(Continued next week)

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Sports

Early Bird great golf

By Ivan Morin

The conditions on the course were great and the weather co-operated to make the Early Bird Golf Tournament one of the best golf tournaments that Gordon Russell and the Canadian Native Friendship Centre have ever hosted.

Russell says "this is one of the best tournaments that we've ever had. Last year we only attracted 42 golfers and this year we had 67 in the tournament, and a few cancelled out at the last minute because it looked like the weather wasn't going to be good to us.

"With the way things went this year we hope to attract as many as 100 golfers next year."

The following is a complete summary of the results:

MEN'S FINAL:

1st — Emile Cutknife
2nd — Chris Johnson
3rd — Gerald Kaquitts

MEN'S FIRST FLIGHT:

1st — Eric Janvier
2nd — Jerome Morin
3rd — Leon Baptiste

LADIE'S FINAL:

1st — Sarah Threefingers
2nd — Liz Poitras
3rd — Pamela Threefingers

LADIE'S FIRST FLIGHT:

1st — Leona Lafond
2nd — Ellie Cadieux
3rd — Clara Loyer

SECOND FLIGHT:

1st — Kevin Cardinal
2nd — Robert Sharphead
3rd — Sam Minoose

MEN'S CALLAWAY:

1st — Rusty Threefingers
2nd — Harry "The Bushwacker"
Roasting
3rd — Barry Wood

MEN'S JUNIOR:

1st — Steven Buffalo
2nd — Tyson Potts
3rd — Garth Buffalo

FIRST FLIGHT JUNIORS: (Men's)

1st — Kevin Buffalo
2nd — Desi Bull

MEN'S SENIORS:

1st — Simon Threefingers
2nd — Louis Rain
3rd — Josie Morin

SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP:

1st — Phil Thompson
2nd — Sykes Powderface
3rd — Will McDougal

MEN'S OPEN:

1st — Derrick Johnson
2nd — Will Hall

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- Onchinnahos Indian Days, May 16, Saddle Lake, Alberta.

- Alexander Band Spring Classic Pony & Chuckwagon Races, May 16, 17 & 18, Alexander Reserve, Alberta.

- Goodfish Lake Ball Tournament, May 17 & 18, Goodfish Lake Reserve, Alberta.

- 15th Annual Rodeo, May 17 & 18, Kehewin, Alberta.

- Montana Band, Spring Bust Out Rodeo, May 17, 18 & 19, Hobbema, Alberta.

- Assembly of First Nations Education Conference, May 20, 21 & 22, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

- Bonnyville Foster Care Workshop, May 24 at the Bonnyville Canadian Native Friendship Centre, Bonnyville, Alberta.

- Elders Conference, May 27, 28 & 29, Morley, Alberta.

- Saddle Lake Stampede, June 6, 7 & 8, Saddle Lake Reserve, Alberta.

- Beaver Lake Band Baseball Tournament, First 24 Teams, June 7 & 8, Beaver Lake Reserve, Alberta.

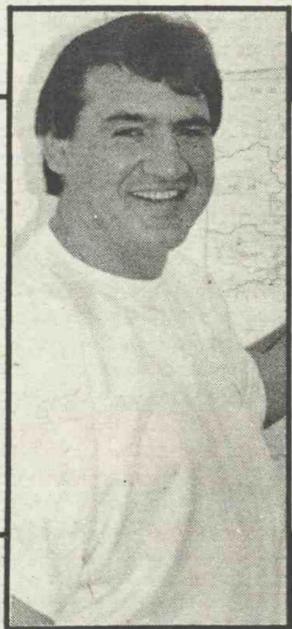
- Indian Association of Alberta (IAA), Annual Assembly, June 10, 11 & 12: Will Include Elections of Executive and Board: Duffield, Alberta.

- Louis Bull Administration Building Grand Opening and Powwow, June 13 & 14, Hobbema, Alberta.

- Treaty Six Forum, June 18 & 19, Red Pheasant, Saskatchewan.

- North Country Fair and Folk Music Festival, June 20, 21 & 22, at Spruce Point Park on Lesser Slave Lake near Kinuso. For further information call Ellis O'Brien at residence 776-2205 or work 523-4511.

CONGRATULATIONS to Leo Piquette, MLA and the New Democrats in Athabasca-Lac La Biche



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