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Corrupt election practices charged

By Lesley Crossingham

Charges of nepotism and corrupt election practices, responsible for a bitter dispute on the Big Prairie Metis Settlement (Peavine), continue and are confirmed by a government official who states the recent elections "were not fair and were not democratic."

High Prairie Metis Settlement Liaison Officer, Andre L'Hirondelle, was the returning officer during the July 16 election which saw incumbent Rene Cunningham, brother of chairman Sydney and council member Fred Cunningham win his bid for re-election. L'Hirondelle has written reports to Edmonton regarding the "undemocratic" election practices on the settlement located 32 miles north of High Prairie.

"It appears that (the settlement's) membership has been tampered with by a certain component of the settlement," said L'Hirondelle.

L'Hirondelle confirmed that he has written several reports to the Metis Settlements Branch in Edmonton regarding the election and the 75-name petition submitted by disgruntled members of the settlement.

Several members of the settlement met with the council August 4 to discuss the disputed election and the 75-name petition,

claiming the election had been unfair because several members had not been allowed to vote.

However, before the discussion could begin, Chairman Sydney Cunningham asked each of the 15 members present why they had attended the meeting. After a brief discussion he announced that he and the council had only agreed to meet with four representa-

tatives. Settlement member Terry Gauthier produced the letter which was read by Settlement Administrator Dennis Cunningham.

The council next admitted that no limit as to the number of members had been made but "it (the letter) was mis-typed. We will not see more than four or we will adjourn the meeting," said Chairman Sydney Cunningham.

After some discussion most of the delegation left the building, along with the Windspeaker reporter, as requested by the council.

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Photo by Jerome Bear

PICNIC-GOER "TAKES THE CAKE"

Raven Dawn Plante could hardly wait for her slice of the special Local 1885 cake that was served up for dessert at the Aug. 8 Metis Kids' picnic held in Edmonton's Victoria Park. There were also free hot dogs, corn-on-the-cob and drinks for the approximately 100 children from Edmonton, Caslan

and Edson who attended the fourth annual event. The park was filled with laughter as the kids watched several adults who decided to participate in some of the games and races that took place. The picnic was organized by Leonard Gauthier of Local 1885 and the drinks and food were supplied by local businesses.

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Native leaders blast McKnight

By Jamie McDonell

National Aboriginal leaders are slamming the recent Western Diversification fund and have attacked Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight, after a government document indicating that no new monies will be allocated to Native economic development was leaked this week.

"Western Canadians should examine closely whether (Prime Minister) Mulroney's new fund is actually a new injection of capital, or whether it is just smoke and mirrors," said Chief Phil Fontaine of the Assembly of First Nations.

The leaked briefing note on the western aid package, prepared for DIA Minister Bill McKnight (who is also responsible for the aid fund) "indicates that Native economic programs will not get new monies," said Fontaine, Manitoba vice-chief of the assembly.

"Either the government has a double standard when dealing with Aboriginal people, or more likely, the Western Diversification Fund as a new initiative is a sham."

The McKnight document also indicates that six months of promised consultation with Aboriginal

people on economic development programs would only start after cabinet had made its decision on the programs' future.

"We have witnessed Mr. McKnight's conscious lack of commitment to those who have been reinstated to their communities under the provisions of Bill C-31," said Dorothy Wabisca, western vice-president of the Native Council of Canada. "If he is two faced with us on our economic development needs, how will he treat western Canadians with their economic development fund?"

There is also "an alarming potential for conflict of interest" on McKnight's part, said AFN's Fontaine.

"If, as minister responsible for Western Diversification, Mr. McKnight is overseeing new exploration and development of oil and gas resources on First Nations lands, which the diversification clearly calls for; what happens to his trust responsibility under the Indian Act?" asked Fontaine. "How can he support private resource exploitation and at the same time fulfill his legal responsibility to protect First Nations' interests?"

With the revelations of the leaked document, the assembly and the council have declared they will halt their consultation on economic programs, rather than

see them used as a rubber-stamp to existing cabinet decisions.

The leaked note indicates the proposed consultations are to be used merely to "ensure Native commitment" to new programs already decided upon by the government.

"This has been the government's form of consultation," said Fontaine, "It is certainly not ours."

To clear up this and other matters, the AFN and NCC are calling on Prime Minister Mulroney to meet with them in September.

"We are going to ask him to account for his broken promise to us of April 18, 1985, when he said '... policies regarding Aboriginal people will be made after open public consultation, especially at the grassroots level,'" stated Fontaine.

"Mulroney's government has been making unilateral policy decisions, one after another, for at least two years ... to the detriment of First Nations," he said. "We are coming to the conclusion that Mulroney is fully aware of and supports the actions of his ministers in this regard."

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UN's Lubicon decision called historic

By Lesley Crossingham

The recent decision by the United Nations to hear the Lubicon Lake band's complaint over Canada's

alleged violation of an international covenant, denying the band their right to maintain their lifestyle, has been applauded by the band and other Native

leaders.

However, the Canadian government has refused to comment other than to complain that the band should return to the bargaining table and then send a contradictory letter thanking the band for returning to the negotiations.

Last week Department of Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight told the Calgary Herald that his office has offered to meet with the band to negotiate a settlement, but until the band agrees to meet there is nothing the federal government can do. But, McKnight would not comment on the UN decision.

He said his department would have to confer with External Affairs officials before commenting further.

However, band advisor Fred Lennarson says the UN decision is historic.

"We are seeing history in the making here," he said. "This decision will affect Aboriginal people in all countries all over the world."

The decision is allowing the Lubicon Lake band,

and in effect all Aboriginal peoples, to address their concerns directly to an impartial third party, thereby recognizing Indian nations as distinct nations, says Lennarson.

The UN has ruled that the Canadian government must ensure that "no irreparable damage is done to the traditional Lubicon society."

The band had appealed to the UN saying that it "will not survive physically or as a social entity, for more than another year or two."

This "decision makes clear that the instruction to Canada under provisional rule 86 is not a decision on the merits of the Lubicon complaint, but is rather an effort to protest vital interests until the merits are decided," said Lubicon chief, Bernard Ominiyak, in an interview Tuesday.

Although Canada has not been found guilty of genocide by the world community, it has been called to account, adds Ominiyak.

However, both the band and the Canadian government are refusing to

comment on the interpretation of this rule.

Ominiyak says he and the band are still studying the ruling. However, he refused to comment on speculation that oil and gas companies, currently working on Lubicon traditional lands, might be forced to leave.

"No one is willing to comment on the ruling yet," says Lennarson. "It may be some time before it is interpreted."

Lennarson points out, however, that rule 86 is usually reserved for emergency cases, such as execution of the death penalty, and has never been applied to a nation.

Although it may be some weeks until a full interpretation of the UN rule is made, other Native leaders are currently meeting with the UN.

Members of the Native Council of Canada (NCC) along with Assembly of First Nations (AFN) grand chief, Georges Erasmus are meeting with UN officials this week to discuss the ruling and the role of Aboriginal peoples in the

United Nations.

The United Nations consists of sovereign nations, however, special recognition has been made to peoples who consider themselves a nation, but are not sovereign. Some years ago, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) were given an advisory position and were allowed to address issues at the UN.

Lennarson says a ruling on the Lubicon Lake complaint may take a year or more, however, both he and the band are optimistic.

"This ruling could mean that Aboriginal nations and the treaties will be adjudicated by an impartial third party, not by the Canadian government, who are one of the parties in the treaties.

Meanwhile the Lubicon band continues its efforts to get back to the negotiating table with the federal government.

At press time, no official from the Department of External Affairs or the Alberta government were available for comment.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Indian soldier on trial, charged with spying

Sergeant Clayton Lonetree, a Winnebago and Navajo Indian, has pleaded not guilty at a court martial trial on July 22. Lonetree, a former guard at the U.S. Embassy at Moscow, is facing charges in the sex-for-secrets scandal at the embassy.

Lonetree, 25, is accused of having an affair with a female Soviet employee at the embassy, and is charged with passing secrets to Soviet agents at her request.

Lonetree's lawyer, William Kuntsler, predicts that Lonetree will be acquitted since there is little evidence against Lonetree. Kuntsler added: "He is a young marine that fell in love, went over his head, reported his predicament to his superiors -- he is not a spy."

Indian woman a candidate for Catholic sainthood

John Pelotte, the first Indian bishop, will ask Pope John Paul to make a Mohawk woman a saint.

The candidate for sainthood is Kateri Tekawitha. Kateri was baptized by Jesuit missionaries in 1676 and vowed to remain a virgin. She died of smallpox in 1680, at the age of 24. Catholic legend states the smallpox scars vanished from her body and her skin turned white as she died. The story of Kateri has spread across the country, said Pelotte.

"Now, you can find statues of her in Navajo churches," said Pelotte. "All across the southwest, there are pictures and medallions of Kateri Tekawitha. This in itself is a kind of miracle, good enough for her canonization. She has been the great unifier of Indian Catholics."

The bishop feels the Pope will agree. In 1980 the Pope beatified Kateri Tekawitha, which is the last step before someone is elevated to sainthood.

Indians sold Manhattan for \$24, story a myth

The widely accepted story that the Indians sold Manhattan to the Dutch for \$24 worth of beads has never been proven and was probably made up by a historian, says a researcher.

"There is no documentary evidence that even suggests European trading beads were used to buy Manhattan Island," says Peter Francis, director of the Centre for Bead Research in New York.

The legend states that Indians took the beads and signed away the 22,000 acres that comprise the most valuable island in the world.

Inuits still burned up about Meech Lake agreement

An Inuit group feels left out in the cold after the Canadian government signed an agreement with Quebec that recognizes that province as a distinct society of Canada.

The Inuit Committee on National Issues is calling for major changes, hinting that if their concerns for self-government are not added to the constitutional agenda, there will be no incentive for Natives to obey federal laws.

A frustrated co-chairman of the Inuit group, Zebeedee Nungak said: "If there is any distinct society in this country, it's us."

Resignation rocks OCO

By Lesley Crossingham

The Calgary Olympic winter games is once again embroiled in controversy over Native involvement.

This week complaints poured into the OCO (Olympiques Calgary Olympics) office after the unveiling of the Olympic medals, which portray an Indian profile. Later that week OCO was rocked with the revelation of the "secret" resignation of Sarcee coordinator, Bruce Starlight. And this week, the announcement that more European museums are joining the Lubicon Lake band's call for a boycott of the Glenbow museum, appears to be seriously jeopardizing the games cultural component.

The medals controversy exploded last week after a public presentation ceremony outside Calgary's city hall. Several Indian leaders, including the IAA's Gregg Smith complained that OCO had not asked permission before using the profile, and other leaders -- including Stoney Chief John Snow, applauded the design.

However, later that week a new revelation hit the OCO camp when Bruce Starlight, one of the main organizers of the Native component announced he had quit his job last May because "of the way" he had been treated by the

organization.

OCO spokesman, Rene Smith along with other OCO officials, announced they were unaware of Starlight's resignation and had presumed he was continuing work on the Native component which includes a trade show, which had been scheduled to open in July.

And to really round off the week, three more

European museums have announced they will not be sending artifacts to the Glenbow Museum for its exhibition, "The Spirit Sings."

The Lubicon Lake band has called for a boycott of this particular exhibition, called the "Flagship" of the Olympic Games in support of their land claim. The exhibition consists of Native artifacts, some

dating back to the 1500s, which would be loaned to Canada by several European museums.

So far about 25 museums have supported the band's plea seriously jeopardizing the exhibition which is an integral and necessary part of the olympics.

At press time, no OCO official, nor Glenbow spokesman, was available for comment.

Tipi-yurt trade postponed

A tipi and yurt (a traditional tent dwelling used by Chinese desert people) exchange planned to mark the start of a co-operative fossil study project between Canada and China in the Gobi desert, has been cancelled due to a lack of funding.

Initially, the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) had planned to have Peigan elder Joe Crowshoe present several painted Black-foot tipis to the Chinese at a project camp in the Gobi desert.

The tipis were to have been painted on the Peigan reserve August 15, according to a design authorized by Joe Crowshoe.

The tipi presentation, scheduled for September was to have been a gesture of friendship that would have focused international attention on Sino-Canadian

relations. Linked, as it was, to the Canada-China dinosaur project, the tipi-yurt exchange would also have been a highly visible symbol of the shared heritage of Canada and China.

But, just before Windspeaker went to press this week, notification that the exchange was cancelled was given by Susan Bramm, communications coordinator for the Ex Terra Foundation of Edmonton, the spearheading organization for the dinosaur project. She said the IAA has tried to find funding for the production of the tipis and the presentation, but the monies could not be secured.

"The exchange is still planned to go in the summer of '88," Bramm told Windspeaker. However IAA officials could not be reached to affirm the

re-scheduling.

Hopefully, the last phase of the tipi-yurt exchange will take place in 1988 when yurts will be brought to Canada in a symbolic "trade-off" for the tipis.

Yurts are the traditional portable home which the Kazakh and Mongol people of China's Gobi desert once and still live in. Yurts were originally made of yak-hide and were ported about by yak teams. Such infamous people as Genghis and Kublai Khan once lived in yurts.

The tipi-yurt exchange will be a symbol of the ingenuity of traditional peoples in coping with harsh environmental conditions. It will draw attention to the connection between the world of humans and the world of nature and the common struggle of all species and societies -- survival.

Feud divides Metis settlement

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After a two-hour meeting, council refused to make any definite statement on the disputed election and Chairman Sydney Cunningham refused to make any statements. Administrator Dennis Cunningham said a letter would be drafted to the dissident members within the next few days.

"The letter will inform the members of the council's decision. No decision will be announced until after council meets," said Cunningham, who added he did not "think there will be a new election."

In an interview after the meeting, settlement member Terry Gauthier, who headed the delegation, said he and many of the members were dissatisfied with the recent "undemocratic and unbiased" election.

Gauthier produced a release made by council to all members outlining eligibility to vote. Provision was made to allow members whose names did not appear on the voters roll to sign a declaration form in order to vote.

"I turned up and asked to vote," said settlement member Hilma Supernault. "But I was told by Andre (L'Hirondelle, the returning officer) that he wasn't allowed to let anyone sign the declaration forms unless they were 18-years old. I wasn't allowed to vote even though I was raised here and my family live here," she complained.

Supernault claims that at least "five members were not permitted to vote" despite the provision of the declaration forms and that several "non-resident non-members" had been permitted to vote by council.

"We have evidence that some came from as far away as Jousard and one lady is a treaty Indian," she added.

In a letter addressed to members of the settlement, L'Hirondelle (who is also the settlement liaison officer) said he had been instructed by council to allow residents whose



TOM & SARAH CARIFELLE
...have bitter complaints about their council

names were not on the voters roll to submit declarations, but that on the morning of the election L'Hirondelle had been instructed "that only the residents between 18 and 19 (years of age) would be able to fill out the declaration forms."

Supernault and other unhappy members of the settlement have sent several letters to Alberta Minister Neil Crawford, calling upon the minister to "dismiss the brother quorum" on the council. Peavine council consists of four councillors and one chairman, three of whom are brothers.

However, former Federation of Metis Settlement vice-president, Lawrence Cunningham, said the dissidents are "jealous" trouble makers and feels the council must not comply with the wishes of the "mob."

Cunningham, who is related to the three brothers, stated other members of the settlement are envious of the position of the family and are trying to "overturn the due processes of a democratic election."

"We (the Cunningham family) have worked long and hard to get what we have achieved. They (the protestors) are just not prepared to work."

"It is quite simple," he said. "When you feed a dog he is grateful and becomes your friend. When you feed a man he turns on you and becomes your enemy," he added.

However, several members complained that Lawrence Cunningham himself rarely lives on the

Peavine settlement, preferring to spend much of his time in Edmonton.

"We wouldn't mind not having running water and no furnaces if it was the same for all of us, but we all know only the chosen few get these amenities," said Thelma Gauthier.

"I wish we could live like the Hutterites. They work together. But the way things are now, I am telling my children to leave the settlement. There is no future here."

Other members complain that jobs go to a "select" few and that many jobs are not open to the membership. Elmer Anderson said he was refused to contract to haul gravel in favor of another contractor from

Gift Lake.

"I set up a road block, but in the end the council said I had to fight this contractor -- not them. It's just not right," said Anderson.

No member of council would speak to Windspeaker on this or other accusations. However, Lawrence Cunningham said Anderson was refused the contract because his bid was too high.

"The council has a duty to get the lowest bid. Not just to give contracts to settlement members," said Cunningham.

But, council member Kenny Noskey pointed out council should negotiate the contract with Anderson in order to bring the bid down in price.

"We owe it to our people to put them top of the list," said Noskey.

And other members complain the council is ignoring the plight of many old people on the settlement, including Tom and Sarah Carifelle, who live in a small house with no running water and no furnace.

"If I didn't haul wood, we would have froze to death," explained 80-year old Tom Carifelle. "And Sarah has a hard time getting about," he added.

Sarah Carifelle, 80, has great difficulty walking and said she hardly steps outdoors in the wintertime because she is afraid she may fall.

"I have to walk to the outhouse. We don't have running water," she added.

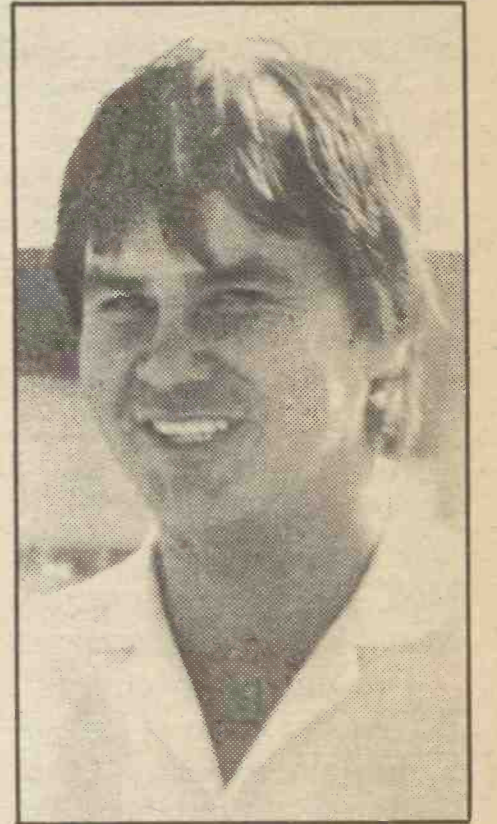
Both Sarah and Tom complain council does little or nothing for them and say they are bitter and angry over their treatment.

"We came here 38 years ago," said Sarah. "We worked hard, but council treats us worse than dogs."

Despite the petition and the many letters to government, Acting Director of Metis Settlements Branch in Edmonton, Cameron

Hendry stated his department will not step in.

"Councils are an advisory body, not a government. They do have input into membership issues, but do not have the power to establish membership. The minister makes that decision," said Hendry, who added he saw the Peavine dispute as a local



TERRY GAUTHIER
...questions election

issue which should be resolved locally.

"We are reluctant to impose rules from the outside. We are trying to see if the people could work out their differences between themselves," said Hendry, who added he had received the reports from L'Hirondelle and from the members.

A meeting has been scheduled in Peavine for August 17. Several members have invited government officials and Randy Hardy, president of the Federation of Metis Settlements.

Despite numerous telephone calls, Hardy has refused to speak to Windspeaker. However, Hilma Supernault said Hardy has refused to attend the meeting with only an invitation from settlement members -- he wants the request to come from the council.

Peavine controversy...

Councillor denied documents

By Lesley Crossingham

A member of the Big Prairie Metis Settlement (Peavine) council says he has been denied access to administrative records and financial records of settlement corporations.

Ken Noskey, who was elected to council last year, says he has requested information and documentation on land records and on the three Peavine corporations, Peavine Development, Waskayigun 'Corp. and the Cattlemen's Association.

"I only found out about the last one two months ago. I don't know who is on the board. They are not telling the people at all,"

said Noskey.

Noskey points out that all members of the settlement are shareholders in the corporations, yet there has never been a shareholders meeting and as far as he knows, no financial statements had been mailed to the membership.

"It's all a secret," said member Hilma Supernault. "We have asked the government to let us look at the records, but they refuse."

High Prairie Metis Settlement Liaison Officer, Andre L'Hirondelle says his branch does not have the financial statements of the corporations.

"We only have the certificates of incorporation, the council has all the

documentation," he said.

Noskey stated he has also not been permitted to look at the land record books and has been forced to look at the records held at the High Prairie office.

"We don't know who has what parcel of land. We are told to apply for land and then be told it is already owned by someone. That is ridiculous."

Administrator Dennis Cunningham said his office does not have the records. "We don't have a computer. Our office is quite new," he pointed out.

Noskey explained many members have applied for land, but because it is already owned, have been turned down and run the

risk of being denied membership of the colony.

"Many members have been told they have to leave the colony because the Metis Betterment Act says they must apply for land. But because the council won't tell us who has which piece of land, many of the membership are being pushed off by council," he added.

Noskey has also written several letters to the Edmonton Metis Settlements Branch but says he has received no reply.

Chairman and other members of the Peavine council refused to comment to Windspeaker on this and other issues.

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QUEST CONTINUES FOR ABSOLUTE CONTROL

Western premiers block self-government process

By Terry Lusty

Metis self-government is being thwarted by Canada's three western premiers, says a director of the Metis National Council (MNC).

Although the federal government and the MNC agree to the concept of self-government, the only way to legislate it is through a provincial agreement. If this agreement is not forthcoming neither is self-government, says Yvon Dumont, director of the MNC and president of the Manitoba Metis Federation.

The western premiers: Bill Vander Zalm of British Columbia, Alberta's Don Getty, and Saskatchewan's Grant Devine have refused to yield.

"Politicians are still using the excuse that it's still not clear enough," says Dumont.

In Manitoba, Premier Howard Pawley has been responsive to the concept of self-government and that, says Dumont, is the key.

Canada is willing to enter into tripartite negotiations "providing the provincial government takes the leading role," he explains. If the provinces do not agree "then the feds are not going to get involved."

"If the politicians are serious about being effective in our communities, they'll give us the control," he says. This would be an investment that would benefit all concerned, he adds.

As with other major Native organizations, the MNC has suffered cutbacks in their self-government



YVON DUMONT
...MNC director

negotiations says Dumont, but they cannot seem to convince their respective provincial governments.

'Politicians are still using the excuse that it's still not clear enough.'

Any negotiations will likely require discussions with other Aboriginal groups, the prime minister, the Minister of Justice and the premiers.

To speed up the process, the MNC has requested they be allowed to make representation before the joint senate-commons committee at Meech Lake. The committee has agreed but confirmation has yet to come from the senate committee.

budget, receiving 25% of the funding they got during the multilateral process he says.

But their quest for self-government, explains Dumont, is not really a financial problem for the MNC, as a recent letter from Ottawa illustrates the government's intent and commitment to "consider proving a contribution to assist the participation of Aboriginal organizations... up to an amount equivalent to that provided by the provincial government for this purpose."

Dumont hopes Manitoba's progress in tripartite negotiations may help to stimulate the other western premiers into formulating negotiation processes.

Alberta and Saskatchewan are interested in entering into tripartite

NCC defends principles despite funding cuts

By Terry Lusty

Despite financial restraints, the Native Council of Canada (NCC) remains undeterred and continues to battle for the entrenchment of Native rights and self-government in the Canadian constitution.

As one of four major Canadian Native organizations, representing the interests of Canada's Native people, NCC stand firm on five basic principles they want recognized by government:

The recognition of the Aboriginal right to self-government within Canada, a commitment to negotiation of agreement on the powers and jurisdiction of the institution of self-government, the constitutional entrenchment of agreement under Section 35 (1), the provision for financing and resourcing of Aboriginal government institutions, and provision for further constitutional reform on Aboriginal matters.

NCC vice-president Christopher McCormick says their approach is not a

"hard nosed" one, but "a human right."

McCormick likens the principles to those of England or Italy whose "cultures are no further ahead than Ojibway, Cree or Blackfoot."

The council obtained a commitment from the House of Commons June 12 that there would be funding provided to all Aboriginal groups to continue to lobby and

'I felt that the Pope understood our endeavors...'

negotiate on the Aboriginal right to self-government, explains McCormick.

The Inuit and the MNC are in financial trouble, as is the NCC, which is trying to "supplement its constitutional coordinator with monies from other programs," admits McCormick. Because of lack of funds, the organization is virtually unable to travel to meetings with the other three major Aboriginal groups. It is a "major" problem, he confesses.

Recently, the NCC representatives travelled to Europe to solicit support from the North America - European Support Group which is comprised of ten countries.

And, Smokey Bruyere, Georges Erasmus and Gordie Peters are scheduled to submit a report to the United Nations at Geneva

this year. The World Council of Indigenous Peoples (WCIP) was also supportive when approached during their annual assembly in Peru this year.

McCormick says it is pointless to write to Prime Minister Mulroney as to how "he has violated human rights."

One nation not present at the European meeting was Britain, says McCormick and blames that nation for the problem facing Canada's Aboriginal population at this time.

McCormick also mentions the formation of a new group, the North American Regional council, which is "a direct arm," to the WCIP which is made up of the MNC, the AFN and the NCC, plus a United States Indian counterpart."

NCC was also one of the organizations represented when Native leaders met with Pope John Paul earlier this year.

"I felt that the Pope understood our endeavours because he's of Polish descent and the Polish... being overrun by the Russians...are in the same position as the Aboriginal people in Canada," McCormick explains.

He is hopeful that the Pope's visit to Canada next month will result in some very direct and fundamental statements that may trigger constructive reaction from the Canadian government.

Constitutional issues are slated to be the focus of this year's annual assembly of the NCC in Fredericton, New Brunswick August 19-21.



NATIVE SERVICES ADVISOR

Request For Proposals

Alberta Social Services invites interested individuals to submit written proposals for consulting work, by contract, as a Native Services Advisor to the Northwest Region.

Working with the Northwest Regional Executive Committee, the Native Services Advisor will facilitate leadership as well as a planning/advisory role in negotiations with: Indian Bands, Metis settlements, Indian or Metis groups, communities or organizations, and similarly with Federal and Provincial jurisdictions which interact with the Department or with Native people. Special emphasis must be given to the development of Native Child Welfare Services.

Interested bidders should be experienced in working with Native people and should preferably have the ability to speak Cree.

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Sealed tenders will be received no later than 12:00 Noon, August 28, 1987. All bids must be completed in the format established and delivered to the above address prior to the closing date. The Government of Alberta reserves the right to reject any or all submissions, in whole or in part.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Northland School Division No. 61 will hold its next Regular Meeting on Friday, August 21, 1987 commencing at 7:00 p.m., and continuing on Saturday, August 22, 1987, at the Divisional Office in Peace River, Alberta.

All interested parties 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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After tornado

Survivors still in shock

By Terry Lusty

The devastating killer tornado that ripped through Edmonton July 31 has left some Native residents of the Evergreen Trailer Park in shock as they try to pick up the pieces of their shattered lives.

The tornado, which reached speeds of about 332 km per hour ripped through the trailer park leaving at least eight Native families the Anderson, Herons, L'Hirondelles and three separate Ladouceur families homeless.

Eva L'Hirondelle was at home with her 7-year old grandson, Breton, when the tornado unleashed its fury.

"The power went out

about 3:00 p.m.," said L'Hirondelle who was unaware of the approaching tornado. She "thought it was just a big storm coming in."

The severity of the situation did not hit L'Hirondelle until the tornado actually touched down. As she was making her way to the kitchen it tore in through the living room windows narrowly missing her. She grabbed Breton, throwing him to the kitchen floor, sheltering him with her own body.

"I thought this was it," she explained as she and Breton huddled in a corner. Although the tornado only lasted minutes, "it seemed like hours," she said, "and everything was black."

The deafening noise of the wind "was like a plane was going to land on your roof...the noise was deep, loud." She was terrified; so was her grandson, she recalled.

As the tornado passed, daylight returned, and she headed for the door. Outside, where a tidy trailer community had once been, was now nothing but chaos and rubble. Dozens of trailers that had been next door to her had been levelled, leaving nothing more than heaps of broken debris.

"I saw people running all around crying...my boy was screaming...men and women looking for this guy and they're scared. They were taking bodies to a long building." The words choke in her throat as she tries to control her emotions. For Eva, it was like an unspeakable horror.

"My little boy kept saying 'my daddy's dead'. Then he scared me more." She did not know if the downtown area where her husband worked had been affected.

Other survivors yelled that "they're (the trailers) were going to explode, gas is leaking and that's all you could smell."

"I couldn't stay anymore, not a minute," she said.

The L'Hirondelles were fortunate. Their unit has been spared the full impact of the tornado but the scars remain. Eva and Breton are a bundle of nerves forced to take medication and counselling.

"I don't even look at the newspaper; I don't look at the news on television," she said explaining the trauma she would prefer to forget.

A week and a half went by before the L'Hirondelles were allowed to return to their trailer. It hasn't been easy for them. "Sure you're scared everyday. I don't



TORNADO DEVASTATION AT EVERGREEN TRAILER PARK
...trailer cut in half

feel at home," Eva commented.

"I'd rather move (away)," admitted Eva adding her husband feels the same. "It hit him hard too."

Eva mentioned a Metis registered nurse named Clara who also lived at the trailers but was away when the tornado hit. "She's a nervous wreck. I think she's going to sell (her trailer)."

Andy and Jessie Heron's trailer was flattened. Their truck and camper were demolished days after the insurance had expired.

The Herons said they are only getting back \$14,000 for their trailer. The amount, said Andy, will not be enough to replace their lost unit.

"I'm upset cause some people with no insurance are getting a new trailer and those with only a little

insurance cannot." Andy feels cheated, and his wife Jessie is still in shock.

"My mind hasn't been right since then," said Jessie. "I don't want to even hear or read about it." She does not want to move back either. "Anybody with a mind wouldn't want to," she added.

The Herons are now in a townhouse with only one entrance. Jessie feels nervous and with a quiver in her voice admits, "I'm scared in here too. I sleep in the living room because there's only one door."

She spoke of their losses -- all she managed to salvage were some family photos.

Even now, "we have no dishes or nothing," she claims. "We're eating out of pie plates."

Volunteer worker Linda Binendyke, who works at

the tornado relief centre expressed surprise saying "we've got lots of things for them."

Binendyke explained that they have done everything possible to inform people. "This number's been on every radio station and television station," she said.

When told that some victims are not listening to the media, she said, "that's a very, very good point." It is possible she added that the messages have not been getting through to some because they are not in contact with the relief office or the media.

The Evergreen Trailer Park suffered the most fatalities -- 15 deaths -- when the tornado ripped through Mill Woods, Sherwood Park Freeway, Clareview and the Evergreen Trailer Park.

Art auction for victims

By Terry Lusty

The fury of the ravaging tornado that hit Edmonton, July 31 has been overcome by the generosity of caring people from all over North America.

During its blistering sweep through the city, the tornado took 27 lives, injured scores of people, and left hundreds homeless.

In reaction to the tragedy several concerned citizens formed support groups, including the newly formed "Artists for Tornado Relief" committee organized by Brian Clark.

"I felt the need to do something for the victims," says Clark who is busy organizing an art auction.

Painters, sculptors, potters and other arts and crafts people are being approached says Clark. These people he adds have "jumped" at the chance to contribute.

Quality works are being sought for the auction. Any pieces donated, explains Clark, will become the property of the committee and used only to raise funds for the victims. The Red Cross Society is being lobbied to act as the agent responsible for finances reports Clark.

The art auction will be held at the Northlands Agricom in Edmonton September 15.

Committee member Randy Morse says the auction is a fine example of how artists not only receive from the public and/or public funds, but also give back. "Artists are humans; they are caring people just like anybody else."

Clark may be contacted in Edmonton at 456-5106.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Native Education Project of Alberta Education is pleased to announce the publication of the following approved basic resources for the Alberta Social Studies program. These resources are the result of partnerships between school jurisdictions and Native people. Native teachers played an important part in writing the resources and Native Elders gave approval to their publication.

Grade 2: The Sarcee Band/Calgary Public School District "Sarcee Reserve: An Indian Community" — Reidmore Books Publishing.

Grade 3: The Blood Tribe, Lethbridge School District/Cardston School Division "The Land of the Bloods" — Plains Publishing

Grade 4: Medicine Hat Metis Local/Medicine Hat School District/Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education "Annette's People" — Plains Publishing

Grade 7: The Peigan Nation/Willow Creek School Division/Pincher Creek School Division/Pincher Creek Roman Catholic Separate School Division "The Peigan: A Nation in Transition" — Plains Publishing

All of the above can be purchased from: **Learning Resources Distributing Centre, 12360 - 142 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5L 4X9, phone 427-2767.**

In addition, more resources are in the final stages of publication and are expected to be available by early September. They are:

Grade 5: Metis Local 1885/St. Albert School District "Exploration and Settlement in Western Canada: The Role of the Metis" — Reidmore Books Publishing

Grade 6: Kehewin Band/Elizabeth Metis Settlement/Lakeland Roman Catholic Separate School Division "Winds of Change: Government on Indian Reserves and Metis Settlements" — Reidmore Books Publishing

Grade 7: Metis Local 1885/Edmonton Roman Catholic School Division "Canada's People: The Metis" — Plains Publishing

Grade 7: Lac La Biche Native Women's Society/Beaver Lake AVC/Lac La Biche School Division "Western Canada Woodland Cree Indian Art" — Plains Publishing

These resources have been developed in order to provide opportunities for all Alberta students to recognize and appreciate Native cultures and their many contributions to our province and society.



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There has to be a better way

The troubled Peavine Metis Settlement is embroiled in a bitter controversy over a recent election. The dispute has divided the tiny settlement into two camps, pitching son against father, neighbor against neighbor, and family against family.

But the underlying problem is more than simple infighting between clans or mere squabbling over boundary lines. Something greater is at stake -- that of Native self-government.

Whenever a new nation comes into being, its founding fathers spend much time developing a method of government. In the case of the United States, a declaration of Independence was outlined and a constitution followed. As with all fair and democratic governments, a series of checks and balances are put into place to ensure no one person or one section of society has more power than another. Thus in Canada we have the government and the opposition parties. It is the duty of the opposition to oversee and criticize the government.

In the United States, congress -- when not being overruled by Col. Oliver North, ensures the president does not overstep his position. And in both cases, hopefully, an objective media oversees all and reports to the people.

Although these systems are far from perfect, they are the best we have. And they work, at least most of the time.

However, in framing the legislation for our new Native "governments," these checks and balances have not been worked into the system. Very often Native governments, such as those on Metis settlements and on Indian reserves are forced to obey outdated and medieval legislation. A prime example of this is the Metis Betterment Act.

This feudal law, passed in the 1930s, makes little provision for true democratic elections. Even our local municipal governments, such as Edmonton city council provide for true democratic elections under the Local Authorities Act.

In the Metis Betterment Act, no such system of checks and balances is in place. The Act relies on a paternal and archaic law based on the

Editorial

Victorian mentality of "father knows best." Father, in this case, is the Alberta government. The minister is "advised" by council on membership, on electoral procedures and on the voters list and makes his decision based on this information.

It is easy in the Peavine case to try to point fingers at one of the two factions and complain that the system is being abused. However, on closer inspection it is obvious that both parties are victims. They are victims of an outdated archaic legislation which actively encourages infighting and dissent. And when rightfully disgruntled members complain that their constitutional right to free and fair elections is being violated, the Alberta government which

molded this dinosaur, replies with a "let them eat cake" attitude and stands back to let settlement members resolve the issue among themselves.

What government officials won't tell them is how the rights of people, who deserve true and fair government, can be assured. The only answer in this case is the Metis Betterment Act, which has no system of appeal and has a "father knows best" clause enabling the minister to make the last decision.

The new Metis Betterment Act, which would see new democratic policies and genuine legislation rather than democracy at the discretion of ministerial decisions, has been tabled by the Alberta government.

Despite the dire need for new legislation, many Metis settlement dwellers may wait a year, maybe two, before the legislation is passed into law. Meanwhile at Peavine the rift continues, the fighting continues and the abuse of what little system there is continues.

Opinion

To give and to receive

Jack and Helena Kakakaway are "modern day" missionaries. They recently spent several weeks in a reserve in northern Saskatchewan. The people they met and the poverty and disease they witnessed had a profound effect on their lives.

In this, the second of a two-part series, Helena tells how other nearby communities reacted to their visit and how she and Jack are now re-evaluating their lives and are learning a new appreciation for the many luxuries they used to take for granted.

"Scabies," is defined by the Webster dictionary as "a contagious skin disease caused by mites and characterized by intense itching and scabs," was a very common ailment amongst the children of the Black Lake reserve in Saskatchewan. Women brought their children to us covered in scabs from head to toe. When one child had it, the disease spread to the entire family.

First, we taught them the basics of hygiene. In Black Lake, we found this teaching gratefully received and practised.

But when we were summoned on our seventh day, to another reserve which was an hour's flight away, we found their attitude quite different and felt we were butting into their affairs by suggesting that they were not practising proper health habits. We were summoned to this reserve for they were also in need of assistance and we were dismayed at what we saw.

The reserve was 1,700 in population but was run by a Chief and Council who seemed to have no regard for the welfare of their people. Alcoholism ran rampant and cleanliness was used only as a matter of necessity. For two reserves so close together we were shocked at the difference in the people however, they came in droves to see us as well.

Because we could only

"duo" who had flown in from civilization who were genuinely concerned about the welfare of the people and people started flying in from Manitoba. We must remember that apart from boat as the snow was virtually gone, the only means of travel was by air, and we were amazed at how the "moccasin telegraph" worked in the North. We were getting invitations from all over but

and the farewell committee at the airport, we realized that we had given hope and peace to so many. We hadn't even unpacked our suitcases when the phone rang asking us when we would be back.

After settling back into our what used to seem humdrum existence, we took an inventory of our lives and were truly humble. What right have we to feel sorry for ourselves, complain and become obsessed with our own self-pity? We had just left people who in our opinion, had nothing but yet had so much.

We had left them smiling and happy surrounded by children living on the avails of nature. Many of them had visited the large cities and had to escape from the concrete jungle to seek the peace and serenity of Mother Earth. Yes, they were suffering from disease, chemical poisoning, lack of formal education and the things we call the amenities of life, yet they were happy and grateful. Yes, Jack and I learned a very large lesson and each time we feel ourselves slipping into that oh, so, common state of self-pity, we shall quickly look at our pictures or better yet, return to the North for a touch of humility.

We have truly been blessed -- our work has just begun.

Jack and Helena Kakakaway have now returned to their home in Calgary. They are planning another trip to northern Saskatchewan later this year.

'The first person to see us crawled in on her hands and knees stricken with arthritis and it was obvious she hadn't bathed in a very long time. Our hearts went out to that poor woman but in our own way we gave her peace and serenity.'

spend just one day there, they set up the town hall for our visit. The first person to see us crawled in on her hands and knees stricken with arthritis and it was obvious she hadn't bathed in a very long time. Our hearts went out to that poor woman but in our own way, we gave her peace and serenity.

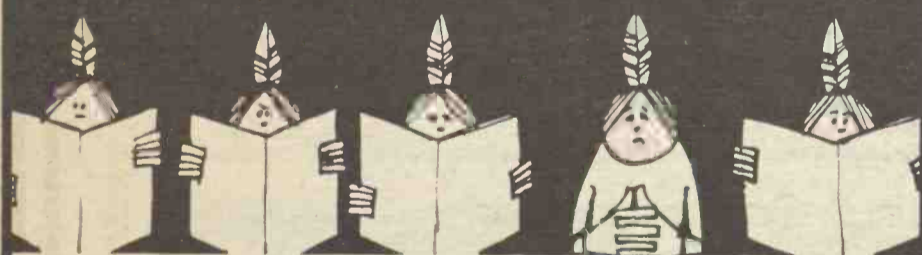
By the end of the day, we had been invited to return to build another sweatlodge, and spend more time with them. By this time, the word had spread of this

all we could do was to assure them that we would be back.

We truly learned the meaning of gratitude. These people were poor but wanted to show us their appreciation any way they could. We came home with mukluks, moccasins, mitts, all kinds of beadwork, hides, furs and Caribou meat. And the most important in the Native culture - tobacco.

There were times we felt so helpless, yet looking at the smiles of appreciation

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Revitalizing women's gathering a forum for networking

The holidayland of Penticton, B.C., is once again the site of a large women's gathering sponsored by the Native Okanagan Women's League August 20 to 23.

The theme of this second annual women's circle is "Rejuvenation of our Strength" and it is designed to bring women into closer contact with each other and to share experiences, according to organizer

Jeanette Armstrong, director of education at En'owkin Centre in Penticton, out of which the women's league operates.

"We feel women need much more than counselling support. They need to talk to each other and discuss issues in their working, social and personal lives," said Armstrong. She explained that in a case of wife battering, for instance, often a woman can learn to

cope with the situation by listening to how one of her peers handled the situation.

The gathering will be held at the Owl Rock Camp and there is no registration fee required. Participants are asked to supply a food contribution and plan on camping out. Women may bring husbands and children -- the men will prepare the meals while their spouses participate in the discussions and learning sessions.

All of the sessions will be informal. "We'll talk about whatever the women want to talk about like drugs and alcohol, family matters and work experiences," explained Armstrong. Elders have been asked to lead some of the discussions and so far Christine Joseph, a spiritual advisor from Alberta, has confirmed her attendance.

Advice-giving, counselling, relaxing and a time for drumming and singing are

planned. Sunrise ceremonies, sweats and special presentations are on the agenda as well.

"Last year we had about 100 women from all parts of the country come to the gathering," said Armstrong. That number may double this year as more and more women hear of the staging of the women's circle.

"The gathering gives people hope and strength. They come away with good

feelings and often find a new direction in life," Armstrong pointed out, adding that the spirituality discovered by some at the event gives them a good grounding to cope with life's problems.

The women's circle is open only to Native women. If you are interested in attending, contact the Native Okanagan Women's League in B.C. at (604) 493-7181.

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A Message from the Minister of Hospitals and Medical Care about Eye Examinations

Dear Albertan:

In May you received a pamphlet in the mail which outlined changes that would be made to Alberta Health Care coverage effective August 1, 1987. One of these changes involved removing the coverage for a standard eye examination **except for senior citizens and their dependents; widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widow's Pension and their dependents; and children 18 years of age and younger.** The fee paid by Alberta Health Care to optometrists for providing standard eye examinations to people in these groups increased from \$24.85 to \$31.75. Optometrists were asked to agree to accept this amount as payment in full for eye examinations for seniors and children. We felt that this amount was fair, and in fact, optometrists were the only professional group to receive an increase from Alberta Health Care when the changes were announced. It should be noted that ophthalmologists, who have significantly greater training than optometrists, have accepted the \$31.75 as full payment for standard eye examinations for children and seniors.

In late June we wrote to all optometrists in Alberta and asked them to agree to not extra bill seniors and children above the new increased fee schedule of \$31.75. As of this date only a few optometrists have agreed to end extra billing; we think it would be very unfair to ask seniors and children to pay extra.

Because we have no agreement with optometrists, we are going to ask you to take the following steps if you are in the group covered by Alberta Health Care (seniors and children).

First determine if your optometrist has agreed not to extra bill above the new \$31.75 fee. If this is the case, the

optometrist will bill Alberta Health Care directly for your standard eye examination.

If your optometrist has not agreed to end extra billing, then you will be required to submit the bill directly to Alberta Health Care at one of the addresses listed below. Alberta Health Care will reimburse you for the cost of an eye examination to a maximum of \$31.75, and then you can pay your optometrist.

We feel it is very important that seniors and children be protected from paying extra for this service. Because of this, we will continue efforts to have the optometrists end extra billing and direct bill Alberta Health Care for you. I hope that the situation with the optometrists can be resolved quickly and with as little inconvenience to you as possible.

Thank you for your co-operation.
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People

From Anzac to California

Actress draws from life experiences

By Mark McCallum

"They say, 'life is a stage.' But, it's not like that for me. I'm considered an actress, but I don't act everyday, said Tantoo Cardinal, explaining the career she has nurtured for 15 years.

"I live real experiences and feel real emotions. So, I try apply this to my acting --acting is a translation of real life, and life is not lived on a stage."

Cardinal has won the Best Actress Award at the 13th Annual Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association (AMPPIA) presentations for her lead role in the movie 'Loyalties.'

Now at the age of 38 the Fort McMurray-born Metis actress has achieved an impressive list of film, television, theatre and radio credits.

But, she makes no bones about acting and like the characters she plays, her feet stand firmly placed in reality.

"It's hard, demanding work. You long for security and a pay check every week...you could be hoping for a part and somebody else will get it. I'd probably be miserable if I was used to things like VCRs and color TVs. But, I'm not used to a lifestyle like that," she smiles.

"Sometimes I see kids with a strong desire to act. But, all they see is the money, glamor and fame...it doesn't work like that. You've got to give up all of that before you can get it."

In an interview at her Edmonton home, Cardinal was busily packing for a trip to Montana, where she has landed a part in a new movie "War Party."

However, she almost lost the part because the producers of the Hemdle Productions film wanted a popular non-Native actor

to play the lead role of her son. They then reasoned that the son would need a non-Native mother to explain his light complexion.

She explains "the producers wanted Timothy Hutton or one of the (Martin) Sheen boys to play the lead role. But, the director wanted an Indian in the part."

The producers agreed with director, Frank Roddam, because of his other box office smashes such as the "Lord of Discipline."

War Party is a story set on a reserve that joins

'But, all my parts have been a 'big break.'

The more work I did; the more exposure I got. It all adds up.'

forces with a nearby town, to save the community from becoming a ghost town.

They fear a major highway being built will kill the town. This unites the Indian and town communities who decide to re-enact a famous battle, hoping to attract tourists.

Cardinal says it's a "fast paced" movie with a great ending. But, you'll have to wait for it in theatres.

Cardinal is really impressed with the film's script and writer, Spencer Eastmen. "He really knows what the Indian community is like. He seems to know how people talk or react to different situations. Some writers will try make up these things, especially if they're dealing with another

culture they're not familiar with. Sometimes you can have the dialogue changed. Other times you have to do your damndest to make the most of it."

This problem didn't arise in her best-known role as Rosanne in Loyalties.

"When I saw the script, it was like I'd been preparing for it all of my life. I've seen most of the problems Rosanne had to deal with," she explains, talking about the character as though she was a close friend. "It was nothing new to me."

But Cardinal hesitates to call the movie as others have, her "big break."

"It's been a real stand out for me, as far as exposure to the rest of the world goes. But, all my parts have been a 'big break.' The more work I did; the more exposure I got. It all adds up," says Cardinal, sipping a cup of tea.

"So, when a director is looking for an Indian actress, I become that person," she shrugs.

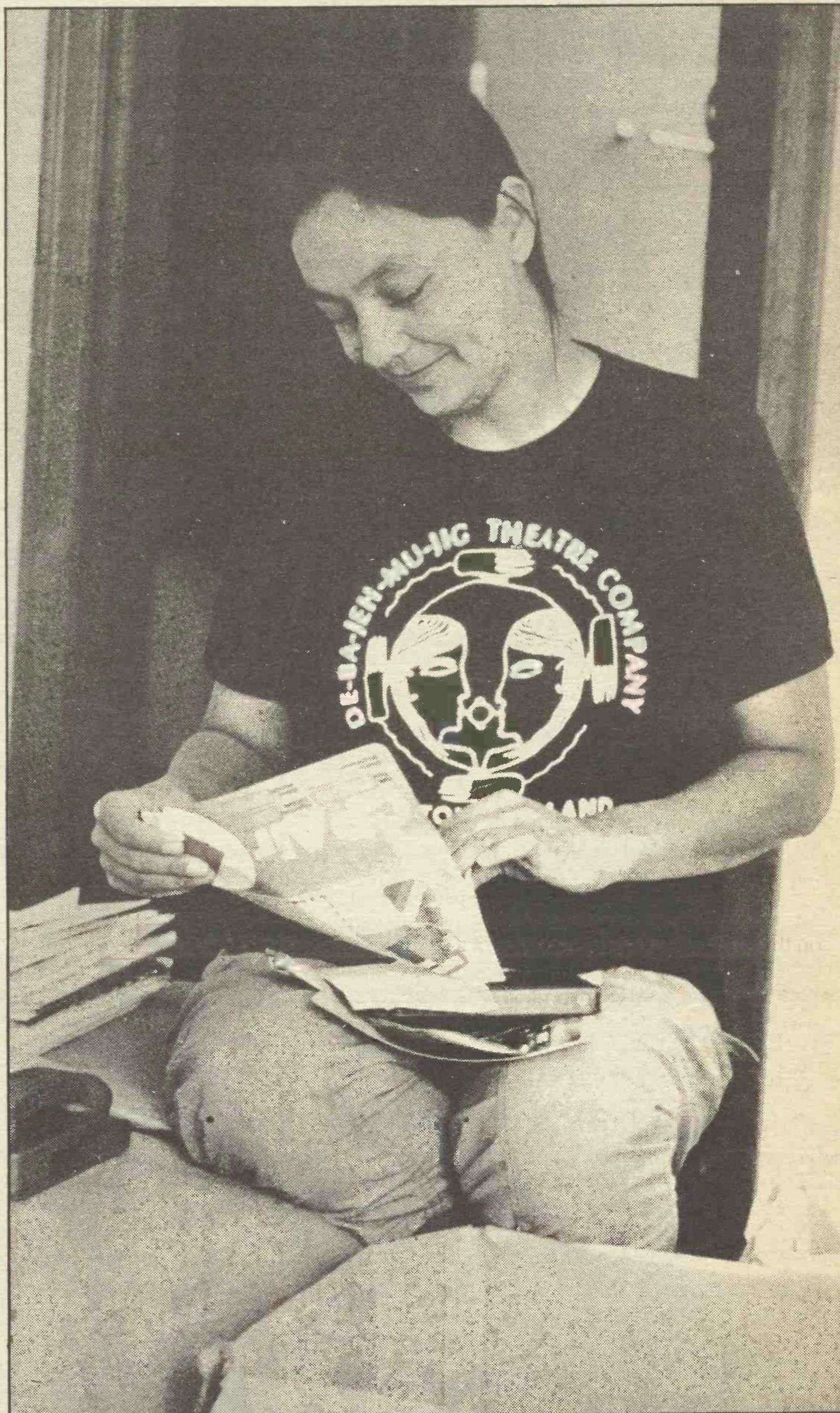
Cardinal didn't attend acting school, but says each role she received was an "opportunity to learn more and gain experience."

And, the roles have slowly improved since her career began in 1971 when Jeff Howard of the Alberta Native Communications Society gave her that first 'break' playing roles in community service films.

Her latest acting role was a small part in a remake of Gunsmoke filmed in May near Calgary. Cardinal has also just returned from Toronto, where she helped direct workshop videos on discrimination in the work place.

"Directing gives you another perspective. Actors give themselves a lot of extra problems they don't need, worrying about lines and where the camera is. But, it's real not as complicated as most actors think. You have to trust your director and technical crew," she says.

Writing is another craft



TANTOO CARDINAL
...Hollywood bound

Cardinal is interested in, however, she doesn't feel her acting schedule permits it. "This life of constantly being on the road is just not conducive to writing. Your environment is always changing and you never know where you're going to

be from one week to the next. It's too distracting and you never really get a chance to concentrate or devote the time writing takes."

Cardinal will be moving to California with her 2-year old son Clifford after she makes War Party. She admits it's difficult to raise a child on the road. But, she wouldn't have it any other way for now because she worries about him when they're apart.

Cardinal carefully packs collection of reviews and admits she contemplated retirement...once. "At this moment, no sirree. I don't know where it's going. But, the scripts are getting stronger and stronger. And, the work is getting more substance to it. Maybe I'll direct or write, but I'll never get out of the business completely," says Cardinal as she looks down on her collection of reviews and fan letters.



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DROPPIN IN

By Rocky Woodward

Hi! Where are all our Native women singers? By the time you read this Native Nashville North will have four and a half weeks to our first tapings, and we are still short five female country singers!

We begin September 15 so if any of you Dropping In readers know someone who sings, dances or has any kind of great act, please call me (Rocky Woodward) at 455-2700.

To update you on the show, so far we have booked Winston Wuttunee, Harry Rusk, Nashville recording artist Gloria Glen, Lethbridge's Alfred Young Man, Jeanette Calahasen, Clarence Patenaude and Teri Howse.

Others, such as Doug Haven of Steel Riders and Micheal Ferguson, a well-known local country performer, will be contacted but we still need female entertainers so get with it!

Remember that the seating capacity at the Citadel (Rice Theatre) is pretty big so we are not going to bother with the ticket system. All we need is you and your friends to come on down and enjoy a great evening with some of the best Native entertainers you'll ever see. It also gives you a chance to support Native awareness and a chance to be on TV. Right now I understand Native Nashville North is airing in Calgary and area as well as Fort Chipewyan.

Native Nashville North is also being aired throughout the Northwest Territories, Vancouver and Vancouver Island, Windsor, Ontario, Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, northern Quebec and northern Alberta. I hear, because Windsor picked up the show, that people in Detroit also receive it, so we are reaching Americans, and that's okay with us.

Anyone interested in the show please remember I need three songs on cassette that you want to perform on the show. I will also need the lyrics for the songs, a telephone number, and if want to perform country or rock artists' material, I will need the name of the singer/band and the publisher. Both publisher and singer should be on the cassette or record that you have taken the songs from.

We will be booking people for the next two weeks which leaves little time to get your material in, so move it, and become a part of the Native Nashville North family!

GIFT LAKE: You know I am really beginning to admire the community of Gift Lake more and more every day. People in this Metis Settlement seem to thrive on keeping active in sports and special events such as a few months ago when they got together to host a dance to raise money for a day care. So this week Dropping In recognizes the community of Gift Lake for being an active community, but much more for actively participating with other communities in the area.

Happy Birthday Leonard Flett! Leonard is the birthday boy because on August 13, Leonard celebrated his 44th birthday! "I'm still going strong Rocky." Sure Leonard. Must be all the moose meat you eat everytime you take off to Loon Lake.

August 8 - 9 a Slow-pitch Baseball Tournament was held in Gift Lake which saw the Atikameg Bears (Bad News Bears) win the first place trophy along with \$700 in prize money. Home town favorites, the Gift Lake Renegades captured second place while the Atikameg Brewers held on to third place over five other teams entered in the men's division.

"I'm not coaching any more and now I'm playing for the Gift Lake Oldtimers," said Leonard the ball player while adding the Oldtimers did not do so bad in the tournament, coming in fifth.

In the ladie's slow-pitch the Joussard Saints played great baseball to win the title and \$600. Second place went to the Atikameg Stealers which saw over 600 enthusiastic fans on hand to enjoy the two day event.

Another team has enjoyed a great winning season is the Gift Lake Sluggers who just recently won the men's fastball league's title. The Sluggers will now face the High Prairie Playboys in the best of seven series to decide the championship. The Playboys finished second to the Sluggers. Dropping In will let you know which of these two great teams wins the trophy next week.

EDMONTON: Native Education Project Director Ralph Sabay will be honored at a retirement party September 11, in Edmonton.

Native Nashville North

We need talent

Sabay has worked in the department services for Alberta Education for the past 26 years and will complete a four year stint with the Native Education Project upon his retirement. He was also involved with the Hobbema curriculum for four years prior to joining the Native Education Project.

The wine and cheese buffet will take place at the Holiday Inn ballroom and will start at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. Call Debbie Ferderber at 427-2043. I understand that traditional entertainment will also be supplied.

CALLING LAKE: And from out of this great piece of Alberta country comes the Ernie Gambler Band. They will be performing at the Jubilee Hall in Lac La Biche August 21 and Ernie says not to miss it. Why? Because a concert will be held just before the dance where local talents will try out their vocal cords backed up by Ernie's band.

The dance starts at 9:00 p.m. Nice to see you're back doing what you like best Ernie...that of performing as a singing artist.

FORT CHIPEWYAN: I just received a call from George Poitras. You remember George. He used to work for Windspeaker as a writer before he landed a job with the Cree Band at Fort Chipewyan as an assistant manager in the Housing department.

Now that's good news but there is even better news. George has started a newsletter for the Cree Band and he will now pass it on to Dropping In so our readers can read about what's happening in and around historical Fort Chipewyan.

George if you happen to pass my Dad, Jim Woodward, on the street, you be sure to say hi.

KINUSO: September 5, Chief Gordon and wife Doris Courtoreille of the Swan River Band will renew their marriage vows at the Saint Felix Church in Kinuso. The Courtoreilles are celebrating their 25th wedding

anniversary. We at Windspeaker extend our congratulations to Chief Gordon and Doris and wish them many more years of happiness.

The wedding will take place at 3:00 p.m.

PEACE RIVER: Did you know that the Sagitawa Friendship has donated the use of their chairs and tables for the Metis Association of Alberta's Annual Assembly? They have and I hear that they also donated the trophies for the Senior's Fiddling contest and on Saturday (August 15) a supper for the seniors is scheduled. I've always said in times of need Friendship Centres always come through.

Much of the activities on the grounds of the assembly at Bear Lake are being looked after by Cecil Elter and the Metis Local from the town of Dixonville. We will tell you about it next week!

One other thing from Peace River. The Sagitawa Centre will be holding a Inter-Tribal on September 15 - 16. One of the guest performers is none other than Winston Wuttunee so you can bet they will be having a great time on those dates.

KEHEWIN: What great news! Two square dance groups, the Kehewin Square Dancers and the Kehewin Junior Square Dancers have accepted an invitation to appear on Native Nashville North September 16 - 17. I would like to thank Herman John and Robert Paul who I had the pleasure to talk with, for agreeing to do the shows.

Once had the opportunity to watch Kehewin Junior Square Dancers perform and they are talented dancers...so welcome aboard and thanks Kehewin for getting involved in Native awareness!

DROPPING IN: Ya all have a happy weekend. I'll be up at Bear Lake for the Metis assembly and will report back to you, our readers, on the talent show that is taking place Saturday...and who knows, maybe I'll find some great talent for our show while I'm there.

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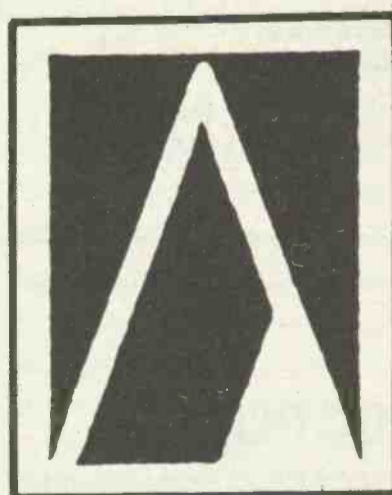
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Plante

Hopes to stop feud

The ongoing feud between various factions within Zone 4 has dominated the Metis Association of Alberta and prevented its leaders from carrying out their duty



STAN PLANTE
...Local 1885 prez

to the people, says presidential candidate, Stan (Butch) Plante.

"But I expect to see this all come out either at the assembly or at the election," he said. "I feel the current leadership has not been putting the membership first."

Plante cites examples of what he calls "poor leadership" in Zone 4 saying the

executive have not been following the directions of the Zone 4 regional council and locals.

"I want to ensure that positions and policies made as a result of direct input from the regions and the locals, are implemented," says Plante.

Plante also wants to see more local control of such agencies as child welfare, education, and funding. However, one top priority is a provincial newsletter.

"Windspeaker has its place in our society but it also has its own priorities. We have priorities and we need some form of internal communication. But I don't want the newsletter to become a propaganda machine of the leaders," he said.

Plante will also place emphasis on self-government and the Metis National Council, and says he would like to ensure there is a national Metis focus.

Plante is currently president of Edmonton Local 1885 and was an unsuccessful presidential candidate in the 1985 general election.

MAA ELECTION '87

The Next President

The upcoming general election for executive positions within the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) is scheduled for Sept. 1. The elections will see many changes within the organization, not the least of which will be the change in leadership due to the retirement of President Sam Sinclair.

Sinclair confirmed he was stepping down as president after eight years in office, last

week. In this, the first of a two-part special, Windspeaker profiles the presidential candidates competing for the three-year term of office.

Next week, Windspeaker reports on the annual assembly scheduled for August 15 and 16, as well as profiling the candidates for each of the six zone vice-president positions and the six regional director posts.

Desmeules

Leadership role nothing new

Larry Desmeules, 48, is a 25 year veteran of the Metis movement. Born the son of an Ontario fisherman, he moved to Alberta in '69, and joined the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA).

His first leadership role came in 1971 as the executive director for Alberta Native Communications Society (ANCS).

Desmeules worked on

Project Iron Star, Canada's first Native-controlled satellite system, introduced many isolated communities to Native programs, issues and concerns, as well as helping to establish Canada's first Native weekly paper, the Native People.

Desmeules moved on to work for the MAA becoming the founding manager of Metis Urban Housing (MUH). He guided the

program to successfully acquire almost 300 houses within three years with an additional 155 in the works.

Desmeules has served on several ministerial committees dealing with Native issues. And says he is now at a stage where he feels his experiences, expertise and abilities can constructively contribute to the betterment of conditions and opportunities for the Metis.

"The time has come for a change," he says pointing to his track record which he says illustrates his ability to get things done.

And "getting things done" is the approach he thinks the MAA needs to pursue and is the basis for his decision to run for the presidency.

He would like to build a stronger foundation for the organization through member involvement and improved communication links between MAA and other organizations, services, government and, more importantly, the people it is meant to serve. The MAA, says Des-



LARRY DESMEULES
...wants change now

meules, must extend itself to the people, through direct involvement at the zone and community level so that people benefit from and become active participants.

Desmeules is also concerned over the role of the MAA with C-31 people and "a made in Alberta constitution position."

In summing up his quest for the presidency, Desmeules sees "change, action and results" as major priorities.

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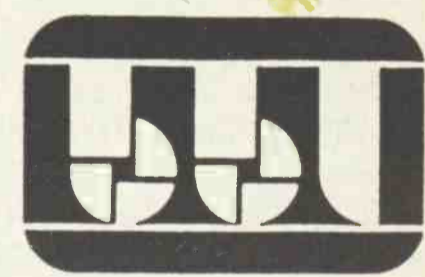
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Daniels

Communications stressed

Jo-ann Daniels, who has been involved with various Metis organizations and committees for approximately 20 years, puts an emphasis on "communications" when talking about her election platform.

One of the first moves she will make, if elected, involves establishment of a communications and research department within the main office of the Metis Association.

"With proper information flowing in and out of the main office, I think a lot of the problems we're having now will subside," she explained. With full-time research staff, people will be able to access basic information about available programs and become informed about who to contact regarding certain issues.

"Research is absolutely essential if we are to tackle the issues. It will also help the locals in achieving their goals in such things as making proposals," she added.



JO-ANN DANIELS
...looks toward unity

With improved communications, Daniels claims she will "know what the different locals are doing and what individuals are thinking." Whatever news comes out of board meetings will be passed to the people, she added.

"I very much believe in the democratic process. I'm looking toward unity. Right now, there is a real isolation of the locals," Daniels pointed out, hoping

to provide a solution to the splintering and disagreements among Metis locals.

Now that elected officials will serve a three-year term Daniels wants to form a three-year policy of aims and objectives. One of those aims involves renegotiating for the Metis Association to once again assume administration of the housing department.

"We lost it, but we'll get it back again," she vowed.

The first and only woman to be elected to an executive position, Daniels has acted as vice-president for the Metis Association and came second in the candidacy race for president in 1985, losing to Sam Sinclair.

Daniels was involved with the establishment of the University of Alberta and Athabasca University Native Studies programs. She also helped to develop the constitutional position of the Women of the Metis Nation and is still a committee member of that group.

Sinclair

Economics top his list

Paul Sinclair, a life-long resident of Wabasca, advocates economic development at the community level and will push for the re-opening of the constitutional process on Metis Aboriginal matters if elected president.

"While the Canadian Constitution recognizes the Metis as an Aboriginal group, it does very little to recognize the rights of Metis people," said Sinclair. "Our right to self-government, a land base, as well as Metis hunting, trapping and fishing rights should definitely be included in that document.

Upon making a successful candidacy bid, Sinclair would also delve into the baseline problems that are dividing the Metis Association. "One of my most immediate priorities would be to resolve some of the internal divisions that are really hurting the association. If the association hopes to fulfill its political objectives, then I think it's



PAUL SINCLAIR
...wants rights

important that people should work together."

Operating upon a theme of "strength," Sinclair also hopes to be a strong president who will foster solid regional councils and Metis locals, thus establishing a more credible association.

He also believes there is much work to be done in the area of building up the Apeetogosan Corporation

and the Metis Urban Housing program.

"I think both are living examples of Metis self-government at work," he commented. Sinclair also promises an open door policy and better communications with communities. He views the communities as the strength and foundation of the association.

Sinclair would also like to explore the feasibility of establishing Metis housing authorities in each region. "This would be part of the long-term plan of Regional councils delivering programs and services to Metis communities."

The first-time candidate believes his more than 20 years of experience in community development has equipped him with the political skills to be an effective president. This experience, coupled with "my ability to work well with others and delegate authority," are substantial assets, according to Sinclair. He also speaks fluent Cree.

in the association. We need unity," says Tremblay.

Tremblay is running on a platform of Native unity and hopes to encourage all Native people, both Metis and Indian, to join together for what he calls a Native days event, which would include sporting activities.

"It would be something like the K-Days here in Edmonton," says Tremblay. "And we would have Native

people from all over competing and joining together."

Tremblay would also like to see new housing programs for both urban and outlying community members.

Tremblay is turning to politics after many years as lead singer, guitar player with his band, the Great Spirit.

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3. Develop an effective communications system for the flow of information both ways among all three levels -- local, regional and provincial.
4. Develop and strengthen communication and cooperation outside of the organization by: developing a meaningful relationship between the MAA and the Federation of Metis Settlements that is satisfactory to both parties, and developing a positive relationship with both levels of government, with a clear understanding of where both sides are coming from.
5. Create a base for the MAA from which to base some of its operations and focus much of its activity by: creating a Metis cultural foundation which would acquire a section of land on which to develop facilities for annual meetings and other special events. Located in a wilderness area accessible to all Alberta Metis with proper meeting and camping place where children could go to learn to hunt and fish and trap, learn about their history and culture from their Elders.
6. Create more and better educational opportunities for young people by working more closely with existing systems to make them more meaningful to Metis people.
7. Good housing for Metis families at a price they can afford, and the opportunity to buy their own homes by expanding the Metis Urban Housing Program in to every community where it is feasible. Regain Native control of the Rural and Urban Housing Program to upgrade homes, provide trailers, etc.
8. Create better employment and career opportunities for Metis people.
9. Create economic development opportunities that concentrate on helping individual Metis people to develop their own businesses, rather than concentrating on creating major institutions such as trust companies and venture capital companies.
10. Work with young people to help them develop their potential as future leaders.
11. Work with Elders so that Metis people can continue to benefit from their experience and wisdom, and to ensure that they can live comfortably in their retirement.
12. Ensure that Metis women have the fullest possible opportunity to make a significant contribution to the organization.
13. Work as many programs and projects as possible through the zones and community levels to ensure that people at those levels have the fullest opportunity to participate in them and benefit from them.
14. A made in Alberta constitution position through consultation with Locals and all Metis at large.
15. Discuss with Metis people and C-31 Indian people the roll the MAA should have with C-31 Indian peoples concerned.

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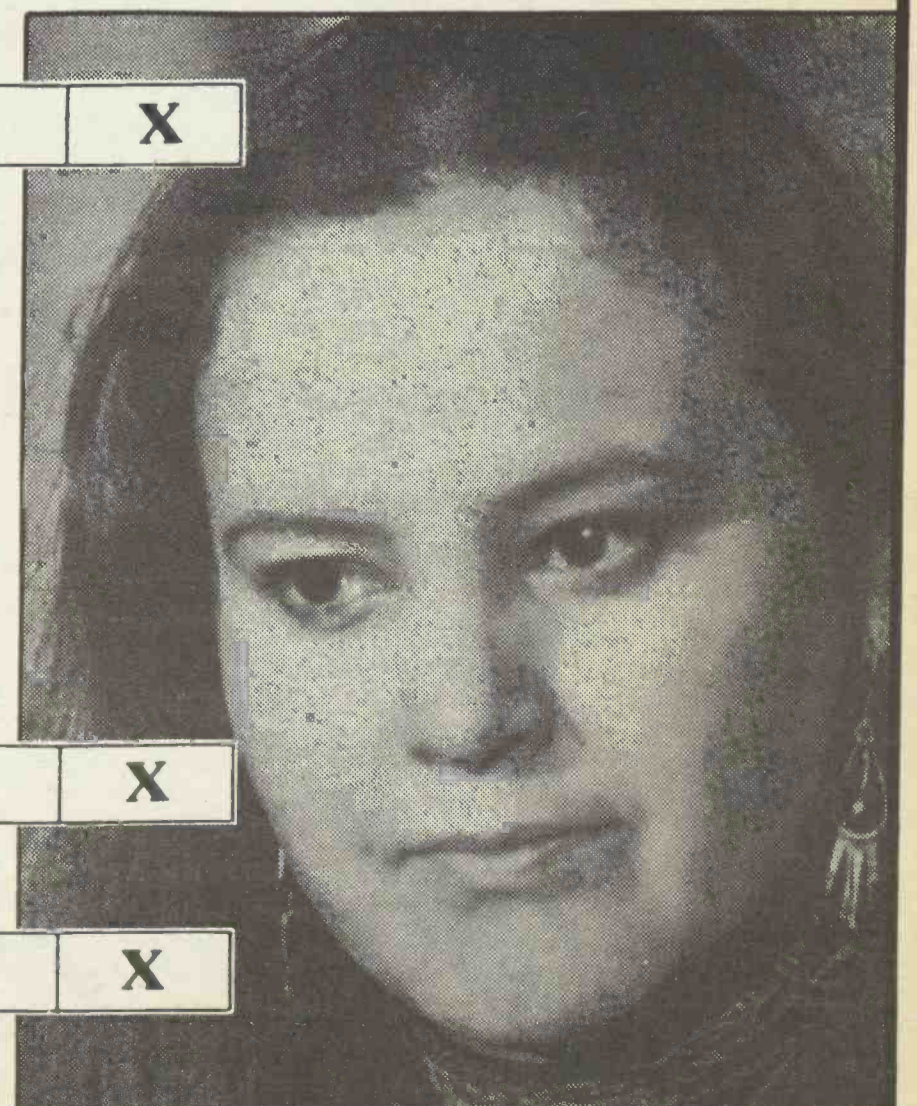
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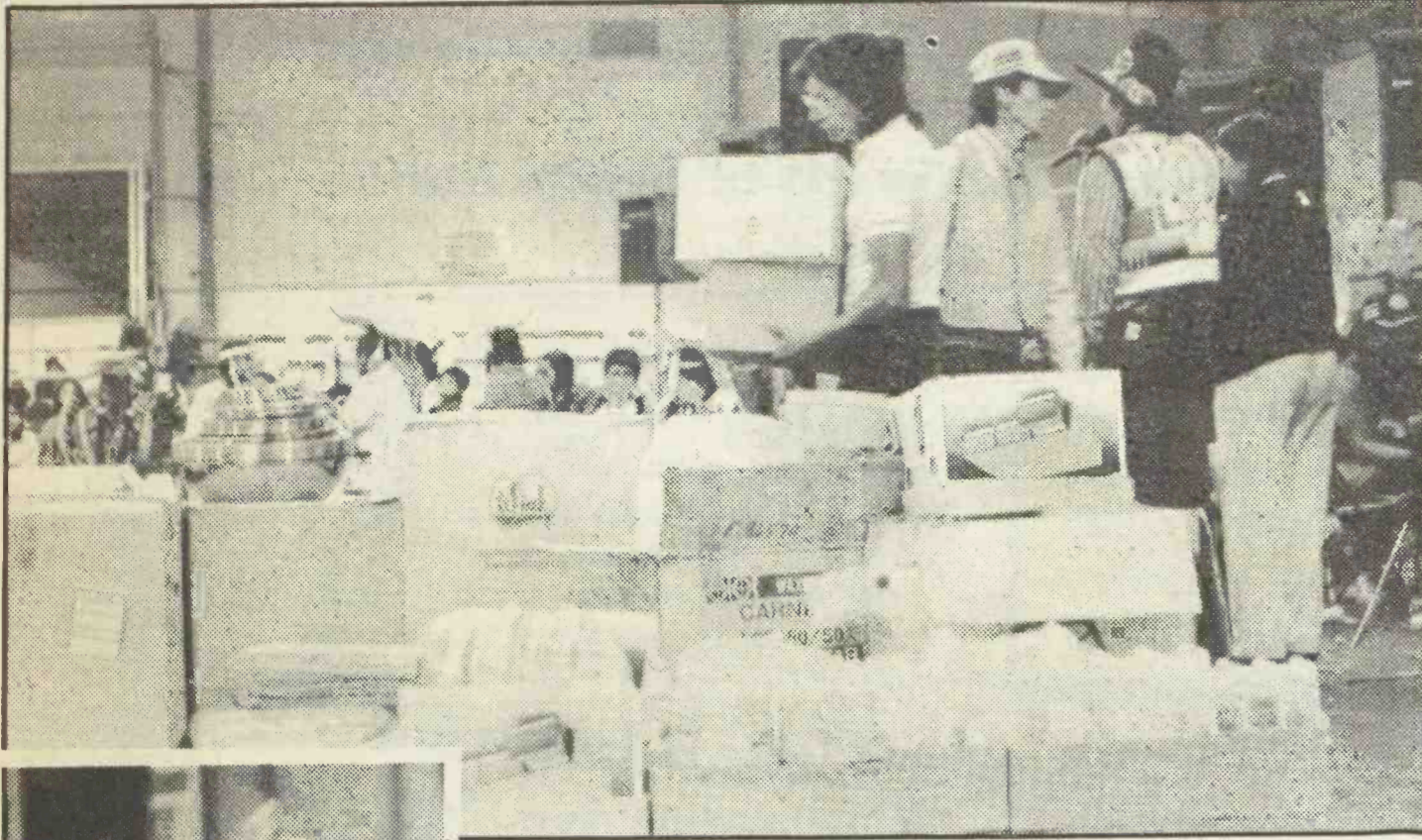
Tremblay

Strong views about unity

Candidate Richard Tremblay has never held office in the Metis Association, but after taking a job with former president Stan Daniels as a field worker in the 1960s, he has formed strong views on the direction of the organization.

"I want to re-organize the MAA. The association was going downhill. Many of the membership have no trust

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LITTLECHILD
...Hobbema princess

Four Band Powwow

Rain sends powwow under cover

By Terry Lusty

Rain. This repulsive element greeted Hobbema's Four Band Powwow August 7-9.

The weather on day one, Friday, was fine but short-lived. Come Saturday, the heavens opened up and refused to stop raining throughout the weekend.

As a result, the powwow moved from the Ermines-kin campgrounds to the

Montana Band indoor arena on Saturday. However, the handgames went full tilt under a big top at the campgrounds. Coinciding with the powwow were the rodeo, baseball and golf competitions.

The North American Indian Classic Rodeo, reputed to be the largest in Canada, went ahead outdoors as did the ball tournament at the Samson diamonds and a golf tour-

namment at Wolf Creek, just south of Ponoka.

Some of the biggest money to be won in various competitions was tied up with the powwow. With \$25,000 up for grabs in dancing and drumming, participants motored in from near and far, from distant points of Canada and the U.S. There were close to 200 dancers registered along with 15 drum groups.

The junior and teen dance categories were contested on Saturday while the adult divisions were run off on Sunday, lasting to 2:00 a.m.

Alternating as announcers for the event were Nathan "Eight Ball" Jim and Charlie Tailfeathers, both from Warm Springs, Oregon.

Mardell Merrick from St. Michaels, North Dakota won the junior girl's fancy and Kendra Joa of Montezuma Creek, Utah, took the girl's traditional title.

In the junior boy's category, Johnny Windyboy of Rocky Boy, Montana easily captured the fancy dance and Nathan Larego from Brimhall, New Mexico took the traditional.

Norraine Saddleback narrowly bested fellow Hobbema Joline Bull to take the teen category in fancy while Rebecca Hamilton from Pawnee, Oklahoma walked off with the traditional.

It was Terrance Goodwill of Carlyle, Sask. who handily triumphed in the teen's fancy and Fabian (Shorty) Nepoose from Pigeon Lake won in the traditional.

In other competition, the Hobbema Princess for 1987 was Lucille Littlechild, 16, daughter of Marvin and Patricia. Littlechild won \$500 and gifts. Josette Bill from Window Rock, Arizona took second and \$300 and Ona Gopher from Rocky Boy placed third winning \$200 in the process.

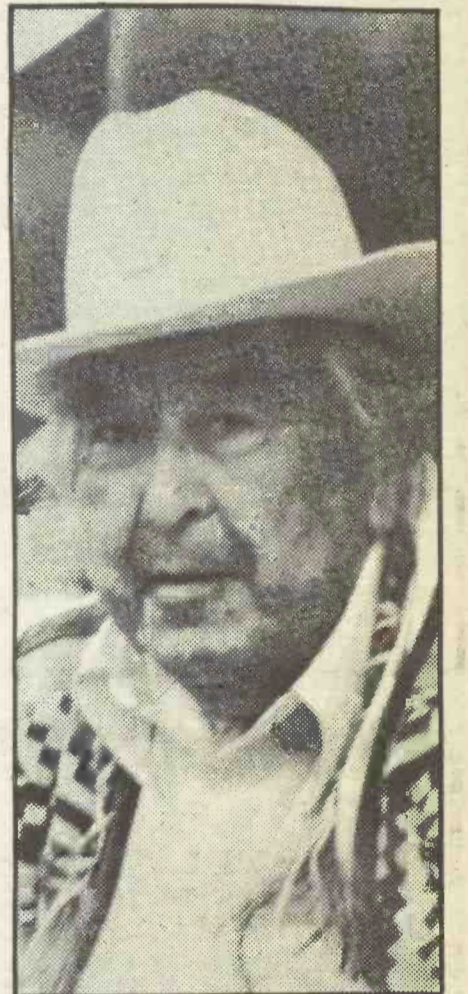
Elder Jacob House from Morley said a prayer for the newly-crowned princess.

An honor song by the Wahpe-kute Singers of Sisseton, N. Dakota brought out numerous congratulators who then joined in an honor dance for the new princess.

This year's princess contest was sponsored by the White Buffalo Society from Wetaskiwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Saddleback held a giveaway to honor their daughter Marie who is the out-going Hobbema princess. Also honored was their son J.R., 4, who performed a hoop dance for the first time last weekend at Rocky Boy.

Adult dance competitions closed out the powwow Sunday night as the public thronged to the arena to view the best there was to offer.



FRANK BRUNO
...seen many powwows

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— Paul A. Ortega, *Two Worlds*.

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Junior Girl's Fancy - Mardell Merrick; Deanna Alexson (Broadview, Sask.); Christie Goodwill (Carlyle); Marie Hunter (Morley).

Junior Girl's Traditional - Kendra Joa; Jaycene Windyboy (Rocky Boy); Alain Goodwill (Hobbema); Shaunte Nordwall (Falon, Nevada).

Junior Boy's Fancy - Johnny Windyboy; Cory Alexson (Broadview); Shane Redstar (Carlyle); Jay Patrick (Rouseau River, Man.).

Junior Boy's Traditional - Nathan Larego; Mathew Sheeka (Window Rock); Ardell Weasel Child (Morley); Terrance Blackforehead (Standoff).

Teen Girl's Fancy (13 - 17) - Norraine Saddleback; Joline Bull (Hobbema); Annette Hunter (Morley); Theresa Snow (Morley).

Teen Girl's Traditional - Rebecca Hunter; Tarissa Spoon Hunter (Browning, Montana); Gloria Snow (Morley); Trina Goodwill (Hobbema).

Teen Boy's Fancy - Terrance Goodwill; Oliver Hunter (Morley); Valdis Joa (Montezuma Creek); Quinton Wadsworth (Lethbridge).

Ladie's Fancy - Irene Goodwill; Joy Anderson (St. Michaels); Lawrence Eashappi (Hays, Mont.); Jane Behan (Albuquerque).

Ladie's Traditional - Roseanne Abrahamson; Gay Sparvier (Broadview); Darlene Windyboy (Rocky Boy); Cindy Wolfe (Hobbema).

Jingle Dress - Lucille Littlechild; Candice Anderson (St. Michaels); Tonia Guardippe (Browning); Lorinda Asapace (Poor Man's, Sask.).

Men's Fancy - Marty Pinnecoose; Alvin Windyboy (Rocky Boy); Luke Whiteman (Browning); Adam Nordwall (Falon).

Men's Traditional - Tim Eashappi; Cecil Nepoose (Pigeon Lake); Art Scalplock (Morley); Gary Abrahamson (Pendleton, Oregon).

Men's Grass - Darrell Goodwill; Dean Fox (Mandarin, N. Dakota); Delbert Wapass (Thunderchild, Sask.); Londer Seboy (Sisseton).

Cartoon By Everett Soop

OPINION**Drizzly misery
a dominant force
at this year's
powwow circuit**

A dominant factor at many of this summer's Native celebrations was rain. Inclement weather has contributed to less-than-average attendance, participation, morale and concession sales.

Powwows at Sarcee, Duffield, Kainai, Gleichen and Poundmaker's, as well as the Lac St. Anne pilgrimage, have all been affected by rain.

Last weekend, Hobbema's Four Band Powwow bore the brunt of overcast skies accompanied by rain. The two most important days, Saturday and Sunday, had rodeo contestants dumped in sopping wet mud, ball players slipping about, and powwow dancers who had to have shelter to protect their delicate dance outfits from rain. This is the third consecutive year that rain has affected the Hobbema powwow.

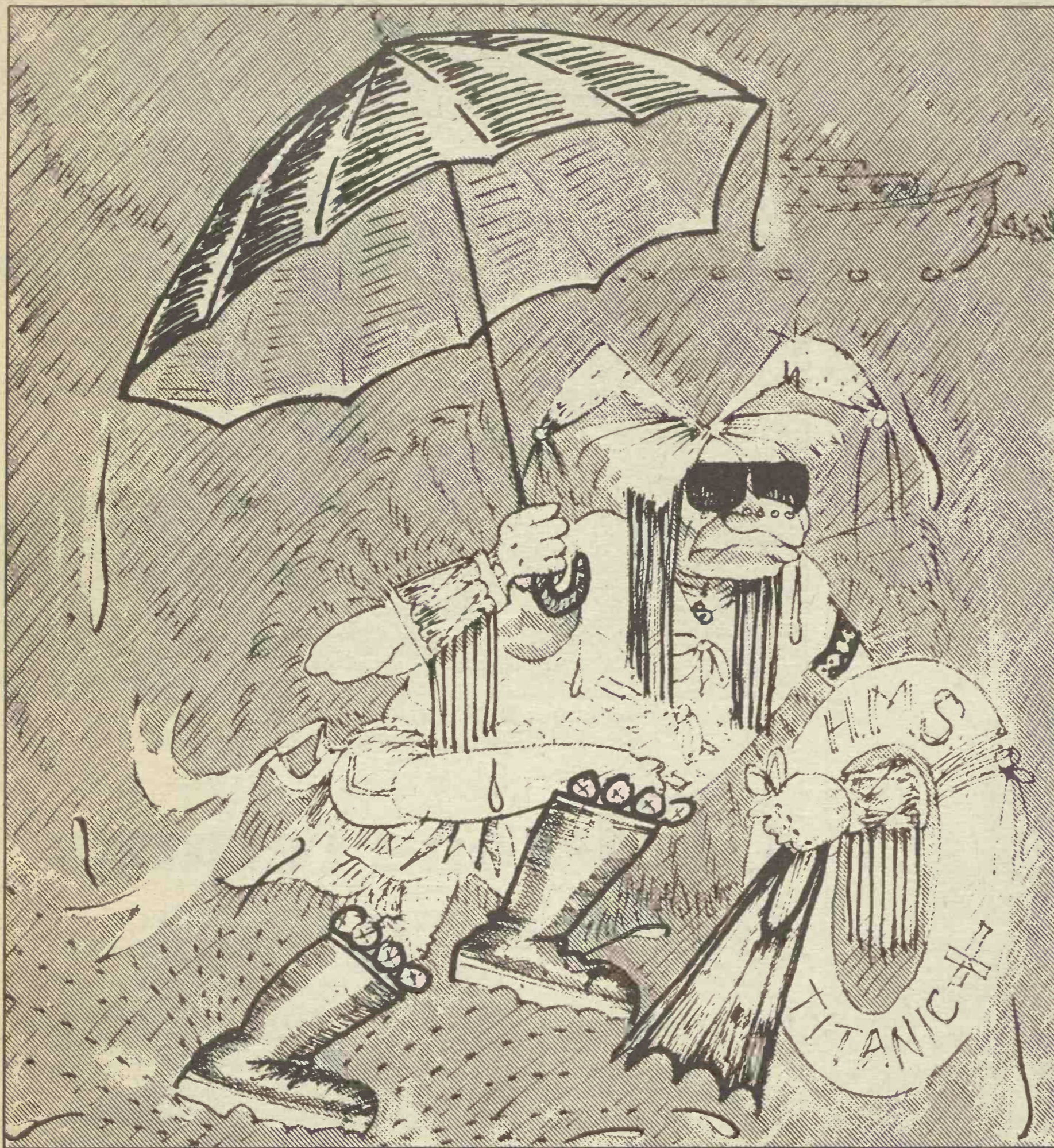
Gloria Nelson of Crazy Bear Jewellers is a very familiar face at most Native events around Alberta. She

does not hesitate to fault the rainy weather for poor sales at her concession stand. It influences attendance and puts a real damper on the general atmosphere of a powwow she says.

At Hobbema, she found herself closing shop much earlier than usual on the final day. Her reason could be summed up in one word -- "slow." Business, she says, was so slack there just did not seem to be any point in continuing.

Frog Lake has a powwow scheduled for August 14-16. It, too, may be hampered by rain. Some people who follow the powwow circuit have expressed their apprehension about attending Frog Lake because of the possibility of rain.

Regardless of the weather, there are always those participants and observers who will continue to make an appearance at the powwows of their choice.



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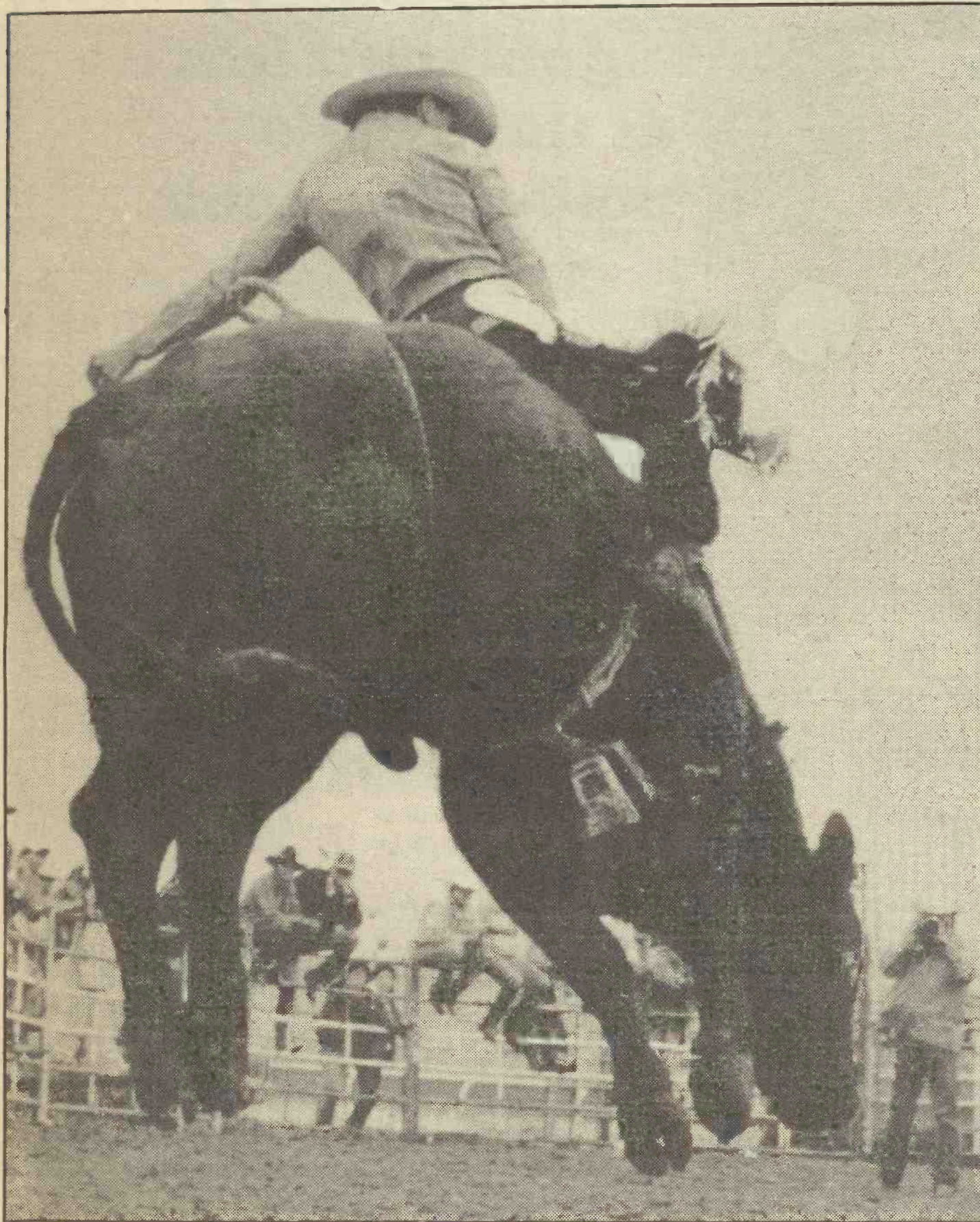
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Gladstone returns to rope a win

By Terry Lusty

Man against animal, animal against man. No matter what order you put them in, it comes out the same, but it's what rodeo is all about.

This year's 7th annual North American Indian Classic Rodeo billed as Canada's largest Indian rodeo, held in Hobbema August 7 - 9 was no exception.

Announcer Gregg Smith had a bird's eye view as one cowboy after another landed in a wet, mud-choked Panee Memorial Agri-plex arena.

The day began with the grand entry, the national anthem and an opening prayer, then competitions began in earnest as the cowboys and cowgirls did their utmost to better both their human and animal rivals in the riding and roping events.

An exciting bareback event was ended in a split for first and second money between Kelvin Fox and Bill T. Head. Each took home \$332.71.

In steer wrestling Virgil Jacobs pocketed \$448.10 as he bested Watson Kaquitts' 14.6 with a 12.7 on two head. Third and fourth went to Bruce Labelle and Larry Bull.

Former calf roping world champion Jim Gladstone won \$600 with a 22.8 seconds on two as he bettered Bill Powell's 27.1. Eric Watson was third followed by Dennis Ward.

Mark Holloway banked \$356 by out-pointing Lewis Littlebear 140 - 134 in saddle bronc. Third went to Cody Wildman; fourth to Clarence Fournier.

Collin Willier was the only entry to stay aboard his bull in the final with a total of 146 on two head. Bob Noel was runner-up followed by a three way tie

for 4, 5 and 6 between Dennis Ghostkeeper, Charlie Cole and Brian Labourdais.

In team roping Joe Swampy/Ron Gottfriedson cashed in on \$1,055 with a total time of 22.3 over Herman Roasting/William Laroque, Ervin Watson/Darrel Watson, and Watson Kaquitts/Gilbert Crawler.

Dwayne Fox won \$220 in boys steer riding as he led over Stuart Anderson, Josh Twigg and B.R. Amos.

The junior barrel race was captured by Stephanie Simeon Jr. and raised her earnings by \$194. On her heels were P.J. Daniels, Leanne Rollingmud and Michelle Beaver.

Stephanie Holloway was awarded \$521 for winning in senior barrels as she bested followers: Chantelle Day-chief, Lorette Lefthand and Henry Bruisedhead.

Bill Powell was named all-around cowboy for this year's Classic Rodeo.



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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Jerome Bear

Windspeaker has moved closer to the league finals after winning by default August 11.

That's right, we are only three games away from winning our league championship cup. The Metallic Sales team pulled their team out of the play-offs, allowing us to advance to the quarter finals. If we can win the next two games, we will be in the finals at the end of August!

Well, on with sports...

GIFT LAKE: In the High Prairie and District Fastball League, the Gift Lake Sluggers and the High Prairie Playboys will be facing-off for the best of five game final, August 18.

In the Lakers Slowpitch League, the Gift Lake Renegades and the Grouard Wolves are battling for the number one position. In their first game, the Renegades defeated the Wolves 12-8 on August 11 putting them in the lead by one game.

Two slowpitch tournaments were held in Gift Lake August 8 and 9. There was one eight-team men's tournament, and six-team women's tournament.

Slowpitch teams slug it out

The Sluggers held a men's tournament and the Atikameg Bears won the first place position, they received \$800 and a trophy. The Gift Lake Renegades took second place, winning \$500 and a trophy, and the Atikameg Brewers took third place winning \$300.

In the women's tournament, the Jousard T-Birds came first winning \$600 and a trophy, and the Gift Lake Intruders came in second, winning \$300 and a trophy.

Hector Lamouche, recreation director, said rain had plagued the tournament but the players didn't want to give up.

A tournament coming up on August 29 and 30 will see eight men's teams and about six women's teams. The tournament is still in the planning stage, but as soon as more information is known, the 'Bear' will let you know.

GROUARD: There hasn't been one weekend during the past few weeks where we could just sit back and enjoy the sun, because of the rain.

And it was no exception in Grouard August 1 and 2 where rain put a damper on the tournament forcing a cancellation. Local residents held their own little tournament by forming three mixed teams. They gave out small prizes to the winners. It turned out to be a lot of fun.

LOUIS BULL: The Canadian Native Friendship

Centre held a men's slowpitch tournament in Louis Bull August 8 and 9. Eighteen teams took part.

The overall winner was the Silver Chalice Tigers from St. Albert with a win-loss record of 5-0. The Edmonton Monarchs came in second with a record of 4-1 and Bruno and the Heaters from Enoch came in third with a record of 3-2.

There were also three separate divisions and the winners of the first division was the Amitty House of Edmonton and in second place was the Aero Water Systems of Hobbema.

In the second division, the Slugging Indians from Alexander won first and the Border Thrusters from Grande Cache took second. In the third division, the Grouard Wolves took first place and the Edmonton Mats Bats took second place.

The winners were selected from the final results of round-robin play. The team who had the best win-loss record after round-robin play was the winner.

Well, that's it for sports for this week. I plan to have more next week, but the only thing I would like to say at this point is I HOPE THIS RAIN GOES AWAY, so that we could hear about how good the weather was during the tournament instead of how the rain ruined it.

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Brass takes gold at games



GIDEON BETTS
...Indian runner from St. Paul

The Alberta Summer Games are over for another year, and although some athletes were unsuccessful in their bid for a medal, one



RODIE CASTOR
...a silver and bronze

young athlete managed to walk away with two gold medals.

Kevin Brass, 15, of Gibbons, near Edmonton won gold in the pentathlon event and the relay race. The pentathlon consists of five track and field events.

Brass is a treaty Indian originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba but now living with his foster parents, Gordon and Jenny Margetts.

Brass adds his two new medals to his collection of 14 which he has won in events at the St. Albert track club.

Foster mother, Jenny, says she is very proud of the young athlete but adds that he has trained diligently.

Joining Brass on the winners' stand is 15-year old Rodie Castor of Fort McMurray who walked away with a silver medal in the 100 metre dash and won bronze in the long jump event.

The Alberta Summer Games were held August 5 to 8 in various locations throughout the province. The Games are held annually and encourage young, up and coming athletes to enter the competition field.

This year's winners will go forward to next year's Alberta Games scheduled to take place next summer.

Only slow pitch men brave rain at Widewater

By Bert Crowfoot

As usual, rain played havoc with all of the events scheduled for the Widewater Sports Days August 8 and 9.

Only the slow pitch teams braved the rain to complete their events while the men's and ladies' fast pitch teams decided to pull out.

Organizer Chummy Giroux stated that it was beautiful on Saturday and all the events were going smoothly. But, on Sunday the weather got bad and he had only three of six ladies' teams that wanted to keep going. Low participation cancelled the event.

In the slow pitch B event, the Forestry team blew away the Nothing Special team from Slave Lake 10-1 in seven innings. It was close -- up until the sixth inning when Forestry only had a three run lead, but at the bottom of that inning, Forestry pounded in six more runs to end it 10-1.

On the A side, the rain started to drizzle steadily, but the Driftpile Bugs and Joey's teams from Slave Lake had no intentions of

letting a little water interfere with the top prize of \$750.

They splished and splashed in a very close contest for five innings, but in the final two innings, Joey's built their lead up to eventually win the game 11-5.

After the game, both teams shook hands and headed for the cover of cars and trucks.

Nora Chapdelaine, a youngster who has been around softball for many years, expressed some sadness in the fact that fast pitch is slowly dying around the Slave Lake area and now everything is slow pitch. She reminisced about how it was years ago when fastball was the only game in town and that she didn't want to see the sport go altogether. She has considered started a team or league for young girls so spark that interest again.

Before heading off into the rain to play in the final game for the Driftpile Bugs, Nora quickly reminded this reporter that years ago I told her she was too old to be playing softball -- but she's still hot stuff in the diamond.

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- Alexander Sports Day & Rodeo**, August 21 - 23, Alexander Recreation Grounds. For more information call Norman Kootenay at 939-5887.
- Notice of General Election** (Metis Association of Alberta) Advance Poll, Aug. 22 at elector's home local polling subdivision.
- Metis Association of Alberta Election**, September 1, 1987 at elector's home local polling subdivision. For further information contact John P. Sinclair at 455-2200.
- Northeastern Alberta Golf Championship**, August 22 & 23 at St. Paul Golf Club, sponsored by Kehewin Band. Contact Herman John at 826-3333 for further information.
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- Peewee & Junior Golf Tournament**, (WIN Golf Assn.), August 21 at Ponoka golf course.
- Nakoda 5th Annual Powwow**, September 4 - 6, Stoney Tribe, Morley, AB.
- North American Indian Athletic Association Fastball Tournament** (Women's), September 4 - 6, Hobbema.
- Bear Shin Bone Family Reunion Powwow**, November 1, Blood Reserve.
- Blackfoot Veteran's Powwow**, November 11, Gleichen, AB.

Driftpile retains tournament

By Albert Burger

Driftpilers simply will not let the northern Alberta all-Native slow pitch tournament leave the reserve.

On the weekend of August 1 - 2, the Driftpile Swingers retained the winner's cup for a tournament that is unique in that one year's winner hosts the following year's competition.

The second annual event saw the Swingers defeat the Whitefish Lake Bears 3-0 and 5-1 as the team came back from the "B" side to become the champion for two years running.

The Bears took the "A" side via a bye and a 2-1 victory over East Prairie Flying Dust on Saturday. Downing the Swingers 18-2 on Sunday, the Bears knocked the Driftpile team to the "B" side where they defeated the High Prairie selects for the privilege of returning to take on the Bears again.

Participating in the tournament as well were the Driftpile Native Sons, Driftpile, Clubbers, Gift Lake Sluggers, Peavine Flyers, Joussard Saints, High Prairie Selects, East Prairie Flying Dust and Grouard Mavericks.



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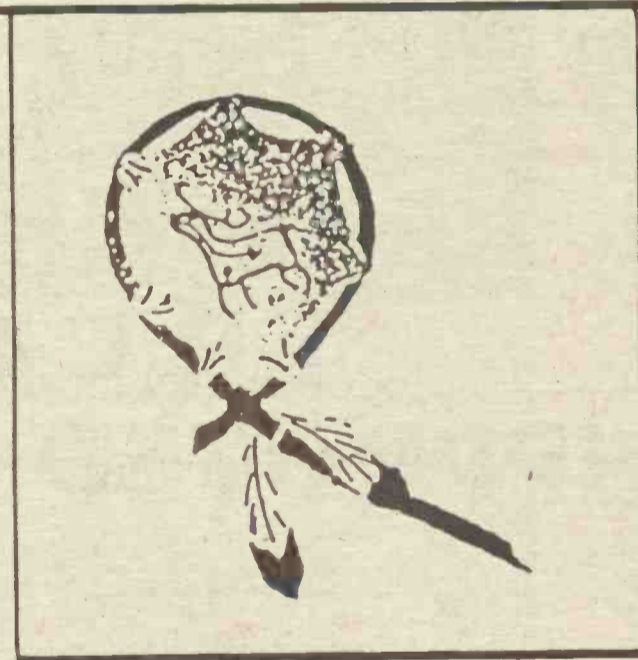
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Handbook offers solution in tough times

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Kreiner is the editor of a new handbook called "Tough Times." The hand-

book is a guide to assist people facing money problems to choose the best way to get help.

Kreiner saw a need for the handbook after being unemployed. She approached various funding sources, one of which was

Edmonton Social Services and sold them on the idea for the handbook.

Kreiner has since moved to Quebec to work on another project. But, her assistant promoter Angela Bischoff explained the details of the 30-page mag-

azine-style book.

"There are a lot of options out there for low income persons and people can take control of their lives. They can make the right choices if they have all the information in front of them," said Bischoff, refer-

ring to the book's wide variety of useful tips and content.

The handbook offers suggestions and alternatives for the job hunt. It deals with emotional crisis, interacting with the government, family health care

and recreation. A large section deals with getting the essentials such as shelter, food and clothing.

Almost all of the 12,000 copies printed have been distributed at various groups in Edmonton, including the Canadian Native Friendship Centre at 10176 - 117 Street.

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AVC Lac La Biche is accepting applications for Fall Courses in Trades

For application or more details on these or our other programs call or write the admissions office at:

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623-5583

A.V.C. St. Paul Office
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St. Paul, AB
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Forestry Crew Worker:

Start Date: Sept. 14, 1987 — April 15, 1988
This program trains individuals for employment in forestry related work. Instruction in forest land management, equipment use, maintenance and safety is taught through both classroom instruction and field training. Students completing this course may obtain employment as forestry crew workers or advance to further technical training.

Pre-Employment Power Engineering: (4th Class)

Start Date: Oct. 19, 1987 — April 15, 1988
This program provides students with classroom as well as field experience. Individuals are prepared for entrance in the Power Engineering Career. Trained people assist in the operations and maintenance of boilers, pumps, compressors, refrigeration and other related equipment. Students successfully completing this course will qualify to write part A and B of the Boilers Branch exam.

Pre-Employment Automotives:

Start Date: Sept. 01 — Dec. 18, 1987
During the 16 week course students are given classroom instruction with diagnostic and repair procedures. Students successfully completing the course are given the opportunity to challenge the first year Trades Apprenticeship exam.

Small Engine Repair:

Start Date: Oct. 13 — Dec. 18, 1987
This is a 10 week course during which time students are given classroom instruction and hands on experience in the maintenance, repair and overhaul of small motors and engines as in lawn mowers, power saws and others.

Pre-Employment Welding:

Start Date: Sept. 01 — Dec. 18, 1987
The 16 week welding program covers oxygen acetylene and electric arc welding. Students receive theory and practical instruction in a welding shop using various tools and machines. Students successfully completing the course can challenge the first year Apprenticeship Welder exam.

Pre-Employment Carpentry:

Start Date: Sept. 01 — Dec. 18, 1987
Student skills are developed while working on a number of practical projects. Classroom instruction includes drafting and blue print reading, trade math, materials of construction and building operations. Students successfully completing the program may write the Provincial Apprenticeship exam.

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Pre-employment Cooking

The pre-employment cooking program is designed to give students an introduction to the field of food services. Students successfully completing the course may challenge the first year apprenticeship exam.

The course teaches students theory and practical aspects of the trade in the modern kitchen facilities at A.V.C. Each student will be required to work in a two week field placement situation that will better familiarize them with food service operations.

Start Date: Sept. 21, 1987

Course Duration: 16 weeks

Admission Requirement:

- 17 years
- functional Grade 9 or equivalent
- pass the A.V.C. Lac La Biche entrance exam

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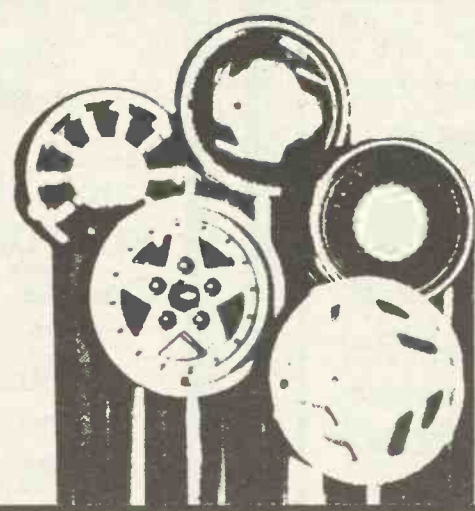
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