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Kids win, mothers lose, with new law

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EDMONTON, Alta.

Although social workers are opposed to it, Alberta's Native children may benefit from recent amendments allowing for private adoption in the province, said a university professor.

The recent amendments offer Native children slated for adoption more protection than non-Native children, says Gayle Gilchrist James, associate social welfare professor at the University of Calgary.

"Both in the new act and under the new amendments, Native children are more protected than any other children available for adoption, because in the case of Native children, their bands have to be notified."

President for the Alberta Association of Social Workers, Margaret Dewhurst, also believes the act may benefit Native children awaiting adoption.

"It will allow for private adoption agencies - which have to be licenced - to place the Native and hard-to-place children much more quickly, and that some Native women may wish to go that route rather than wait forever."

Dean Melsness, director of social services, agrees

that Native children are protected from agencies attempting to place them with non-Native families, but points out that a fight could erupt between a Native mother and her band.

An adoption agency approached by a pregnant Native woman wishing to surrender her unborn child would have to notify the woman's band.

"And at that point, the band would presumably be able to say, 'Well here is what we think should be done on behalf of the child.'

"The woman would still have the choice, but she could say that 'I will go still go ahead,' but the band could also contest it," said Melsness.

The final decision in such a case would have to be decided in the courts, he added, but pointed out that he was aware of cases where the band "has been successful in stopping the adoption."

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Dene woman faces risks, gets law degree

By Keith Matthew
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EDMONTON, Alta.

For Eileen Powless, the first Dene woman to be admitted to the bar and the Law Society of Alberta on Aug. 5, becoming a lawyer will allow her to pursue her goal of helping Native people. She says, "I didn't get into law to be a lawyer, I got into it to be a better helper".

"When I went to law school I didn't think that social work would give me the freedom to do the kind of work that I like to do and I am not sure that law is going to allow me to that either because of working with people who don't have money you always run the risk of going belly-up."

She has problems with earning her money off of Native people and must make a decision about how she will work within the law system, "I might have to go into government even though it is a bit restricting, but it guarantees your salary and you are not looking to your clientele to pay your way."

Eileen is the second oldest



Surrounded by friends and families: Eileen Powless

est of eight children to William and Alice Powless of the Fort Franklin Indian Band in the Northwest Territories and she credits her parents as the driving force behind her achieving her education goals.

The route she took to get her degree in law has been roundabout and shows that she was devoted to getting her education. She com-

pleted her undergraduate degree in general science at the University of Alberta with a major in biology in 1982. She enrolled in the University of Calgary as an unclassified student in 1983 for a spring semester. She then transferred to the University of Saskatchewan to enroll in Faculty of Arts, Native Studies in the fall semester

of 1983. In the fall of 1984 she enrolled in the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan and completed her law degree in the spring of 1987.

She subsequently was accepted by Leonard (Tony) Mandamin to article with for a year before her appointment to the Law Association of Alberta.

Honourable Mr. Justice



Hand game expertise

Though the competition was fierce and players had to concentrate especially hard, old timers Alphonse Scha-sees and Patrick Scha-sees managed to nab second place. The games were a popular attraction at Fort

Vermilion's bicentennial celebrations August 4-7. For more coverage of the celebrations see pages 10 and 11.

-- Photo by Terry Lusty

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Paddle Prairie, the Metis homeland, gears up for the settlement's 50th anniversary. Administrator Calahasen will perform. See page 3.



The Lizotte brothers gather strength to win Fort Vermilion's bicentennial canoe race. For more see pages 10-11.



Windspeaker takes a look at the progress and array of professions today's Native women are involved in. See pages 15-18.

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CLOSE TO HOME

Chiefmoon seeks Claresholm Liberal nomination

By Jackie Red Crow
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LETHBRIDGE, Alta.

A Blood Indian who believes strongly that any necessary changes and reforms affecting natives is only possible if more Natives are elected to parliament is seeking the newly-established Liberal Claresholm riding nomination.

Keith Chiefmoon, 38, said in an interview that he "decided to throw my mocassins into the ring" because he feels that more Natives are needed to voice and safeguard aboriginal rights, treaties and other concerns that may arise in the future instead of "white politicians".

NEW LAW

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But the recent amendments to the Child Welfare Act allowing private adoption agencies in the province are feared by social workers because such agencies are usually motivated by profit, said Gilchrist James.

"We get concerned that there's a possibility that lawyers, social workers, other counselling people might make a profit out of the need that people have to adopt or might make a profit out of hard-to-adopt children."

Often, the interests of the child being adopted are not considered, instead it is the opportunity to profit from the service which is considered, said Gilchrist James.

"As soon as it moves away from a centralized agency or where it's not done by a non-profit, public agency, it raises the possibility that someone other than the child is benefiting."

Social workers also fear that an adopted person may not be able to locate his or her natural parents later in life.

"We are concerned that when children reach that stage or that phase in their development that the records have not been properly kept, that there may not be enough information."

"Or, it was handled by people who were not totally objective at the time that the adoption occurred and that the child coming back to look for his or her biological parents may not be able to do so, may be given faulty information."

As well, social workers fear only those prospective foster parents with money and status will be allowed to adopt children.

"When you have private adoption you raise the possibility that money and status become important, and

He criticized both Conservative and Liberal Native affairs critics saying that "they don't adequately address Native issues and they don't fully understand all the complications of Native issues."

He said for too long Native policies and legislations have been implemented "arbitrarily" by past and present governments. But he added that Natives must not get complacent in asserting their rights because the government may take advantage of that situation if they do.

He fears that if Natives don't fight for their rights, the government will continue to impose unsatisfactory legislations. Currently, Chiefmoon said Natives are losing some of their rights

and that scenario is similar to the United States 1935 Re-organization Act which abrogated many of the American Indians' reservations and rights.

"The ingredients (Re-organization Act) that the American government advocated is similar - they (Canadian government) want to terminate all obligations with natives," he said.

Chiefmoon cited an example saying that there are currently three bills before the Senate which directly affect Natives such as one on taxation but nobody is making any noise about them.

He stated that federal and provincial politicians and bureaucrats continue to lump Native people together without considering their diverse cultures and regions.

He said in the past Natives "had a hard-line approach" in pressuring the government in making changes in Native policies and also lobbied vigorously in protecting their rights. But he said, although that was an effective political strategy, it's time now for Native federal and provincial Members of Parliament to "get the message across on their own".

Although Native issues are his priority, Chiefmoon says he's also concerned with a number of non-Native issues such as agriculture which is a major



"Decided to throw my mocassins into the ring": Keith Chiefmoon

issue in southern Alberta.

He claims also that the Tories haven't done enough to help farmers and other "bread and butter issues" and instead are concentrating on establishing "megaprojects".

The new riding which was established in July includes the Sarcee, Eden Valley and Peigan Reserves and surrounding rural towns such as Pincher Creek and Nanton.

So far, Chiefmoon says, he's gaining support from the Natives in the riding because "they feel there's

hope in electing a Native person to Parliament. He said many of his supporters feel that "some politicians have abused Native support without really promoting Native issues".

Chiefmoon has a long list of political involvement. He is the chairman for the Liberal party's policy caucus on aboriginal issues. He has served as a Blood band councillor, special assistant to the Indian Association of Alberta president and in other capacities as Treaty 7 vice-president and youth direc-

tor. He holds a management certificate from the University of Lethbridge and has served as a management consultant for the Native Council of Canada in Toronto. In addition, he is "two courses short" of a Bachelor of Arts degree in Native American studies.

Presently, Chiefmoon is the assistant director for the Sik-oo-h-toh Friendship centre in Lethbridge.

The Liberal nomination meeting is set for 7 p.m. in Claresholm on Tuesday, Aug. 16.

Cotton cleans up ANWA, will release audit soon

By Jackie Red Crow
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LETHBRIDGE, Alta.

After two years without producing a financial audit, the Alberta Native Womens' Association (ANWA) has finally managed to sort out its finances and will soon release an audit, says its newly-elected president.

Carrie Cotton said ANWA's funding received during the past years for core-funding and special projects from the government had to be accounted for before any more grants would be released to the organization.

She said about \$38,458 was received in government grants in 1987 and \$68,920 in the following year. A fundraising account that had been set up from casino proceeds had a total deposit of \$43,000. Also in 1986, the national Native women's organization gave ANWA \$35,000 to conduct

workshops related to Bill C-31 which was legislation implemented to end the controversial Section 12 (1) (b) of the Indian Act. At year end, there is a recorded \$15,000 deficit.

Shortly after her election victory in March, Cotton and her executive's first task was to dig through office records to determine how government funds were spent and prepare outstanding reports of special projects for the funding sources.

Cotton said the task was time-consuming because office records and other financial information were disorganized in the ANWA's office. "We had to go through 15 filing cabinets to get the information needed. It was all there - it was a matter of sorting through all that information," said Cotton in an interview.

Cotton added that since she lacks training and experience in financial management, she had to resort to hiring a consultant to help the group in that

process. "I'm no expert at financial management but the Municipal Affairs department paid a consultant to help us sort out the finances," said Cotton who holds a college diploma in print journalism.

But Cotton says that after their search they found the funds "were properly spent but reports were never written on about six or seven projects."

Also as part of their administrative clean-up, Cotton said about \$20,000 was paid in past debts. However, she is worried about next month's rent at the headquarter's office in Edmonton.

"We're operating on luck right now - we're absolutely broke," she said.

Now that an audit has been prepared, Cotton says ANWA has to re-establish its integrity and reputation with government agencies and its membership. In the meantime, they'll prepare submissions to the government for financial

assistance to hire a core staff for the main office.

"Then, we'll start concentrating on what we're supposed to be doing. Some of the women want a workshop on roles and responsibilities of board members," she said.

After that, Cotton says ANWA would like to organize a province-wide project which will benefit all Native women. "Maybe a project on family violence," she said.

The executive which includes Cotton area vice-president, Ruth Kidder, Treasurer, Doris Calliou and Rose Yellowfeet, secretary. They are planning to visit all the ANWA regions in the province so that they can determine their needs properly.

An executive meeting is set for Aug. 20 in Lethbridge to discuss the new audit and a proposed policy which will safeguard any future administrative problems.

CLOSE TO HOME

Tenders wanted for major Yellowhead highway project

Alberta Transportation and Utilities will call for tenders for a major paving project on the Yellowhead Highway (Highway 16) in the Edson area, Minister of Transportation and Utilities Al "Boomer" Adair and West Yellowhead MLA the Honorable Dr. Ian Reid announced today.

This project involves

base paving on two new lanes for the Yellowhead Highway from Edson for 15.4 kilometres to east of Wolf Creek.

Dr. Reid said: "This paving project, which is scheduled for completion next summer, will surface a section which is currently in the grading stage. Alberta Transportation and

Utilities deserve a pat on the back for the tremendous pace with which they are proceeding on the twinning of the Yellowhead."

Mr. Adair said: "This project is one of nineteen currently underway on the Yellowhead as the Government of Alberta works toward its goal of completely twinning this

route by the end of 1991. Communities along the route will benefit from improved safety and increased traffic volumes when the work is complete."

For more information regarding this project, contact Alberta Transportation and Utilities at 674-8221.

Gosnell dead

By Patrick Michell
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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

A Nishga chief who became known nationally after he proclaimed that Native Indians in British Columbia owned the province "lock, stock and barrel" at the 1983 constitutional talks in Ottawa has died.

Chief James Gosnell, 64, who spent much of his life fighting for Native rights died July 30 after a year long fight with cancer.

He had been fishing for salmon in his gillnet boat when he began experiencing pain. Surrounded by family and friends that Saturday evening in Prince Rupert where he had a summer fishing home, Chief Gosnell died.

Squamish Chief Joe Mathias, who is also vice-chief of Assembly of First Nations (AFN), said of Chief

Gosnell:

"He was a very powerful spokesman for our rights in this country and he did more in his life than most leaders do in three life times."

Chief Gosnell was president of the Nishga Tribal Council which pushed the land claim to the vast Nass Valley into Canada's Supreme Court of Canada. The case was narrowly lost by the Nishga: of the seven judges, three agreed the Nishga owned the land, three disagreed, and one abstained from judgment citing a technical problem with the case.

Since the landmark case, three major land claims settlements have been finalized in the country. All three have occurred outside of British Columbia where Indians contend that they never surrendered their lands through treaties.

Chief Gosnell is bereaved by his five sisters and brothers, and his eleven children.

Paddle gears up for 50th anniversary

By Everett Lambert
Windspeaker Correspondent

PADDLE PRAIRIE, Alta.

August 19th through 20th will see the Metis homeland of Paddle Prairie celebrate its 50th Golden Anniversary of the Metis Betterment Act (1938).

Located some 700 kms northwest of Edmonton, the Paddle Prairie Metis sit on Canada's largest Native land tract. With in excess of 400,000 acres they own upwards of a third of the 1.28 million acres owned by Alberta's landed Metis.

The area is also a hot spot for sub-surface resource activity. Agriculture, housing and education have also improved dramatically since the act was passed in 1938. Other types of commerce are also on the upswing.

Today's Metis Settlements are the fruits of many long years of hard and dedicated work by the Metis.

In the 'Dirty Thirties' - the term given those 10 humble years of hunger, drought and degradation - the Metis could very well have been the most deprived lot. Unlike their Indian cousins they had no federal benefits and were not an agricultural society like mainstream Canada, who could at least scratch out a humble existence.

The Metis, however,



Co-emcee for Miss Paddle Prairie: Calahasan

squatted in tarpaper shacks along Western Canada's roadways. Education was a rare luxury to this group of people disowned by both their white and Indian brethren. They were the "Halfbreed", or the "in-between people" with no real home where they could turn - they were the "Road Allowance People".

Tired and mad at poverty and discrimination they formed the forerunner of what came to be the Metis Association of Alberta. The fathers of the association pressed for, and persuaded the formation of the Ewing (Halfbreed) Commission.

In the early 1930s the Commission uncovered the meagre existence of these people. In their report they strongly recommended the

setting aside of lands for the "betterment of the general welfare of the Metis..."

Since the days of convents, tarpaper shacks, woodstoves and extreme poverty this group of resilient Canadian Natives have bounced back and live a flourishing life of great potential and pride.

So for the many who plan to celebrate and come home this weekend it will be a time of laughter and a time to remember.

Events are to mention: A parade will kick things off, guest speakers are Greg Calliou, council chairman, Randy Hardy, president of the Federation of Metis Settlements, and will feature Jim Sinclair, well known spokesman of the



Contestant: Colleen

Metis National Council; Kikino Northern Lites Dancers; jiggling a fiddling contests; ball tournaments; a pageant; fireworks; awards ceremony; bingo, dances, Dene Tha' Drummers.

A jewel of the Golden celebration will be the first-ever Miss Metis Paddle Prairie Pageant hosted by Edna Forchuk's Nikki Lanis Metis Models of Edmonton and Recreation and Culture Society Paddle Prairie (1986).

So far the pageant has seven entrants with the organizers encouraging that more young ladies enter. Co-emcee will be settlement administrator Jeanette Calahasan. Also on hand will be the "Rodeo Drive Band" with Buddy Gauthier along with the ever-popular Dene Tha' Drummers.

The pageant will feature entertainment by Jeanette Calahasan, who recently released the single "He's a Cowboy and I Love Him".

Esso gives four awards

Esso Resources Canada Limited has announced the recipients of the 1988 Esso Native Educational Awards.

The awards program was developed to assist students enrolled in post-secondary education disciplines related to the petroleum industry and to encourage them to participate in broader-based career opportunities.

From approximately 60 applicants, four recipients were selected using criteria which include academic performance, financial need, area of study, residency and acceptance at a university, college or technical institute. Awards are for two years (college) or four years (university) provided the recipients maintain their eligibility.

The Esso Native Educational Awards recipi-

ents are: Lesley McFeeter, a Metis from Grande Centre, Alberta, who will receive a \$3,500 award to pursue chemical technology at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton. Paula Stewart, a status Indian from Port Edward, British Columbia will receive a \$3,500 award to pursue accounting management at Douglas College in New Westminster, B.C. Darlene Garcia, a non-status Indian from Merritt, B.C. will receive a \$4,500 award to pursue a business administration degree at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C. Drew Archer, a Metis from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, will receive a \$4,500 award to pursue an engineering degree at the University of Alberta.

Ex-prisoners find strength at cultural retreat

By Mark McCallum
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EDMONTON, Alta.

A group of ex-prisoners are hoping to start a Native cultural retreat here in Edmonton to give strength and support to others.

Three members of the group, called Kweski Brotherhood Association, spent a weekend moving into a house at the end of July that they hope to turn into a retreat for Native people.

"Anyone of Indian ancestry is welcome at the house," says association spokesman Al Smoke, adding the group has Metis and Treaty Indian members as well. And, although the house will mainly cater to ex-prisoners, he stresses it "isn't a halfway house; it's a cultural house...it will be a place where the sisters and brother can come learn about the old ways."

Smoke explains they have consulted elders on all cultural aspects they hope to apply in their new home. Even the name of the association, Kweski, was selected for them at a sweatlodge ceremony. The group incorporated under the chosen name on June 8 and immediately began searching for funding dollars.

However, they have been turned down at almost every stop. Smoke says government funding agencies have failed

to respond favourably to them. Surprisingly, he adds, even Native organizations they approached have ignored their pleas for help.

"We'd invited them to meetings so they could see what we were all about and they would promise to come. Then, on the day of the meeting, forget it, they'd never show up...that's our answer, they're not interested," remarks Smoke.

He and two other members of the association paid the \$300 damage deposit and \$750 rent for the house on their own with some assistance from Alberta Social Services. Smoke says they are currently talking with a social worker to secure rent payments for the next three months. After that, the future of the cultural home is uncertain.

The association has also received high marks from Canadian Human Rights Commission Officer Investigator Harold Burden. "I fully endorse and support the aims and objectives of the Kweski Association," he wrote in a letter to the group. The letter also states the association "is led by a discerned and dedicated group of Native ex-prisoners who understand and are committed to change and integration into Canadian society."

"I know the executive members personally, and have unconditionally guaranteed them my assistance by whatever means possible."

Burden's letter went on to say more than 50 per cent of

people incarcerated and jailed in Canada are Native or of Native ancestry. "Further astounding is the fact that they are drawn from less than 10 per cent of the entire Canadian population."

To combat these startling facts, in recent years Native prisoners have been allowed to practice traditional rituals like sweatlodge and pipe ceremonies behind prison walls. "Unfortunately," writes Burden, "when Native prisoners are released, there is little or no support in urban areas."

The Kweski Brotherhood Association wants to be there when these prisoners get out to help them adjust to the outside world with continued Native spiritual guidance and support. "We can help them because we've experienced first hand what they're going through...and our elders have told us they are willing to help us," reasons Smoke.

The association has an outline of the activities they hope to implement. Some of these will include a sacred circle program, peer counselling, sweatlodge ceremonies and an elders program. Smoke says they also plan to develop a resource centre by documenting current issues that directly affect Native people.

The house the members are renting is located in north-west Edmonton (13414-127 St.). It has six bedrooms, a living-room, kitchen, two washrooms and two spare rooms. For more details on the cultural home call Burden at the Canadian Human Rights Commission (495-4040).

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YOUR WORDS

Windspeaker thanked for powwow banners

Dear Editor:

Just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you and the staff of Windspeaker for your donations of powwow dancers' banners for our Poundmaker/Nechi powwow on July 1-3 from all our staff members.

I got a lot of feedback on the numbers, from the dance competitors and the visitors. They said that the design was great and liked the look of the numbers on their outfits.

Other powwow organizers have asked where we got the numbers and I have let them know. By now, you have probably had a few orders.

Thanks again.

Sincerely, Marie Peters,
Poundmaker Nechi Powwow

Writer amazes caravaners

Dear Editor:

We caught up with our mailbox today and found the story in Windspeaker resulting from our Caravan Craft interview.

We are truly amazed at how much information writer George Poitras was able to retain and how eloquently he used the material.

Thank you for your excellent coverage.

Jean Baker and Sharon Colter,
Caravan Crafts, Garson,

Dancers don't need glitter and silver

Dear Editor

We are the Native people, born to this land. When we feel the soft moss and grass beneath our feet, we are glad. When we hear the songbird sing, it calls to our heart a song. When the stars and moon rise, we are happy to sit in God's tent. We have taken the gifts that our mother, the earth, has given, with gratitude.

No, we did not waste. Returning to our mother what we did not use, she accepted this waste and turned it into goodness.

The gifts we accepted, we turned into clothing that a king would envy. Soft suede and luxurious furs beaded from our brother, the porcupine's quills - these articles we wore. They

were good things and they served us well.

From our mother, we accepted gifts of wood and sinew and bone. Thus, we made articles for home and hunting.

Now, the whiteman's time has come. We walk upon concrete with our feet, it is not the same. But adapt, for we must survive. But the flowers that he makes will never have the soul of a rose. The "animal" skins that he makes will not be as warm or enduring as ours of old. The ugly metallic beads will not have the beauty that the quill has.

All these things are true.

We have taken the whiteman's clothes and it is right.

But when we don the ceremonial clothing for our dance, we must remain true.

Our clothing must be as it was with our forefathers. We must find what is closest to nature, using natural materials. To use phony glitter and silvery materials is to take away from the authenticity of our costumes. Like a plastic rose, it offers no truth.

If you feel as I do, then speak together and you will know in your hearts, "we must remain true to our culture". For if we do not, someday we will see what is left of our traditional clothing. That is to say, we will see some strange dancers, wearing plastic and man-made quills. These dancers will turn to us and say "we adapted because it was easier".

Gail Duiker,
Edmonton

WINDSPEAKER GALLERY



See the world from your backyard

Louis Arcand has lived a full life although he never ventured far from his home at the Alexander reserve.

The 79-year-old lifetime resident has never had cause to leave. Through Cree interpreter Lucy Auigbelle (seen here with him), he says a long time ago people rarely fell on "hard times" because they always helped each other. He adds the community is still close but warns Alexander's young population not to take this for granted.

Arcand, now stricken to a wheelchair by a clubfoot, enjoyed working with his hands as a young man. He laughs as he recalls working at a sawmill with winds gusting and snow up to his knees. It's easier to laugh about things like that now.

Arcand did marry, but his wife died soon after they were joined in wedlock. They did not have any children and he never remarried. He is content with just relaxing and spending his autumn years at the Alexander Elder's Lodge.

--Photo by Mark McCallum

IN OUR OPINION

Mainstream politics, racial prejudice a nasty mix

When Willie Littlechild, Muriel Stanley-Venne and Mike Cardinal won the nominations for their respective parties and constituencies, a strong statement was made regarding Native peoples' ability to stand counted even in the midst of mainstream politics.

But now, in the case of Willie Littlechild of Hobbema, the blush has already faded off the rose. Here is a man whose credentials are impressive; he's a successful lawyer specializing in important western issues such as gas, oil and agriculture and is an athlete who is recognized by his peers. But now, it seems too much is being made of the fact he is an Indian.

Though he beat out four candidates, including the mayor of Lacombe and an ex-president of the Progressive Conservative association, to win the PC nomination in the Wetaskiwin constituency, there has been a backlash of criticism regarding his win. He has been charged with stacking the nomination meeting with "instant Tories" and some say he is too biased toward representing his own people. The runner-up candidate for the conservative nomination has said he wouldn't bet a nickel on Littlechild winning the election and the mayor is considering backing the candidate of a different party.

It's a kick in the face. And it seems as though racism, however subtle, is alive and well in Alberta. Though Littlechild is a candidate the riding and province can be proud of, he is already facing antagonism for being an Indian. Perhaps his fellow candidates are feeling frustrated not only because they lost the election, but because they were defeated by a Native person.

Don't the two unsuccessful candidates realize that Littlechild, just like every other candidate everywhere else, built his support on a core group of people who knew him best? They would rather believe he stacked the deck in his own favour.

Let's hope the integrity of these two antagonists who are failing to support their own riding's nomination selection, is not indicative of the rest of the Wetaskiwin peoples' feelings about Littlechild. If they follow suit with this biased thinking and reject Littlechild because of his race, then we've taken a giant step into the narrow-minded and ugly realm of racism. For future Natives who aspire to become mainstream politicians and bridge the cultural gap, doing what's best for all of the people they represent, there will be little hope.

SIPISSHK

FALL JAMBOREE

Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4
Labor Day Weekend
Beauval, Saskatchewan
Charles Gauthier Memorial Arena

THURSDAY: "Cultural" events —
Dances, Music, Food, Crafts

FRIDAY: 5-9:30 p.m. Talent Show
(cash, trophies) — 10-1 a.m. Open
Dance (all ages) — 9-1:30 a.m. Smokers'
Dance (licenced)

SATURDAY: 12-7 p.m. Outdoor Music
Jamboree — 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Sipishk
Saloon (4 bands) — 9-1 a.m. Open
Dance, Talent Semi-finals

SUNDAY: 12-7 p.m. Outdoor Music
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*"A Tribute to the People of the
Churchill River System"*

DROPPIN' IN SPECIAL FEATURE: PEOPLE OF THE YELLOWHEAD

Blend of technology, culture, builds bright future

By Mark McCallum
Droppin' In Reporter

I'm a firm believer that you can do almost anything if you really want to.

This seems to be a way of life in the Yellowhead area. The people there take pride in whatever it is they're doing or trying to accomplish. They are the Cree, Stoney and Metis--each with their own story of struggle and victory. The people I'm talking about are from Alexander, Enoch, Paul Band and Edson.



By Mark McCallum

This list should also, and does, include the descendants of the now-defunct Michel (Callihoo) reserve, once located immediately west of Edmonton near the Sturgeon River. The Iroquois Indian reserve was wiped out 30 years after all of its band members ceded their Treaty rights, Indian status and reserve to the federal government in what has been called "cultural genocide". Although the reserve no longer exists and many of its people

have moved away, descendants recently elected two chiefs and a council to regain a land base for them.

Although these people are still picking up the pieces of another time, others are thriving. I visited the people of the Yellowhead area recently and recorded what I witnessed for a special "Droppin' In" feature Windspeaker is

presenting to its readers this week. Many of these people are attempting to build better futures for themselves, using new technology, while retaining old cultural values.

Join me now, as I take a look at the people shaping these places and making things happen. I am very happy to present you with this special report on the people of the Yellowhead.

Michel band fighting for land base

By Mark McCallum
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CALAHOO, Alta.

When two Iroquois brothers, Louis and Bernard Calihoo, left from Montreal to Fort Edmonton with explorer Sir Alexander McKenzie in the early 1700's, the adventuresome pair wanted to see the country and settle at a spot in the vast, untamed west.

They probably never would have guessed that their great, great, great grandchildren would still be trying to settle on a piece of land more than 200 years later.

For nearly 60 years, the Michel band as they came to be known, lived a peace-

ful existence on a reserve, once spread across some 25,000 acres of land about 24 km west of Edmonton. A number of people believe they were forced to give up their rights and move off the reserve by the government.

The move had not been their first since the Iroquois brothers came west years earlier. Louis and Bernard are the original members of the Michel tribe named after Louis' son, Michel Calihoo, who became chief by the time the first Treaty was signed in 1878 for land near the present-day town of Jasper, Alberta.

The tribe was first forced to move in the early 1900's after hunting and trapping became forbidden

in what became Jasper National Park.

The Michels, descendants of the Iroquois Indian band in central Canada near Brantford, Ont., moved to the second site near Edmonton but later bowed to what some today say was government pressure to give up their reserve in two transactions in 1928 and 1958. The last transaction saw the remaining 121 Iroquois-Cree Indians give up their Treaty rights, Indian status and land to the federal government.

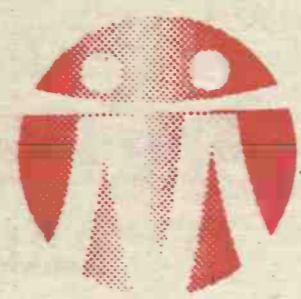
"Life on the reserve was entirely too harsh. Poor housing, overcrowded conditions, wood was a scarce commodity and it took quite a bit of work to stay warm," says Robert Royer

Callihoo, who was 14 years old at the time of the last transaction.

"Any effort by the Indians to improve his lot was stymied by the Indian agent and that was not the case of just our band but for every band at that time."

Today, Callihoo and number of other descendants of the Michel band are waging a political battle against the government to get some compensation for the lost rights and land. Callihoo, who many of these people considered the chief of the remaining Michel descendants, was in fact formally elected co-chief along with Gilbert

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Self-starter Arcand hopes to tackle drafting business



Doing drafting on computer: Rubin Arcand

By Mark McCallum
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ALEXANDER RESERVE

When Rubin Arcand found a way to design homes faster and cheaper than conventional methods, he knew he was on to something.

But, he didn't know what to do with his bright idea. Arcand lacked "business sense" and didn't know how to handle money. "I knew what I wanted to do, but I didn't know how to go about it," explains the well-spoken young man with a broad smile.

Arcand wants his own computerized drafting business which he feels is the way to the future. And,

thanks to a small business entrepreneurial training program, he may just see his dream become reality.

Arcand recently joined 21 other adult students from the Alexander reserve in the six-week program, offered through AVC (Alberta Vocational Centre) Grouard along with the Alexander band. The program, which is an initiative of Canada Employment and Immigration, is being held on the reserve some 70 km northwest of Edmonton.

Alexander band human resource worker Wyatt Arcand has high hopes for the graduating class at the completion of the program in August. "I hope to see our people doing more things for themselves rather

than waiting for jobs in Alexander."

He says the program was started because band members seemed eager to learn more about starting their own business. Many approached band leaders and "a lot of them had good ideas."

When the students began classes, they were encouraged to develop their business ideas. Although some of these "flopped", explains the human resource worker, still others proved to have sound business schemes. But, these have to stand up to tough criticism from the 'real' business world. This criticism is provided by a different instructor each week; people working in a variety

of different professional positions.

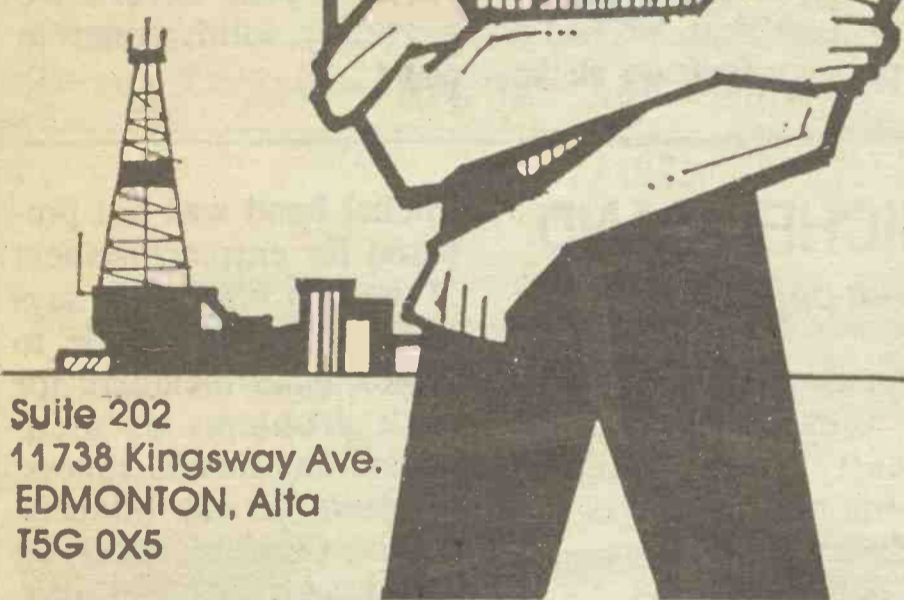
The students learn management skills like budgeting, time management, marketing and communications. "I didn't even know what a flow chart was...that's kind of why I jumped at this when I heard about it," recalls Arcand, who was also enrolled at NAIT before taking the program. The 26-year-old student plans to return and complete the last year of a drafting engineering course at NAIT. He also has a IBM computer drafting course to his credit.

"It's always been a dream of mine to have my own business by the time I'm 30. I think it will happen."

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□ **Big Grassy River Powwow**, August 11-14, Morson, Ontario. Call Shirley 1-807-488-5552 or Pierre 1-807-488-5945.

□ **White Buffalo Friendship Centre Powwow**, August 12-14, Wetaskiwin, Alberta. Call (403)352-3315 or 352-3309 for more info.

□ **Kids Baseball Tournament**, August 13-14, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, Hobbema, Alberta.

□ **Blackfoot Golf Tournament**, August 13-14, Blackfoot reserve. Contact Charlie Duckchief 734-3033. WIN-Golf sanctioned.

□ **Slave Lake Rodeo**, August 13-14, Slave Lake, Alberta. NANCA sanctioned.

□ **Oldtimers Fastball and Slowpitch**, August 13-14, Alexander reserve. Call Max or Ernie 939-5887.

□ **Small Boys Kids Camp**, August 15-19. Contact Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, Hobbema, Alberta, for more info.

□ **Northern Alberta Native Slowpitch**, August 13-14, Driftpile. Call John Giroux 355-3868 (office) 355-2141 (home) or Ross Giroux 355-3868 (office) 355-2128 (home).

□ **Rodeo**, August 13-14, Frog Lake reserve. Contact Larry Quinney 943-2211.

□ **Invitational Golf Tourney**, August 17-18, Kananaski. Contact Emil Cutknife, Ron Buffalo, Louis Potts, Dennis Okeymow, Elsie Bull, Debbie Buffalo or Phil Thompson. Sponsored by Maskwachees Cultural College.

□ **25th Anniversary & Powwow**, August 18-21, Prince Albert Indian & Metis Friendship Centre, Call 1-306-764-3431 for more info.

□ **Mens Canadian Native Fastball Championships**, August 19-21, Invermere, British Columbia. Contact (604)342-6361, 347-6480 or 347-6401 for more info.

□ **Open Fastball Tourney (Mens & Ladies)**, August 19-21, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, Hobbema, Alberta.

□ **Golden Anniversary Celebrations**, August 19-21, Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement. Contact Everett Lambert 981-2227 for more info.

□ **Crow Fair**, August 19-21, Crow Agency, Montana, Call (406)638-2601 for more info.

□ **Alexander Sports and Rodeo**, August 19-21, Alexander reserve.

□ **Slowpitch Tournament**, August 20-21, Goodfish Lake, Alberta. Contact Kevin Halfe 428-9501 or 636-3622.

□ **Slowpitch Tournament**, August 20-21, Brocket, Alberta (during Peigan Indian Days). Contact Quint 627-4224.

□ **Slowpitch Tournament**, August 20-21, High Prairie, Alberta. Call Olga Emard 523-5519 or Gerald Cunningham 523-3179.

□ **IMAP Conference**, August 25-27, Sawridge Hotel, Slave Lake (Indian Management Assistance Program)

□ **Intercultural Days & Powwow**, August 26-28, Kehewin First Nations. Call Percy Moosepayo 826-3333 for more info.

□ **Gift Lake Cultural Days**, August 26-28, Gift Lake Metis Settlement.

□ **Gordon Provost Golf Classic**, August 27-28, Peigan naton. Contact 965-3990 or 965-3991.

□ **Open Slowpitch Tournament**, August 27, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, Hobbema, Alberta.

□ **Cold Lake Golf Tournament**, August 27-28, Cold Lake First Nations reserve. Open Golf Classic (Northern Amateur Championship)

□ **Native Education Conference**, August 28-30, High Prairie, St. Andrew's School.

□ **Bicentennial Celebration**, August 30-31, Fort Vermilion.

□ **Treaty 7 Triathlon**, August 30, Brocket, Alberta. Contact Quint 627-4224.

□ **4th Annual Bob Kootenay Memorial Golf**, August 27-28, Junior Golf Course, St. Albert, Alberta.

□ **NIAA Golf Championships (Juniors and Peeweess)**, Sept. 1-2, Wolfe Creek Golf Course. □ **Sipisishk Fall Jamboree**, Sept. 1-4, Beauval, Sask.

□ **NIAA Golf Championships (Adults and Seniors)**, Sept. 2-4, Wolfe Creek Golf Course.

□ **Slowpitch Tournament**, Sept. 2-5, Hosted by the Sucker Creek Capital Ball Club. Contact Bruce 523-2217 (home) or 523-4477.

□ **Back to Batoche**, Sept. 2-4, Batoche, Sask.

□ **Joey Young Pine Memorial Rodeo**, Sept. 3-5, Stand Off, Alberta.

□ **Labour Day Rodeo**, Sept. 4-5, Louis Bull reserve.

□ **Badminton Camp**, Sept. 5-9, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, Hobbema, Alberta.

□ **NIAA Mens & Ladies National Fastball Championships**, Sept. 9-11, Sacramento, California. Call Clayton Duncan 1-704-274-1538 for more info.

□ **Cultural Celebration Days**, Sept. 16-18, Slave Lake. Hosted by the Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre.

□ **Badminton Tournament**, Sept. 17-18, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, Hobbema, Alberta.

□ **Metis Cultural Days**, Sept. 23-25, Edmonton, Alberta. (Contact Edna Forchuk 453-2099 for Miss Metis Alberta Pageant).

□ **Northern Lites Coed Slowpitch**, Sept. 24-25, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, Hobbema, Alberta.

□ **Basketball Camp**, Sept. 26-29, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, Hobbema, Alberta.

□ **Sports Awards Night**, Sept. 29, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, Hobbema, Alberta.

DROPPIN' IN SPECIAL FEATURE: PEOPLE OF THE YELLOWHEAD

Banner year expected at Enoch race track

By Mark McCallum
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ENOCH RESERVE

Lethbridge horse owner William Leech keeps coming back to Enoch's horse race park because he knows he'll be treated right.

"I like racing here," says Leech, who has 10 horses stabled at the track. "The people are friendly and they have good facilities."

The race track has been gaining popularity since it opened in 1977 and Enoch leaders are hoping the trend continues. They say the race track as well as a new 18-hole golf course on the reserve may be put together

in a recreation package to attract tourists to the reserve, located immediately west of Edmonton.

Band leaders are considering the possibility of working with West Edmonton Mall officials to develop the recreational package to attract tourists visiting the renowned mall to the reserve, says Chief Howard Peacock.

The chief feels the band could offer tourists a shuttle bus service from the mall to the reserve, which is about a 15-minute drive from the mall. The proposed package may also include a hotel, camp ground and Native village. And, the 18-hole golf course and its luxurious club house, which will open to the public Sept. 2, has a promising future if the proposed deal gets off the ground, says Peacock, noting an additional 18-hole golf course may be added at a later date.

But, he adds quickly the race track will be the focal point of the proposed package because it has already proven its worth. According to race track manager Glenn Sutton, the race track is "probably one of the best race tracks in western Canada to run on."

Sutton expects the \$500,000 horse track to have a banner year because they are increasing racing days to include an additional six days. "Last year, we had a 35 per cent increase at the

betting window...(and) it looks like it should be an above average year," he explains, noting the race track earned about \$33,000 for each racing day last season. This year he expects that figure to increase to about \$50,000.

The race track, now open to the public every Sunday and Monday, will not break up its racing schedule as it has done in previous years and will remain operational until October. However, when the race track changes its racing format for the year and switches to harness racing in October, it will only remain open for one day a week on Sundays afternoons.

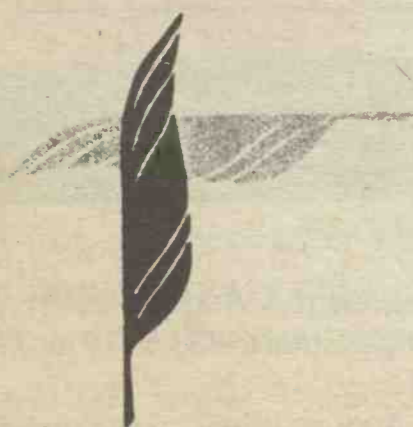
The race park, which features a big top food stand and outdoor grand stand, usually attracts about 400 paying customers on race day. And, the horse owners come from places across western Canada and the United States.

Although the proposed recreation package is still in the planning stages, chief Peacock is excited about the prospect. "This community's location is like a gold mine," he says.

But, Peacock takes care not to let his enthusiasm cloud reality. "There's a lot of red tape to get through first...It will probably take about a year before we have any solid, concrete plans."



Hopes to cash in on tourism: Chief Howard Peacock



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MICHEL BAND

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Anderson at an assembly of the descendants held recently at Calahoo, Alberta near the site of the Michels' second reserve.

Callihoo, now 45, could do little when his father Albert decided to give up the Treaty rights of himself and his family at the 1958 transaction. Whole families lost their rights through a piece of legislation called enfranchisement, which was taken out of the Indian Act by the government in 1985.

Why did so many choose to give up their rights? Critics can only speculate on that today. A number of Indian people gave up their Treaty rights through enfranchisement to vote or join the legal profession or clergy or go in the pubs. And, Treaty Indians were not allow to participate in any of these activities or professions before the early 1960's when the government changed these laws, effectively banding such segregation.

Callihoo feels the

Michel band was not prepared for enfranchisement in the first place. He says not enough was done to screen band members for such problems as alcoholism and mental illness. In return for the Michels' rights, families received small sections of land, money and shares in a natural resources company called Michel Investment Limited, which still exists today.

The descendants plan to pressure the government for a land base. About 130 descendants have been reinstated through Bill C-31 and another 576 are waiting to hear response from Ottawa regarding applications of reinstatement.

The election of the co-chiefs and council may pose problems for the descendants because the Indian Act requires that a band must have a reserve before such representatives can be recognized. Department of Indian Affairs spokesman Ken Williams says the descendants are "not a legal band...because they are members of the Alberta general list."

DROPPIN' IN SPECIAL FEATURE: PEOPLE OF THE YELLOWHEAD

Paul Band Golf course promises to challenge most seasoned veterans

By Mark McCallum
Windspeaker Staff Writer

PAUL BAND

A new nine-hole golf course at the Paul Band reserve will challenge even the most seasoned golfer, says greens manager Michael Ayers.

The Ironhead Golf and Country Club opened temporary greens to the public Aug. 4, and permanent greens are currently undergoing construction which should be complete in September.

"Our goal is to make this the number one golf course in the province," explains Ayers, who already rates the course among the top five in Alberta. "It's designed with the experienced golfer in mind."

The course, which had an estimated price tag of \$1.5 million, was the brainchild of Kananaskis golf course designer Les Ferber. Located some 80 km west of Edmonton directly south of Hwy 16, the Paul Band golf course took nearly two years to build and features a variety of obstacles for golfers looking for a challenge.

The course boards the east shores of Lake Wabamun and is surrounded by lush habitat, perfect for bird watchers and outdoor enthusiasts. Some of the obstacles that are likely to seduce even the most experienced golfers include numerous ponds and sand traps. The most unique of these is a "double green-single green that services two holes," says Ayers, adding it lies between the sixth and eighth holes. Golfers must take two separate approaches to reach one large green which in turn has two holes.

Another unique feature about the course is its size. "It's a very long course about 7,100 yards in total," notes Ayers, pointing out that an independent study done for the Paul Band found that the average golf course lies anywhere from 6,500 to 6,700 yards.

The study, which was conducted by a Vancouver firm called Pernell, Foster, Kerr also suggests the golf course is "a viable project because it generates employment and dollars," says Paul Band Chief Walter Rain. It currently employs about 20 band members who are doing

last-minute, clean-up work on the golf course. The whole operation is expected to give about five band members stable jobs during the golf season.

The Ironhead Golf and Country Club, as the name suggests, also has a club

house where golfers can relax after trying the course. The club house, however, is temporary as well and will be replaced in the fall of 1989 with a new permanent facility along with the addition of 18 more greens, which will

give the golf course a total of 27 holes. The extra holes and new club house will cost some \$3 million to build.

If the golf course is a hit, Ayers says the Paul Band may continue to expand and develop the

area surrounding the course to include a hotel complex, camp grounds and equestrian centre. He explains they are hoping to take profits made from the golf course to pay for expansion costs, estimated to be at \$22.5 million.

Metis local success attributed to volunteers

By Mark McCallum
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDSON, Alta.

When Edson Metis Local 44 representatives burn their mortgage in about five months, the tightly-woven Metis community here can take much of the credit for the accomplishment.

Local president Sharron Johnstone says they will have deserved it because it likely would have never happened without them. The local is a non-government funded organization, established in 1982. And, already they expect to pay off the \$65,000 mortgage with money raised almost entirely through the work of volunteers.

"We have people that have volunteered thousands of hours," says Johnstone.

"I think people here realize the importance of this place and want to contribute. They take pride in it."

A time log-sheet, proudly displayed at the local, records the number of hours and people who volunteer for the organization at weekly bingos. For the month of July, 1,862 hours were logged by some 130 volunteers.

Johnstone says they honor their volunteers regularly with appreciation nights and award two volunteers who have contributed the most at the end of the month. Last month, Rene Beck and Lewis Tessier were selected as the volunteers of the month. Of the volunteers, Johnstone notes many are younger people, most of whom belong to the local's youth council. (The local also has

a women's council.)

Once the local finishes paying the mortgage sometime before the new year, local vice-president Edwin Findley says they may purchase a new building. The two story building that now houses the local has a recreation area, complete with pool tables and concession stand, administration offices, a board room and a maintenance area. The mortgage was paid through Nevada sales and bingos.

The local also hosts a number of events such as family picnics and field trips for young and old. They also host a large annual event called the Edson Metis Cultural Days which is becoming more and more widely known across the province.

"We try to focus activities on all of the communi-

ty, not just the membership," says Findley. The local has 88 voting members and some 160 associated members.

A program called "Families In Need" is also operated by the local. The program was created by staff members who noticed an increasing need for liaison workers to act on behalf of people in conflict with the law and/or social services.

Local representatives also try to stay in tune with political issues that may effect their membership. Moreover, Johnstone says: "We take our youth to MAA (Metis Association of Alberta) board meetings...hopefully, this can help keep them up on the issues."

Edson is located about 190 km west of Edmonton.

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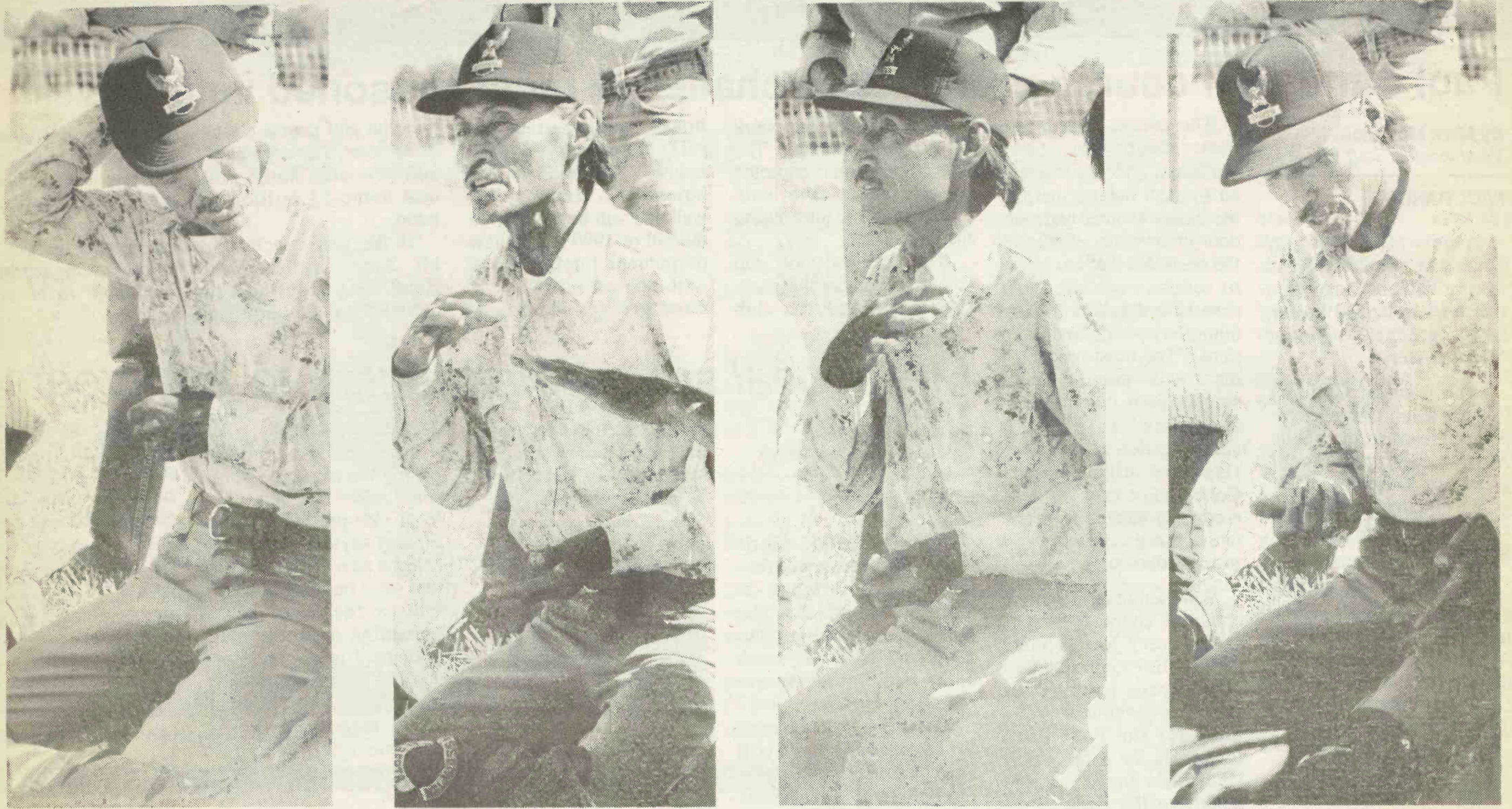
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Handgame player for Assumption Oldtimers tries out a couple of gestures: *David Providence*

Northerners celebrate heritage at Riverdaze fest

By Terry Lusty
Windspeaker Correspondent

FORT VERMILION, Alta.

One of Fort Vermilion's major attractions in this, its bicentennial year, was the August 4-7 Riverdaze and Trappers' Rendezvous which attracted visitors and contestants from such distant locations as the Northwest Territories, Peace River, Edmonton, Cold Lake and Fort McMurray.

The more appealing events proved to be the hand games, trapper contests, canoe races, and the annual town and country fair. There were also pony rides and concessions for the children, visits to local historic sites and buildings, and gatherings at the local watering hole (hotel) that featured some fine local and out-of-town singers at its Saturday afternoon jam session.

One of the more notable

and popular vocalists was local talent, Bev Cardinal, who may pan out and be one we'll hear from in future years over the radio waves.

The hand game tournament, worth a total of \$2,000 was originally scheduled for August 4 but had to be put over to the 5th and 6th due to rain. Harry Matchooyeah's team from Meander River battled their way to first place and \$700 in prize money against James Meichooyeah's Assumption Old Timers who earned \$500 for second.

On the B side, the Fort Trappers led by Delmer Lizotte outperformed Pierre Auger's South Tall Cree players on Saturday to win \$500 while Tall Cree got \$300.

For those who tried to gauge their participation or viewing in accordance with the original schedule, they were out of luck, again due

to changes caused by the inclement weather which was so unpredictable. The skies would open up every now and then including Saturday when the trappers' events were to be conducted but had to be rescheduled into Sunday making it a very busy day.

With the arrival of a sunny day on Sunday, things took off in earnest beginning with the men's canoe race, followed by the fall fair and the trapper contests. In the traditions of their ancestors who frequently travelled the waterways, contestants in the canoes and rafts strained their backs as they tried to best their competition.

Brothers Ron and Henry Lizotte took first in the coveted men's canoe race with their 16 foot pleasure craft. In doing so, they have now won nine out of 10 years, losing to a clipper craft last year.

Placing second were

Mark Rosenberger and Jed Randle followed by Les Fournier and Ricky Wanach. All are from the fort except for Wanach who resides in High Level. The race was run along the Peace River over a course of approximately seven miles of which the final 3/4 mile was up-river, against the current.

In the women's division, Vicky Lizotte and Sharon Flett prevailed to win \$200 for first with second going to Gayle Lizotte and Valerie Rosenberger.

Raft races, using paddles only, was won by Jed MacAteer of the River Raiders followed by Harry Clark Jr. and his River Rats. Both are from High Level.

The co-ed canoe races were won by Gail and Henry Lizotte who out-paddled Lester Fournier and Melanie Gambine while Ron and Vicky Lizotte placed third.

In the trapper events, an outstanding performance was given by Keith Lambert, a local boy, who showed his expertise at such skills as ax and hatchet throwing as well as log tossing and nail driving. Other events included log sawing and chopping, tea making, moose calling and bannock making.

Placing second to Lambert was Leslie Ducharme. Prize money in each of the nine categories was \$50, \$30 and \$20 respectively.

A true highlight at the Saturday and Sunday fall fair was the dedication of the S.S.D.A. Thomas, a stately river boat that was constructed by Jim S.t



"It's in your left hand": *Joe Bulldog*

Germain, a Metis living at Wetaskiwin.

The D.A., a stern wheeler, had been transported north the week before so it would be available for viewing at the July 29-31 Country Music Festival.

The fall fair also hosted a number of craft exhibits sponsored by and featuring the crafts of Native people, Ukrainians and Romanians.

In conjunction with the weekend festivities was the buffoonery of the clown, Willy Nilly, who did his utmost to entertain an adult audience as well as youngsters.

In all, it was a fun-filled weekend which is sure to evoke fond memories in the days ahead, especially for the local residents.



Some youngsters try out log sawing: *Riverdaze festivities*

Brothers prove paddling power in bicentennial canoe race

By Terry Lusty
Windspeaker Correspondent

FORT VERMILION, Alta.

Something that brothers Ron and Henry Lizotte have in common is their ability to do well at racing, with canoes. Ron claims "I win because I refuse to lose."

That statement was uttered the day before the Fort Vermilion bicentennial canoe race, the day they proved their point by taking first prize.

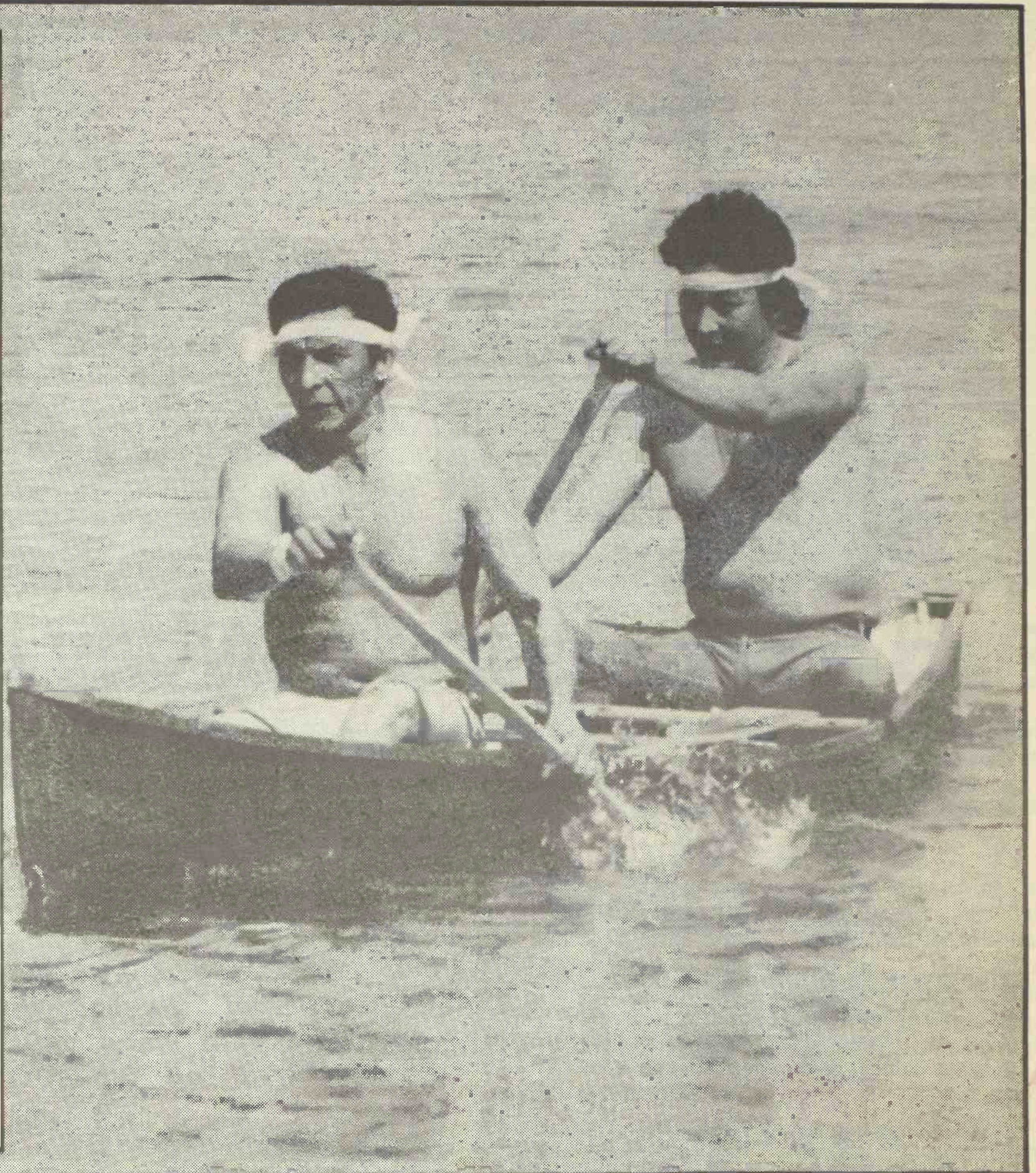
The Lizottes have won these annual races for nine of the last ten years. The first eight of those were consecutive wins until last year when they lost out to a clipper which the Lizottes and other entrants felt was quite unfair and not in the spirit nor tradition of the event. This year, clippers were forbidden and the Lizottes regained both their championship titles and their honor.

The win is nothing new for the Lizottes, but it was not as easy this year as in the previous ones says the 41 year-old Ron. Now he claims he is beginning to feel his age creeping up on him. "It gets tougher each year," says the seasoned Ron who admits to have toyed with the notion of retiring after this year.

From the take-off point, the Lizottes paced themselves, remaining in third position for most of the way. They moved into second around mile six of the seven-mile course and felt strong enough to eventually overtake the leaders.

The brothers gained first place at the turn-around point where they had to head back upstream for about three-quarters of a mile to the finish line in front of the Batt Store.

For now, says Roy, he will be content with the win and just play things by ear in terms of any possible retirement on his part.



Boat crafted as tribute to early transportation

By Terry Lusty
Windspeaker Correspondent

FORT VERMILION, Alta.

Not more than 30-40 years ago, one of the only forms of transportation in Alberta's north country was by water or horse. The ribbons of highway and railway as we know them today were non-existent then. As for air travel, planes were few and far between.

In tribute to those who manned the river boats of yesteryear and to help celebrate Fort Vermilion's bicentennial, an 11-foot scale model of the S.S.D.A. Thomas was built by Metis Jim St. Germain of Wetaskiwin.

The "D.A." as it was referred to, was a stern-wheeled craft which went into service in 1916. It was the luxury boat of its time and the 67 year-old St. Germain has fond recollections of the craft which he describes as, "a memory of the history of what people had to depend on (for transportation)."

Although the model was constructed over the period of a year, he states that the actual time would work out to about five or six weeks of full-time effort.

The small work is what really ate up the time, he adds. Stuff like the gluing, painting, repainting, and so on.

The idea to build the boat originated with Edwin Warg, a local John Deere dealer at the fort says St. Germain. "Then, I got a letter from the bicentennial committee asking me if I'd build it." The committee financed it, he adds, but he had to chip in some of his own money as well by the time everything was completed.

The finished product weighs about 300 pounds according to St. Germain and takes at least three people to lift it. Cathy Bunton, the bicentennial project manager, states that the model will be displayed at their souvenir and information building, an old log house that was the home of Louie Bourassa. In the fall, she explained, it will be moved back into the Community and Cultural Complex for permanent display.

Bourassa who piloted the D.A., incidentally, was an uncle to St. Germain who claims, that, there was always work for those who would cut wood for the boat."

The D.A., he says, travelled as far east along the



Constructed over a period of a year: Jim St. Germain

Peace as the Fort Vermilion chutes (Adam's Landing). Its take-off point was the canyon area at Hudson's Hope, B.C., and on through Taylor Flats and Clayhurst before arriving in Alberta at Dunvegan, Peace River, Carcajou, then the fort.

"If it wasn't for the water," explains St. Germain, "you had no way to cross the land." In those days and right up into the late 1940s, he adds, places like High Level and Manning did not even exist. Even in the early '60s, High Level only consisted of a few simple structures.

The greatest change in transportation in Alberta's northwest occurred in 1952 with the building of the MacKenzie Highway. An 80 km spur of road to Fort Vermilion was interrupted by the Peace River just a couple miles north of the fort until 1974 when a bridge was constructed.

It was the highways and railways which led to the demise and eventual disappearance of the river boats. That memory, that bit of history, however, will live on in the model built by St. Germain for the bicentennial of Fort Vermilion.

SPORTS & LEISURE

SPORTS
ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

I hate to say it — but we here in Edmonton lost just about the only thing we had to brag about. It's hard to imagine Edmonton and the Oilers without the Great One. It's kind of hard to look at Gretzky's trade very objectively when all around me people are crazed with emotion. Suddenly we're a city of depressed maniacs. So, to get a little perspective on the situation I called around Alberta to get responses from others in Indian sports country.

Gordon Russell, rec man at Edmonton's friendship centre says he "hates to see him go." But Russell is quick to add that "on the business end it's a smart move," explaining that Gretzky "won't get much better."

Mel Grandjamb, a hockey player-coach at Fort McKay says "the puzzle fits together -- Pocklington needs money and because of his wife -- it's all part of the plan." Actually, he says the news doesn't matter much, just as long as the "Fort McKay Braves do better this year."

John Fletcher, sports consultant, says: "In any sport there is always the chance of a trade regardless how good the player is. In Gretzky's case was the situation ripe for the taking, or I should say, Peter Pocklington's choice." Fletcher says the kids in his neighborhood are "shocked." He goes on to say "the ones who will be hurt the most are the kids."

Rupert Meneen, one of the hockey brothers for the Tallcree Toros says: "I'm not a Gretzky or Oiler fan -- Montreal Canadians." He adds: "maybe they'll be easier to

Gretzky packs for L.A., kids mourn loss of role model

beat."

Down south, Ivan Singer, rec man for the Bloods, says he's "happy he left." He concludes by saying the trade should "make things a little easier for Calgary (Flames)...I hope."

Hobbema: An oldtimers hockey team are holding bingos to earn money for a trip to the World Cup Tournament in Florida April 1989. Since the Hobbema Oil Chiefs started in 1975 they've won the World Cup twice -- 1983 and 1985.

The club is 100% Native and most players are volunteers with the minor hockey program.

The Oil Chiefs are also accepting entries into a new oldtimers hockey league for the 1988-89 season.

Look for the bingos at the Hobbema bingo hall at the end of each month. For more information about the bingos or entries into the new oldtimers league phone Danny Montour at 585-3793.

Kehewin: Tansi, Herman John, it's in the Indian golf grapevine that you put on a pretty mean tournament.

"It was my first time organizing the tournament," said John, referring to that golf tourney held in Cold Lake but hosted by the Kehewin Golf Club last August 5-7. "I promise a bigger and better one next year," he added.

The event drew 56 golfers from all over Alberta -- Blackfoot, Sarcee -- and Saskatchewan, too.

The first day was plagued with drizzly weather but blessed with sun for the second day said John.

Here's the winners starting with the peewees:

Bruce Poitras took first while Dana Arcand

grabbed second. No other winners here.

Willie John scored 167 to win the junior division. Trevor Ladoux took second with 205 and third went to Gary Arcand, 224.

Viola Manywounds came back strong on the second day to capture first in the ladies flight -- she scored 219. Just behind was Liz Poitras, 220; Clara Loyer, 220; and Joyce Cardinal, 227.

In the men's fourth flight, Brian Youngchief earned first with 210, Derwin Buffalo swung a 213 while Roland Dion landed a 214.

Leonard Ladoux, 196, won the third flight while Peter Manywounds, 197, snared second and Homer Poitras, 199, snagged third.

Are you still with me? Take a deep breath. Billy Steinhauer, 187, edged out Victor John, 187, to win the second flight. Dennis Mosewah settled for third with 188.

John Cardinal took the first flight with 174, a little short was Ray Ahenakew, 175. Henry Cardinal made third with 179.

George Fiddler got the glory in the championship flight with his 163. Lloyd Gauthier scored 169 to take second while Adine Raine won third with 170.

And finally, Wilf McDougall was the one and only senior winner at the tourney.

Cancelled: Don't get yer riggin' in a knot. The Crane rodeo scheduled for August 13-14 has been cancelled.

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ON THE POWWOW TRAIL

Fourth annual Lethbridge powwow a "Whoop-Up"

By Jackle Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

LETHBRIDGE, Alta.

Although it's smaller in comparison to other powwows being held the same weekend, the fourth annual Fort Whoop-Up Powwow can pride itself in hosting a fun-filled, entertaining event.

Sponsored by the Lethbridge and District Fort Whoop-Up Exhibition Board, the Indian Village located on the grounds provided a colorful part of Whoop-Up days held Aug. 2-7. It had eight teepees open for daily inspection and about 50 native dancers registered in its 10-category competitions in addition to demonstrating exhibition dances.

Well-known Blood traditional dancer, Orlon



Powwow competitors: Mikey and Claire Pipestem from Sarcee

Calling Last who served as the MC during the powwow kept the audience amused with his zany

antics. Much to the surprise of both men and ladies traditional dances, Calling Last who

announced sheepishly, "I want to have some fun", talked the men into putting on shawls to imitate ladies

traditional dancers much to the delight of the crowd at the final dance competitions on Sunday. At the end of their dance, young ladies who were unable to escape, had to be coaxed to put on bustles to display their versions of a men's fancy and chicken dance.

Aside from the antics, drummers donated \$10 to a member of the audience who came from the farthest place. Surprisingly, a couple from Sweden vacationing in Canada, finally got up to receive the token of appreciation.

Art Calling Last, a member of the organizing committee said a total of \$2600 was up for the dance competitions. As well, various individuals and businesses donated trophies to first-place winners in the dance competitions. Calling Last and another member of the committee, Leslie Buckskin, donated the prize monies for the Men's Buckskin competition which was not originally included in the event.

"It was a pretty good powwow. Everybody had a good time," said Calling Last in an interview after the powwow.

He added he was pleased with the attendance even though there were other powwows being held in Hobbema, Rocky Boy, Blackfoot and Fort Hall, Idaho which usually attracts many dancers because of their bigger prize monies in their competition dances.

"But we had many good dancers here," he said

which had mostly dancers and drummers from the nearby Blood and Peigan reserves. A few came from Sarcee, Blackfoot and Browning.

Teepee owners who set up their teepees during Whoop-Up days besides Calling Last and Buckskin were Art White Quills, Allan Spear Chief, Mary Stella Bare Shin Bone, Jim Shot Both Sides, John Healy and Arnold Mountain Horse.

Drum groups who provided the music for the powwow were the Spirit Sings and Mocassin Flats Singers of the Blood Reserve.

The following are the results of the dance competitions:

Ladies' Buckskin: 1. Jean Healy, Blood; 2. Rosie Red Crow, Blood; 3. Tracy Scout, Blood.

Men's Buckskin: 1. Harold Healy, Blood; 2. Jim Shot Both Sides, Blood.

Men's Traditional: James Watt, Blackfoot; 2. Paul Bare Shin Bone, Blood; 3. Mark Wolf Leg Sr., Blackfoot.

Ladies' Traditional: 1. Angie Shouting, Blood; 2. Rachael Crying Head, Blood; 3. Mary Stella Bare Shine Bone, Blood.

Boys' Traditional: 1. Reuban Big Sorrel Horse, Blood; 2. P.G. Mistaken Chief, Blood; 3. Kevin Hope, Blackfoot.

Girls' Traditional: 1. Alberta Raw Eater, Blood; 2. Wanita Shouting, Blood; 3. Pam Bare Shin Bone, Blood.

Men's Fancy: 1. William Mistaken Chief, Blood; 2. Herbert Bull Shields, Blood; 3. Henry Creighton, Blood.

Ladies' Fancy: 1. Lisa Wadsworth, Blood; 2. Rae Ann Wadsworth, Blood; 3. Vivian Across The Mountain, Blood.

Boys' Fancy: 1. Darcy Strikes With A Gun, Peigan; 2. Sheldon Scout, Blood.

Girls' Fancy: 1. Claire Pipestem, Sarcee; 2. Pam Bare Shin Bone, Blood.

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Bad weather didn't dampen powwow action

By Patrick Michell
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBHEMA, Alta.

A short morning shower threatened to cancel the dances scheduled for Sunday, but as morning became noon its dark prairie clouds became warm, bright and cheerful sunlight.

Circling the dancers' arbor were hundreds of tents and tipis, the weekend homes of dancers and spectators who had travelled hundreds of kilometres from places as far south as Montana and North Dakota, and as far east as Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Shortly after the sun reached midday, the dancers emerged from within their tents and tipis, ready to compete in the

powwow being sponsored by the Ermineskin band.

Most dazzling of all the traditional dress was that of the grass dancer, with its hundreds of colorfully thick strands of roped cotton which bounced and flicked in the dazzling sunlight as the dancer moved around the arbor's center.

Under the scant shelter offered by the leaves of hundreds of popular tree branches sat hundreds of Native and non-Native spectators mesmerized by the dancing.

It was another fine day for powwow competition at the Four Nations Powwow, held Aug. 5 - 7 on the Ermineskin Reserve. The powwow featured dancing in different categories for all ages, such as fancy dancing, grass dancing, jingle dress and traditional dancing.

LADIES OF THE 80s

Story research leads journalist to Metis journey

By Susan Enge
Windspeaker Correspondent

"I'm a gypsy at heart" says 34 year old Metis Dorothy Schreiber as she lights up a cigarette feeling somewhat uncomfortable talking about herself. Schreiber is used to asking the questions, not fielding them like she did while working in the media, most recently, as a reporter for Windspeaker. She presently works as a researcher for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's television news section in Edmonton.

Born and raised in Wawa, Ontario, a small mining town located on the northern tip of Lake Superior, Schreiber found herself yearning to travel. The spirit of adventure took over. She packed what little belongings she had and headed west.

Little did she realize at the time, that she would, in the course of ten years, develop the career she longed to have as a young, impressionable girl idolizing the works of CBC TV host, Patrick Watson; simultaneously discovering her Metis identity and heritage.

Her journey took her through a series of low income service jobs, working as a chambermaid in a Jasper motel to a high profile provincial stringer job for Our Native Land, a weekly CBC radio program.

In between jobs she criss-crossed through the



"Don't be afraid to take risks: Dorothy Schreiber

western provinces spending a brief time in northern British Columbia. But, her wandering ways always led her back to Edmonton. It seemed to be the city where she could allow some roots to take place. She soon married and continued to work edging herself closer and closer to the respected career she wanted...being a journalist.

During periodic slumps of unemployment, Schreiber said it was at these moments in her life when her personal mentor,

a Native woman pulled her out of the doldrums by believing in her abilities. "I was pretty lucky. I've had strong Native women, who believed in my abilities, help me out. This one woman gave me my first job. She always recommended me for other jobs. I am grateful," says Schreiber.

The self-confidence she needed at these intervals of unemployment was lacking, she admits. But, the women who counselled her then, boosted her

morale and strengthened her confidence. "I had a lot of worries, doubts about my abilities, but this was overcome by supportive women offering their words of encouragement."

The women within her family were also just as strong and independent as her personal mentors. Her grandmother, her mother and aunts all worked in non-traditional occupations. Because the female role models at home exhibited such unconforming traits, Schreiber says she was never drawn to traditional occupations expected of other women. "I didn't want to do anything that was traditionally female. My mom, aunts, grandmother were pretty well self-sufficient," she said.

Without perhaps realizing it, Schreiber adopted their same approach. She worked over the years as a reporter, researcher, radio broadcaster, positions historically uncommon for women to be in.

While she labored from one job to another, part of Schreiber needed settling...her Metis identity. She admitted not knowing what it all meant. Questions of who the Metis were and what they represented crossed her mind countless times. "I wasn't raised in a traditional way. I had no grasp of who I was as a Native person," said Schreiber.

She was so desperate to understand that she "picked up the phone and began to call all the Native organizations asking them what the political issues were affecting "Native people, the Metis; I was looking for a political movement so I could get involved."

Laughing in retrospect Schreiber confesses it was "a naive approach". But, she was unfamiliar with the Canadian Metis history and lacked understanding of the contemporary struggles facing them. It continued to agitate her. This feeling would not last forever, however.

While she covered *Continued page 18*

stories for Windspeaker, worked at the Alberta Native Communications Society (now defunct) and Prairie Wool Communications, her knowledge of historical and contemporary political struggles of Canadian aboriginal peoples finally began to take shape.

"If there was any one moment I was finally aware of my identity, it was when the aboriginal rights clause was taken out of the Canadian Constitution. There was a big demonstration at the Kinsmen Field House at the Ledge (Legislative

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LADIES OF THE 80s

From timid and shy to outspoken and sure, Native women progress

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

STAND OFF, Alta.

Rose Yellowfeet, 61, says Native women have literally blossomed into proud, contributing members of their communities.

She says she can remember 25 years ago when Native women were so timid and shy that they had to write their ideas on paper and then give it to somebody else to voice on their behalf.

Yellowfeet, a founding member of the Voice of Alberta Native Womens' Society (VANWS) now known as the Alberta Native Womens' Organization (ANWA), was reflecting on the progress of Native women in an interview at her home in Stand Off.

The movement had its humble beginnings in 1966 when three Native women, Ruth McDougall, Peigan, Alice Steinhauer, Cree and Christine Daniels, Metis, returned from a Native women's conference in Saskatchewan. "They said there are so many Native women just sitting at home," says Yellowfeet. "Although there's nothing wrong with being housewives, there's so much we can learn and do together to improve our communities."

Yellowfeet who was only 36 at the time was going through a personal transformation. "I had just sobered up. I was dying from cirrhosis of the liver and had only five months to live. My children were taken away because they (social services) said I was an unfit mother."

The idea of organizing a women's meeting sounded appealing to Yellowfeet. "Even though I really didn't know what I was doing." Nonetheless, she threw herself into the project "blindly" not realizing the long term effects of the group's efforts.

Eventually, an organizing committee was formed with Yellowfeet as co-chairwoman. The founding VANWA meeting was set in the spring of 1967 in Edmonton. "We had planned for about 200 people but we had close to 500 women at that three-day conference. They were from every part of the province, including some from Saskatchewan and the United States."

"We had a lot of discussions on the conditions of our communities - housing, education, Native children

being placed in foster homes off the reserve, alcoholism and even how Native parents would get benefits such as clothing allowances if they sent their children off the reserve. Children attending reserve schools didn't get the same privileges.

"In those days, nobody talked about being Metis, Treaty, Status - we all pulled together. There was a good spirit in the organization."

After the first conference, the organizing committee took "crash courses," on leadership, "so that we can learn how to run meetings and make resolutions."

But there was a problem that many of the women had faced. "Many of the men were mad at some of the women. They didn't want their wives involved in the organization. Some stopped coming; others still came," smiles Yellowfeet.

Yellowfeet said Native women in the 60's were strong-willed "and once they make up their minds, they would go after any goal."

Many of the women didn't speak English very well so the committee arranged for translators in Cree and Blackfoot and other languages at every meeting held.

"As time went on, many of the women expressed interest in more training. They wanted to know how to organize their own meetings and they wanted to form their own chapters on reserves, Metis colonies and urban centres," says Yellowfeet.

The committee complied with their request and organized 10 workshops across the province on such topics as communication, public speaking and how to organize a group meeting.

After five years, Yellowfeet noticed remarkable changes in the women. "Before they were so scared, they couldn't talk; sometimes we picked them up at bus depots because they had never been in a big city. Now they started talking more."

"At each conference, many women said they were taking upgrading courses; some said they got a job while others said they were on Band Councils."

Even women started discussing "taboo subjects" or part hurts "bottled up inside of them for years. A lot of the women were angry at how they were treated at residential schools and how the government herded

them into those schools. They lost a lot of love because the family unit was broken. Some of them said they really didn't know how to be parents because they were away from their parents for so long."

To make necessary changes in Native communities, the VANWS invited government people so they could tell them first-hand of their views and suggestions says Yellowfeet.

The meetings were effective. "We made a lot of changes, for instance, Native foster homes. We made a lot of noise that we didn't want Native children in white foster homes."

"I think that we strengthened other Native organizations. When health benefits for treaty Indians were being threatened to be cut, we marched in Edmonton to protest that action."

However, Yellowfeet and others were eventually voted out. "I was warned by a good friend. He said, 'One of these days a group of women will come along and think they can run the organization better. Don't take it personally - take it as progress for your people. Go out and start something else!'"

And that's what Yellowfeet did. She was instrumental in setting up the Hill Top House in Edmonton for women who had been in jail or lived in the streets.

Then she moved on to help organize the McDougall House which is an overnight shelter for women.

Yellowfeet says "she feels sad" that VANWS isn't as strong and united as it used to be.

She said the controversial sexual discrimination section in the Indian Act "split the women". Former members organized the Indian Rights for Indian Women while others formed the Alberta Native Treaty Women organization.

But she says that although many Native women have made great strides in education, business and arts, they still retain their cultural values and traditions.

Yellowfeet lives in Stand Off with six of her children and grandchildren. She works part-time at the Fort MacLeod Detox Centre and is active with the National Native and Drug Abuse Commission.

LADIES OF THE 80s

Carol Geddes

Creative outlet found in film

By Keith Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

WHITEHORSE, Yukon

For aspiring director Carol Geddes working in film and video allows her to work in the area she most enjoys, "It is great — it is very, very creative. If you want a creative outlet. It is frightening at the same time because it is very expensive if your personal vision doesn't turn out then you could be in a lot of trouble."

woman from Teslin Indian band, Yukon and is a part of the Tlingit Nation. She is a middle child of the 13 born to Annie and Ted Geddes.

In 1978 she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Carleton University with majors in English and Philosophy. She then worked for the Council of Yukon Indians as an executive assistant before returning to university in Montreal to get her Diploma in Communications from Concordia University in 1982.

Geddes first film, Place For Our People, has been screened on CBC television many times and is a docu-



Director: Carol Geddes

mentary of the Montreal Native Friendship Centre. It was an independent production.

Her second film feature which was done for the National Film Board of Canada was Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief which was, according to Geddes, "A social documentary about five different Native women who have made it and how they overcame various problems." She directed the film.

According to Geddes it is not something a person does to become well off financially. "If you plan on getting rich you better do something else. It is really difficult because you spend a lot of time finding funding

sources. Unless you hit it big with a blockbuster that everyone wanted but documentary tends not to be that popular."

She is currently working with the Council of Yukon Indians in the areas of communications and is also involved in writing on land claims for the council.

She has also done extensive work in the video format which is much cheaper to produce than films. Women Can't Be Beat is a 30 minute video she did about battered women; Together We Survive is a 16 minute video on the uses of caribou by Yukon Indian elders; and All My Relations is a video about Round Lake Treatment Centre which is an alcohol treatment centre just outside of Vernon, British Columbia.

The video productions are available through Northern Native Broadcasting in the Yukon.

Other work Geddes has done was with CBC television on Kluane National Park in the Yukon where she was an assistant to the producer.

She is currently working

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NORTHLAND
SCHOOL DIVISION #61ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR
OF NATIVE PROGRAMS

The successful applicant will assist the Supervisor of Native Programs in:

1. Supervising 18 Native (Cree/Chipewyan) Language Programs in the Division.
2. Providing Inservice to Native Language Instructors in the Division.
3. Liaising with the Alberta Education and outside agencies in the development and implementation of Native Language Programs.
4. Developing and implementing First and Second Language Programs in the Division.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The successful applicant will:

1. Have fluency or extensive knowledge of either Cree or Chipewyan.
2. Have completed most requirements for a Bachelor of Education degree.
3. Be assertive
4. Be willing to live in Peace River.
5. Be willing to travel extensively in northern Alberta.

Candidates with a Bachelor of Education degree or graduate work with previous work experience in Native Languages and/or Native Studies will be favored.

Send resumes with supporting documentation and names of 3 professional references to:

Brian Callaghan
Superintendent
of Schools and Human Resources
Northland School Division No. 61
Bag 1400
Peace River, Alberta
T0H 2X0
Deadline for applications: August 29, 1988

Bigstone Cree Band — Education Authority
Desmarais, Alberta
Open Job Competition1. Provincial Tuition Agreement Administrator
2. Assistant Administrative Clerk

Required by the Bigstone Cree Band: Education Authority Office and Operations, 1. Provincial Tuition Agreement Administrator (full-time); 2. Assistant Clerk - Administrative position (part-time).

The Bigstone Band Education Authority Office & Operations is a dynamic and growing service, serving the Bigstone Cree Band membership, either on/off reserve and the isolated communities in Northern Alberta.

Under the supervision and direction of the Director of Education, the successful, qualified candidates for these positions will be responsible for; as a unit; to work together and duties thereof:

Reports to the Director of Education and to the Chairman of the Bigstone Education Authority — board; and also to the Portfolio Holder of Education.

Responsible for implementation and development of, and maintenance of quality education support services to Indian children as specified in the Tuition Agreement on behalf of the Bigstone Cree Band.

Administers and monitors the Tuition Agreement in general, as specified to the terms of the Tuition Agreement are carried out and adhered to by both parties.

Performance of Duties in a working, cooperative relationship with the Northland School Division, the following:

1. Planning and Organizing:

- enrollment statistics, nominal rollemtn count.
- annual school budgets and schedules.
- discipline policy for students.
- recommendations to Northland School Division, School Board.
- developing an orientation for teachers.
- selection of materials regarding history, traditions, and culture of the Cree peoples.
- development of language and cultural programs.
- development of a drop-out recovery program annually implemented.

2. Staffing: Monitoring and Evaluating:

- participates in personnel committee.
- participates in school evaluations.

3. Coordinating and Administering:

- administers nominal roll count.
- administers tuition monthly payments.
- interprets the Northland School Division Audit for purpose of the Tuition Agreement.

- administers payments for special programs.

- meets to discuss Indian students' welfare with the Northland School Division Board, Local School Board Committees.

4. Controlling and Managing:

- ensure that the terms of the Tuition Agreement are carried out and adhered to by both parties: the Northland School Division #61 - Corporate Board and the authority of the Bigstone Band Education Authority.

Qualifications Preferred:

1. University Degree, preferred B. Educ. with School Administration experience or related training.
2. Grade 12 Diploma or Equivalency Diploma (G.E.D.) with post-school training in computers, some accounting necessary.

Equivalents:

Equivalencies with related training and experience shall be considered for both positions applied for, either #1 or #2.

Note: These positions are both permanent based on satisfactory performance (within a three-month probationary period).

Salary:

Commensurate based on qualifications, pegged on present salary grid.

Closing date: August 26, 1988, at 12:00 noon.

Interviews and Selections: August 31, 1988

Please Apply By Letter; Send Attached - A Resume To:

ATTENTION: H. Adrian Yellowknee
Director of Education
Bigstone Band Education Authority
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Duties: Assist and participate in intake procedure - a) Record and compile all necessary admittance forms b) Orient clients on conditions of residential care including policies, house rules, ground rules, room assignments, meal times, laundry days, duties of key personnel c) Inquire and report clients on medication and clients with physical handicaps, especially to the evening Counsellor; plan, record and maintain daily and weekly session schedules of program content; prepare and facilitate sessions for residential clients; provide counselling services to residential clients including one to one counselling, group counselling and family counselling and assist them with other related chemically dependency problems; prepare and record all necessary clients reports such as intake, progress, discharge summary, etc.; report on problem areas and incidents with clients during daily consultation with Treatment Services coordinator (Inpatient); perform other related duties and functions to supplement the program content such as showing films and other visual presentations; undertake other related and required duties as requested by the Treatment Services coordinator.

Minimum education and experience required: Experience in social work or other closely related behavioral science field with concentration in counselling; graduation from a standard high school supplemented by courses in basic and advanced counselling or any combination of training and experience which provides the required knowledge, abilities and skills.

Other requirements: Must have a valid Driver's License; at least one year sobriety and must be familiar with the Blackfoot language and Indian culture.

Salary: Negotiable Deadline: August 19, 1988

Send resumes to:
Leslie Tailfeathers
Vice Chairman
St. Paul Treatment & Training Centre
for Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Box 179
Cardston, Alberta TOK OKO



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Kind and level of work: The executive director is responsible for all phases of management including administration, promotion, and supervision of all four components (administration, preventive services, treatment services and building maintenance) of the organization. The primary function of the chief administrator is to direct the total organization toward a high standard of operation in achieving the goals and objectives of the treatment centre.

Duties: Oversee the supervision of employees to ensure a staff of competent personnel to best utilize individual and group capabilities; recruit, hire and terminate staff subject to the budget, personnel policies, and approval of the board; assign and reassign personnel within the organization to meet the needs of the centre for a competent staff; arrange, prepare and attend all general meetings and board meetings; inform the board of all information regarding the condition of organization and all significant factors influencing it; insure that board directives, personnel rules and regulations are adhered to, and implemented, in order for the program to operate effectively and efficiently; ensures that accounting procedures are followed in order to have proper financial control and administration; arranges for the preparation of monthly and quarterly financial and program reports to the board, and all funding sources for review, comment, reaction and approval; consult and participate in research and development for continuous personal and intellectual growth of the total organization; maintain good working relations with the board of directors, agencies of government, professional associations, mass media and the public at large; counsels with supervisors on staff requiring training on the organizations time and expense; foster an environment of team work and commitment of total personnel through the organization by developing and improving methods of effective communications.

Knowledge, abilities and skills: This position requires a good planning ability, extensive knowledge of business management - to provide sound recommendations or alternatives to the board as a basis for effective financial and management decisions. Human relations skills are needed to guide, influence and motivate others to attain our goal - serve the public.

Minimum education and experience required: Extensive administrative and management experience in the service of a large organization, with some accounting experience desirable; graduation from a recognized college or university with a degree or equivalent in business administration or related field; or any combination of training and experience which provides the required knowledge, abilities and skills.

Immediate supervisor: Board of Director's - specifically the chairperson. **Deadline date:** August 19, 1988

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JOURNALIST

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Assembly Building).

There were hundreds of Native people around me. They all came together for this cause, to have aboriginal rights put back into the Constitution. I remember a row off elders...all dressed in traditional regalia.. I remember standing there looking down at everyone.

We all felt really strong...cohesive. I felt the unity and a great sense of pride. I was fighting back the tears because I finally felt a sense of nationhood." recalls Schreiber, her voice shaking.

She lights up another cigarette and stares outside her livingroom window. She is quiet. She realizes

now she was able to "kill two birds with one stone." That year, she could now maintain that "close touch with the Native community" and also consolidate her skills in the field of journalism.

The journey she embarked upon so many years ago was a difficult one, not devoid of happy times too, but one she feels was worth the risk she took that day as she headed west. She admits the road

would not have been so rocky if she had acquired further education. "Get an education. That's the ticket; value that," says Schreiber. And, she adds it's important to stick out the tough times. "Try not to be discouraged. And, don't be afraid to take risks, just do it," she said.

She is still learning. She's not afraid anymore. More importantly...she knows who she is and where she is going.

FILM MAKER

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on a production about a Native photographer from the Yukon which doesn't have an official title as of yet but she says the working title of the production is George Johnson - Tlingit Photographer. She says the

production is independent and she hopes to raise the funds to produce it herself, "I am trying to raise the funding myself".

Geddes hopes to attend the 1988 Indian Summer Festival of Aboriginal Motion Pictures from September 21 - 25 in Pincher Creek and at that time feature one of her videos.

NATIVE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

Program Proposals Sought

Alberta Social Services, Calgary Region, invites program proposals for the provision of family based support programs to Native families and children. Native families include treaty, non-treaty and Metis people. The program will include:

- a family support component to provide counselling as well as life skills training for budgeting, nutrition, and child management. Staff will also assist clients to access appropriate community services.
- a youth program to provide the opportunity for staff to assist Native youth to learn more about their culture, life skills, interpersonal skills and options for leisure time activities.

Proposals should cover the program's basis in research, philosophy, format for assessment of child and family functioning, methods of intervention, staff structure and evaluation model.

Applicants are challenged to develop a progressive family focus service identifying specific cultural issues and defining the use of community resources and networks.

A briefing for interested individuals or groups will be held on August 22, 1988 at 2 p.m. at the Willow Park District Office.

The program will be funded by Alberta Social Services on an annual basis, subject to yearly review.

Please reply by September 19, 1988 to:

Residential Resources
Alberta Social Services
Willow Park District Office
10325 Bonaventure Drive S.E.
Calgary, Alberta T2J 5R8
Attention: Debi Perry
Telephone: 258-4758

Please note that the lowest bid proposal will not necessarily be accepted and Alberta Social Services has the right to refuse any or all proposals.

Alberta
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SACRED CIRCLE NATIVE LIAISON WORKER

Edmonton Public Schools requires two workers for the Native Home School Liaison Services to work with Native students, their families and School personnel to assist in addressing the educational needs of urban Native children.

Desired qualifications include: ability to speak a Native language; sensitivity to the problems of the urban Native people; experience working in the urban Native community; excellent interpersonal skills; training in counselling techniques; a valid driver's license and transportation. This position will commence September 1, 1988.

Salary: \$645.93 - \$901.71 bi-weekly (under review)

Please submit detailed resume quoting competition #263 by 4:00 p.m. August 19, 1988 to:

Personnel Staffing Services
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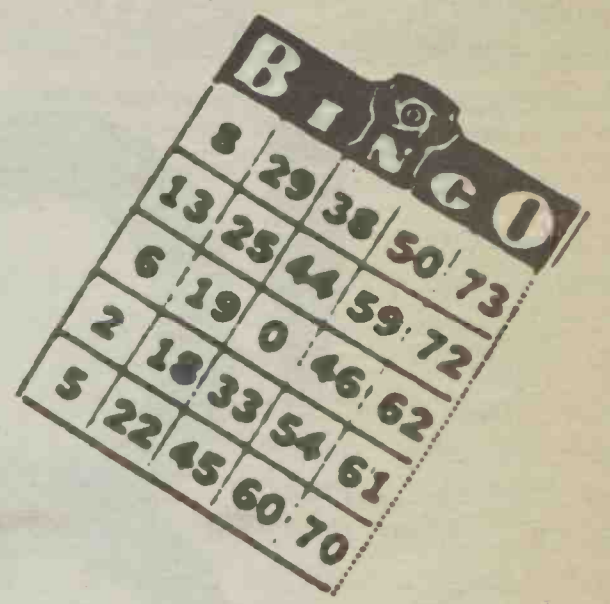
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