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Aboriginal Rights and the Canadian Constitution

The Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council has been working with other Tribal Council groups and organizations in B.C. to try to ensure that our rights are enshrined in the Constitution.

In December of 1980 our chairman, George Watts, and our lawyer, Jack Woodward, appeared before the Parliamentary Committee dealing with the constitution to present our position. At that time we stated that if our rights were not protected we would eventually witness the end of our people as a distinct race.

We further stated that the Proclamation of 1763 must be included in the Constitution since the document formed the basis for recognition of Aboriginal Title.

After the committee hearings the government agreed to an Amendment by the NDP which became known as Section 34. That section said: "Rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada" (1) the aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada are hereby recognized and affirmed; (2) in this act, aboriginal peoples of Canada includes the

Indian, Inuit and Metis peoples of Canada.

The Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council took the position that section 34 should be improved so that the interpretation of section 34 would not be left up to the courts and politicians. Also the Tribal Council stated that these clauses should not be tampered with in the future without Indian consent. At no time did the council reject section 34.

Although other Indian groups were travelling to London and other parts of the world, the Tribal Council took the position

that in order to get improvements to section 34 and have a consent clause, a strong lobby would have to be put on Prime Minister Trudeau. Unfortunately only a confrontation situation developed with the government.

During this same period the majority of provinces were also opposing patriation of the Constitution. A number of them decided to take the Federal Government to court. In October the Supreme Court of Canada handed down it's decision which was that the actions that the Federal

Government were taken were legal but they were not conventional. With this ruling Trudeau said he would be prepared to have one more conference with the Premiers to see if they could come to some agreement.

From this conference, section 34 was dropped as one of the conditions of some of the provinces support for patriation. The only mention of our rights was a clause that said within a period of a year the Prime Minister, the Premiers and Indian representatives would meet to define any rights

that may exist.

The reaction across this country from native people has been very mixed. The splits that government has made between us has dominated at the national level. This has prevented a statement being made to the Prime Minister that is supported by all Aboriginal People. It was interesting to note that the government attempted to make one more split between the Aborigines living north and south of the 60th parallel by offering the northern people recognition in the constitution. It did not work.

The Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council met with other members of the Provincial Forum to devise a strategy in reaction to the exclusion of section 34. The position agreed upon was that section 34 should be reinstated as is and protected with a consenting clause.

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Friends and relatives gathered at Christie Residence to end the mourning for the late Shorty Frank.

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Elder's dinner

Wednesday, December 30 5:00 p.m.

Port Alberni Friendship Centre Donations of Indian food will be greatly appreciated (dried fish, bannock, herring eggs, crabs, clams, etc.)

Phone 723-8281 or 724-3013



A Christmas message

The highlight of this year certainly has to be our annual assembly. I cannot put into words the feeling I had when over 900 people showed up for our banquet, especially that segment when the Mowachah people performed their dances and songs. I only regret the sound system which did no justice to James Gosnell's speech.

It's significant that the new Canadian constitution is being sent to England for patriation before Christmas. No matter what is in that constitution, the fairness and honesty of Canadian people will surface when we settle on land claims. Our members in parliament can always ignore more than what is in the constitution so they can never use it as an excuse.

It is that time of year when we must reflect upon 1981 and ask ourselves how honest and fair we have been. More importantly what are our plans for the coming year to make this a better world for everybody to live in.

I have witnessed many of our people complaining about their band business, and that bothers me. It bothers me because I know they are also capable of contributing to the development of our people. I have witnessed this past year a number of new people getting involved in our struggle and I look forward to seeing more new faces.

We are supposed to be celebrating the existence of our creator and I believe we do that through our traditions. In line with this I am especially happy with our museum project getting off the ground this year. Perhaps someday the non-Indian will appreciate why we want to survive as a people.

I wish all of you the best in the New Year and may we all enjoy Christmas Day equivalent to the meaning of it. I remain,

In Brotherhood GEORGE WATTS

Merry Christmas

A very Merry Christmas to Mr and Mrs. Peter Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dick, Mrs. Nellie Frank and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Frank and Family and all the Curley Family.

I'm sorry I couldn't send you all a card.

With warm wishes for every happiness through Christmas and the coming year!

From Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Oscar and Family, Kyuquot, B.C.

Friendship Centre Christmas party

The Port Alberni Friendship Centre Society Christmas Committee is holding their annual Christmas party at the Glenwood Centre, December 16, 1981. A traditional turkey dinner will be served and gifts will be given to the elders and children 10 years and under.

We, the Port Alberni Friendship Centre Society, are soliciting the community at large for donations for this occasion. Donations may be of monies, gift certificates or gifts. All donations are tax deductible as we are a non-profit organization. Any and all donations, large or small will be greatly appreciated. Any questions please phone 723-8281 or 724-3013.

Hoping you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Friendship,

WALLY SAMUEL Program Director Port Alberni Friendship Centre



Merry Christmas

To the Nuu-chah-nulth people: wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and may God be with you in 1982. — Edgar and Jenny Charlie and Family.

Thank you

Thanks to all the people who supported me during my recent illness, as of December 1 I am back at work. — Edgar.



We wish you a Merry Christmas — from Tsehaht staff, Darlene, Moby, Phyllis, Gloria, Leona, Maggie, Debbie.

Seasons greetings to the people of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth area, and best wishes in the New Year.

From the TseShaht Band Council, staff and members.



Ha-Ho-Payuk school Christmas concert

Ha-Ho-Payuk School Christmas Concert Monday, December 14th 7:30 p.m.

Cedar Room, Echo Centre Indian Dancing and Special Play coffee to be served Free Admission Everyone Welcome



Natives seek guarantee of Aboriginal Rights

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They agreed that letters would be sent immediately to the Prime Minister and Premier Bennett stating our demands. Also a strategy was drawn up in case a totally negative answer was received.

After the letter was delivered to Premier Bennett, negotiations started through the Attorney General's department. On Thurs., Nov. 19, the Premier announced that he would be making a statement on section 34 the next day. That statement said that he was prepared to support reinstatement of section 34 as long as the other eight Premiers were agreeable. It did not include any mention for a protection clause which we requested.

All the Premiers agreed to the reinstatement of section 34 but Premier Lougheed of Alberta demanded that

the word "existing" be placed before Aboriginal Rights. According to the majority of lawyers that we have consulted the word has no meaning in law and does not alter the clause.

The Prime Minister has announced that this amended version will be included in the final package to be sent to London.

In conclusion, the Constitution will be passed in the House of Commons on Nov. 27. That package will include section 34 with "existing" in front of Aboriginal. The job that all native people in Canada have is to start preparing for the meeting with the Prime Minister and the Premiers because it will probably take us a year to come up with a common statement. Hopefully Trudeau will have retired by then.



The word "existing" has been inserted into the clause affirming aboriginal rights in the new constitution. Some think that this might deny some native people their rights, especially those who have not yet begun to establish their claim.

However, there is no doubt the Nuu-chah-nulth have "existing" aboriginal rights. On November 16, 1980, long before the constitution was drafted, the chiefs

on behalf of the Nuu-chah-nulth people, presented their formal claim to the government of Canada.

Jack Woodward, NTC lawyer said, "the government has been studying it for over a year, and has at no time denied the claim. The government had plenty of time to do so if they had any objection to the existence of the aboriginal title of the Nuu-chah-nulth people."



Housing workshop

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council is planning on sponsoring another housing workshop after the New Year. This will be open to Nuu-chah-nulth band members.

Proposed topics at this workshop include basic house construction methods, plumbing, insulation, fire safety and any other ideas that band members think should be included.

This workshop will probably take place in Port Alberni near the end of January. Please let us know in advance how many people from each band are interested in attending such a workshop and what topics you want to include.

Contact Danny Watts at the Tribal Council Office at Maht Mahs, phone 724-5757.



Tribal Council staff, Chiefs and visitors went up to the meeting in Ahousat on the Solander, skippered by Edwin Frank. Thanks for the ride there and back.

Pearse releases preliminary report - recommends more Indian participation

The preliminary report of Dr. Peter Pearse's Commission on Pacific Fisheries Policy has now been released. Pearse says that this interim report "identifies problems and possible ways of coping with them, but generally leaves open the choice among alternative courses of action." In this report Pearse attempts to identify many of the shortcomings in fisheries policy and gives suggestions for needed reform.

This preliminary report covers the following areas in its chapters: (1) toward a new fisheries policy; (2) the resources; (3) the fishing industry; (4) licensing and regulating fleet development; (5) the licensing system; problem and proposal; (6) rationalizing the salmon and roe herring fisheries; (7) Indians in the commercial fisheries; (8) the Indian fishery; (9) the sport fishery; (10) habitat management; (11) resource enhancement and aquaculture; (12) fisheries management; (13) administration, consultation, enforcement and research; (14) directions of reform for the future.

In chapter four, on licensing and regulating fleet development, Pearse says, "The central problem for the commercial fisheries is the fleets' chronic overcapacity. All of our major fisheries, especially the salmon, herring and halibut fisheries, have greatly expanded their fishing

power in recent years. But because the quantity of fish has not increased, most of the new capital investment in vessels and gear and the advanced technology that has been added to the fleets is wasted. Our most valuable stocks could be fully harvested with only a fraction of the capital and labor now expended on fishing them. This wasteful pattern of development reflects governments' failure, in spite of repeated attempts, to develop a policy that would encourage the industry to develop efficiently."

One of Pearse's recommendations for reducing the capacity of the fleet is to charge a royalty or tax on the catch and use this revenue to buy back boats and licences from fishermen who wish to get out of the industry. He also recommends that this royalty be used to enhance the resource. "Having studied the alternatives and associated problems, I have concluded that a simple but significant royalty on landings of salmon and herring should be introduced without a further delay." (1982).

INDIANS IN THE COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

"The fishery is our heritage. In it rests our expertise and our hopes for the future.

"With respect to the position of Indians in the commercial fisheries, the testimony had a con-

sistent theme," states Pearse, "Indian participation has been declining and because the fisheries afford a unique economic opportunity for them, this trend must be reversed."

Pearse says that through all the dislocations and painful adjustments to "white" society, involvement in the fisheries has been essential for the Indians in maintaining their identity and self respect. He quotes the Nuu-chah-nulth submission "Participation in the fishing industry allowed us to remain living by the sea with our own people. And it was a kind of work that was more compatible with our way of life than other kinds of work in the white man's economy. It was, if nothing better, at least the lesser of two evils. It did not require us to give up our communities and our culture altogether."

However Indian participation has been decreasing at a rapid rate. Between 1977 and 1980 the Indian-owned fleet dropped by some 100 vessels. Pearse says that the policy choice for Indian communities is clear; it is either continue to pay out increasing amounts for welfare or subsidize fishing programs that will provide employment and contribute to individual and community morale.

He recommends that the government initiate a well-defined program to protect and expand Indian participation in the commercial fisheries.

This program should have long-term goals and hence be more than an emergency aid program. The program should assist Indian vessel owners to increase their productivity and assist young Indians to enter the fishery for the first time.

Pearse suggests that additional licences be made available to Indians, from the existing stock, that present Indian licences remain in Indian hands, that Indians have access to credit and financial support, and that a high degree of Indian participation be provided for in the program's administration.

Pearse also suggests that there be more Indian participation in resource management and regulation. He also says that Indians should be consulted more about their needs for food fish.

There is much more in the report than has been covered in this article. Dr. Pearse himself has much more to say in his final report and he says that he hopes "to complete this task within a few months with the continued co-operation and guidance of participants in this public inquiry."

There are a limited number of these preliminary reports available at the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office. Copies are also available from Canadian Commission on Pacific Fisheries Policy, Suite 603, 1200 Wes 73rd Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V6P 6G5.

The Pearse Commission

Some parts are good

...some parts not so good

Vic Amos, executive director of the Nuu-chah-nulth Fishermen's Association, has sent Dr. Peter Pearse a letter which reads:

"We, the Nuu-chah-nulth Fishermen's Association, would like to commend you on your recommendation that the government initiate a well-defined program to protect and expand Indian participation in the commercial fisheries.

"We hope to assist you through further submission to making this recommendation a reality."

Weak in regards to Habitat

Paul George, researcher for the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council says that after reading the preliminary report of the Pearse Commission he has to come to the conclusion that "it is very weak in the area of habitat protection."

Ha-Shilth-Sa would like to hear from those of you who read the report. Write or drop into the office and let us know what you think.

Port Alberni Friendship Centre welcomes you to its ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Glenwood Centre Wednesday, December 16 5:30 PM

Entertainment by Ahousat Dancers Ha-Ho-Payuk Dancers Any other groups interested

in entertaining please contact the Centre.



SANTA WILL BE THERE! ...gifts for the kids and elders.

All donations for this party will be gratefully accepted.

For more information call the Friendship Centre at 723-8281 or 724-3013

Letters

Dear Readers:

It has been a struggle for me. There are times when I feel like giving up and saying the HECK with it. But you know I really enjoy working for my people. It's a challenge and that's what I like about it.

There's so much work, so much volunteer work, so much overtime and yet no one seems to appreciate it. Do you know that it's really hard to work for our own people. There's so many people that are opposed to a lot of things and yet they never say anything until after a band meeting.

A lot of times, there has been notices sent out to every home about a meeting that's taking place and just a few of them show up. People complain and complain that there's nothing to do but it's themselves that put them where they are. There's so much to do!

The thing I've noticed was that the only time a band member showed up at the band meeting is either if they have a complaint, if they want a house, money or if their job is at stake. What can be done to get the interest of each band member. Sure, we talk about the same thing, but if the people themselves don't decide on something right away at the band meeting, it will be on the agenda all the time until the people decide themselves!

I'm not directing this article to any specific person. I want the people to think about this. In order for things to work for our people, the people themselves have to participate in the activities going on, to attend band meetings, to be involved, to look at band files and see what's done, as it's open to every band member.

We cannot get things done unless it's YOU, the people, who say WHAT you WANT! What you see wrong! You have to speak up and not let other people speak for you. You have to QUIT being afraid of other people and for once do what you want to do. The thing that SPOILED our people was when we started getting government funding.

This is when the trouble amongst our people started. People either started abusing the money, wanted things done for nothing, wanted their house repaired, it just went on and on. That's why there is so much trouble in a lot of BANDS.

What would be a good thing is that every Native

Indian who has a DIA house, pay a small portion for monthly rent. This would go towards repairing the house sometime when it's needed. This is the only way our people will have a better living condition. In order for an individual to be responsible and to look after their house and care for it is for them to contribute towards the home. What we get now from DIA is too small to begin with for housing repair.

EDUCATION: This is one category that has to be talked about. In the past 10 years (we did a survey) it was found that we had 46 students who dropped out of school, two were from the elementary. What do we do to help our children? What do we do to get their interest? As EDUCATION is a very IMPORTANT factor of our lives.

We formed an Education Committee in order to help our students, to find out what their problem is. We have now started STUDY HOUR for the kids, STORY HOUR for the little ones. We also had an awards day at the end of the term last year. We are also looking into starting a library and this will strictly be on Native history. We have volunteers for tutoring as this gives us great pride that we are doing it for our children.

At the present time, we have five people on our committee plus our HSC. This is where we need advice, direction as to where do we go from here.

We will carry it on for our children's sake. We need the parents involvement, their interest, their points of view as to what needs to be done. We need to work on the same level for our children's sake. As a worker, we have to LEARN to take criticism, to WORK for ALL our people, to WORK ALONGSIDE our STAFF and the CHIEF and COUNCILLORS, whether we have different points of views. We cannot take credit individually as we are all in this together.

ALCOHOLISM: It's a hard subject to talk about. Everyone is afraid to talk about it but yet it's the most talked about today. Our children, parents, grandparents are affected by it. It goes on all around us. The only time it is a concern to our people is when there is a tragedy on the reserve. When one member of a family loses someone that's when it becomes a

concern, only until the grieving is over.

People don't seem to want to say that's WHY we lose so many of our young and old is because of ALCOHOL. What needs to be done is to DRY ALL THE RESERVES in order for our people to live a longer life. This is what's holding us up. We cannot progress, instead we are falling. We will never be unless this is STOPPED. We need more people involved on counselling, Al-Anon and all the other groups that are around and not be choosy as to who should or shouldn't be in such a group.

As we all know, ALCOHOL EFFECTS everyone. This is my slogan:

A — Alcohol is what's killing us!

L — Living a long life is no longer true.

C — Conquering this disease is what is NEEDED.

O — Our children, parents, grandparents are affected.

H — Hurt is what we get.

O — Only if we could have STOPPED before it was too late.

L — Losing A LOVED ONE is the PRICE we pay.

Don't be offended by this, as this is the TRUE FACT about ALCOHOL. This where it has to start.

As for the CONSTITUTION: This is something, we as Native People of this country, have to think about. It has to deal with our livelihood, our home, our land, our education, our health, our fishing, our hunting rights. We cannot sit idle for too long or it will be too late.

The people who live on the reserve, who are in town, who have never contacted their reserve, who have no interest in this or who don't understand about it, if you are an INDIAN, open up your eyes now and get involved, ask questions, find out what's involved with the CONSTITUTION.

BAND ELECTION: This is another thing that is very hard for BANDS. I can't see this working for us, for one thing, some BANDS have ELECTIONS every two years or some are on hereditary system.

It is hard for the people who are elected as councillors, especially if you're new at it. A lot of times there are coun-

cillors who know a lot but they're never elected or else they QUIT within two or three months because they can't take the HASSLE that's involved. Once you're elected, that's when you find out how your people really are. If you're one family, it's even harder because you and your spouse don't always agree on the same thing. Some say you're helping certain families, some say you're abusing the funds, some say you're not doing your job, some just don't like you as a councillor, some say you just don't belong. What is it the people want?

For one thing, WHO ELECTED them as councillors, YOU DID, that's the only way anybody can get in as a councillor. Is this what a councillor is up against, is for our own people to put them down, just because YOU ELECTED him or her as a councillor.

When are we ever going to be satisfied with WHO is the COUNCILLOR. There are times like these that we have to all stop and think and realize what we are saying about each other. But like they say, in order to be in any kind of a position, you have to have different points of view.

I would like to say that I feel better about myself for letting you know how I have been feeling about a lot of things. There's no one around who would listen to what I'm thinking, the frustration, depression, that we all go through.

Signed,

MARG AMOS

Dear Ha-Shilth-Sa, People and Artists:

I enjoy to pick up your paper and read it. It gives me great inspiration to see the sense of community it conveys. The drums, that contemporary artists make, are very strong images of peace and balance. I feel if you could do a page of photographs of these it would be a beautiful way to inspire the young in true Indian values. Yes, the drums are the heart beat of an Indian nation.

Thank you and Sincerely yours,

TERRY JACKSON
Hornby Island, B.C.

Thanks for the suggestion, Terry. Due to lack of space we have to hold out until next time when we'll feature a page of the fine drums of the West Coast.

Alcohol Awareness Committees

I have a lot of respect and admiration for the newly-formed Alcohol Awareness Committee. To try and help our people over-powered by alcohol.

The newly-formed committee is following the tradition our Indian people followed, when someone was in trouble with alcohol or evilness.

When our Indian people see someone over-powered by evilness, when they see someone running wild in the forest, when they see someone screaming and running around wild, they get together and say, "let's go and help him, let's not watch him be wild man, let's confront him, he does not know what he is doing. It is not him doing those things, BUT the evilness that is over-powering him."

They confront him, take him, screaming and yelling into the long house, hold him, sing and chant for the evil spirits to leave him. The evil spirits is starting to weaken, it cannot fight the strength of the concerned people. It cannot fight the strong determined people. They are strong as a group.

November 4, 1981

Dear People:

I want to thank the Grandmother for her gift of thought that she entitled Words, Volume VIII NO. 7, Ha-Shilth-Sa. I would very much like to speak with her some time.

Sincerely,

MIKE BAIRD
Box 204
Tofino, B.C.
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Merry Christmas

We would like to wish all our friends and relatives a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. — Wally, Donna and Family.

Merry Christmas

May your holidays be filled with love, joy, laughter & prosperity!

FROM

BRAKER ELECTRIC

Tribal council meets

The most recent meeting of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council was in Ahousat on October 24 and 25.

Twelve of the member bands were represented. The chiefs and visitors were welcomed by the Ahousat people. Before the meeting started there was a prayer by Peter Webster and he sang an Indian song which he said he wanted the council to use before their meetings. "I believe this is a strong song," said Peter.

Vic Amos gave a report on the fishermen's association which has been named the Nuu-chah-nulth Fisherman's Association. He said they will be having a big meeting in April and will then elect a full-time executive director and directors.

Danny Watts, district engineer, gave a report on the capital projects taking place on reserves. He said that there are some top priorities including Hot Springs water and fire protection.

In the social development sector there was discussion in isolation allowances, it was felt that because many of the reserves are isolated and food and fuel costs are higher there should be an isolation allowance made to those on welfare in these communities.

The health care of elders was also discussed and it was felt that there should be facilities for elders who needed extended care ON RESERVES, rather than moving them away from home to the city. The elders are important people in the community as they hold a lot of knowledge.

Also discussed under social development was the possibility of developing our own court of law, guided by Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Laws, the establishment of work for welfare programs with the emphasis to provide the job training, the use of any surplus welfare funds to be used in project development to create employment.

In regards to economic development, a motion was passed that the bands attempt to retain fully qualified and trained project management officers to assist in economic development and that because acquiring funds for projects is time consuming and difficult under the present system of beauracracies it was resolved that these funds

be decentralized to the Indian Community Development Corporation.

The council will seek funds for the survey of all streams, rivers and lakes in our area, to assess the costs of cleaning up these streams and establishing enhancement facilities.

On the second day of the meeting discussion got under way on the principles of band government, these principles being adopted in the hope of getting more involvement in band government.

FOOD FISHING: The council went on record to support the Pacheenaht people in their court case with fisheries. Apparently they have charged fisheries officers with stealing a band members boat so that they could confiscate a net. The council voted to give the Pacheenahts \$500 to help in the case.

The council also set aside \$5,000 for the sponsorship of the Nuu-chah-nulth Indian Games to be held next summer.

It was also moved to support an Indian festival for entertainment to help encourage and keep alive the native culture.

EDUCATION: Julia Lucas was appointed to represent the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council on the selection committee for the new education co-ordinator. The co-ordinator has since been hired.

A motion was passed approving an honorarium



for the co-chairman when he is on council business.

FORESTRY: The Tribal Council proposed to request funding from DIA to start a silviculture project on the Nuu-chah-nulth reserves. The first step in this would be to take an inventory on the reserves. This could be done by the four top students from the forestry training course. It was estimated that \$95,000 would be needed for this project.

The council will also seek funding to search for the possibility of acquiring woodlot licences.

HEALTH REPORT: The last business on the agenda was the health report by Renate Shearer. This is covered in a separate article. See Page 8.

A friendly lahal game was played between the Ahousats and visitors at the Tribal Council meeting. It was a close game until oldtimer Luke Swan appeared on the scene and cleaned up on the visitors.



Principles of Indian Band Government

The following principles were adopted at the last Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council meeting:

1. That all elected officials of bands are in office for the betterment of ALL their members and that the only benefits they will pursue for themselves will be those that all members are entitled to.
2. That all elected officials of bands will remove themselves from the decision-making process when they are in a conflict of interest. They may serve as a source of information.
3. That band councils will attempt to hold band meetings at least six times a year.
4. That all bands will work towards having a good financial control system over the next year which will include band financial regulations.
5. That band members will air their grievances at a band meeting and resolve their differences if possible in an open and mature manner.
6. The criteria for housing priority will be developed at a band meeting and that a housing priority list will be drawn up at a band meeting.
7. That we recognize that elected councillors are here to deal with business of the band and that we still recognize our hereditary chiefs as being the heads of our Nuu-chah-nulth nation.

NTC education committee meets

The Nuu-chah-nulth Education Committee have met twice now since being re-established at the 1981 Tribal Council Annual Assembly back in September.

The first meeting was held on October 27 at the Tribal Council Office and the second meeting took place in Ucluelet on November 17.

Some of the business covered during these meetings included: nominating an acting chairperson, developing a work plan, discussing a staff report on public school education, tutor on reserve project; the first annual Nuu-chah-nulth Job Fair (Jan. 26, 1982) and other administrative business.

Bernice Touchie has been nominated as acting-chairperson by the committee members and

Dave Lewis (NTC staff) has been appointed as secretary.

Other members of the Education Committee are Bob Joseph (Nitinat), Jeff Cook (Ohiat), Ellen Robinson (Uchucklesaht), Mena Fred (Sheshaht), Elaine Lauder (Opetchesah), Bernice Touchie (Ucluelet), Norma Mack (Toquaht), Ben David (Clayoquot), Roy Haiyupis

(Ahousat), Patricia Charleson (Hesquiaht), Barb Amos (Mowachaht), Alban Michael (Nuchatlaht). Ehattesah is still open.

The next NTC Education Committee meeting takes place in Gold River, on the Mowachaht Reserve, on the afternoon of December 8, 1981.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

ASD hires co-ordinator

The Alberni School District has recently appointed Mr. Walter King to serve as co-ordinator of Indian Education. Mr. King's most recent job was working as an education co-ordinator for the Beaver Lake Tribal Administration in Lac Le Bishe, B.C.

Mr. King's major

responsibility as the co-ordinator of Indian education for the school district shall be to ensure that appropriate educational programs and support services are available to all native Indian students.

Mr. King has been appointed to a five-year term starting as soon as January 4, 1982.

Museum and cultural committee meets

MUSEUM & CULTURAL COMMITTEES MEET

The second meeting of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council's Museum and Cultural Advisory Committee was held on November 16 and 17 at the Beaufort Hotel in Port Alberni.

This was the first of a series of meetings whose primary purpose will be to provide information to committee members and any other interested band members on all aspects of museum and cultural centre planning and programing. This information will help people develop their ideas as to what a Nuu-chah-nulth museum and cultural centre should be.

Much of the first day of the meeting was taken up with presentations by and discussions with people from the B.C. Provincial Museum's Archaeology Division and from Parks Canada.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF WEST COAST

Jim Haggerty, Richard Inglis and Verna Jackson of the Provincial Museum described the archaeological survey they are doing of the Pacific Rim Park area. The provincial museum won a contract to do this survey for Parks Canada.

Before the provincial museum was employed to do the survey Parks Canada had presented the proposed terms of agreement for the survey to George Watts, chairman of the NTC and Stuart Adams, the NTC's planning consultant. They had asked for changes to the proposed agreement that would attempt to ensure the involvement of the bands and the tribal council and that would attempt to protect the interests of the Nuu-chah-nulth people.

Jim Haggerty said that the survey team hopes to work in close co-operation with the committee. He said they would like to commit themselves to assisting the Nuu-chah-nulth people in achieving their goals for establishing their own museum and cultural centre. They wish to package any information they collect in such a way that it will be useful to the Nuu-chah-nulth people.

Involvement of elders will be especially important to the success of the survey. The elders' knowledge will be needed to help the survey team locate archaeological sites, identify what the

sites were used for and by whom they were used.

Johnny Jacobson gave examples of how sites had been wrongly identified in the past because elders were not consulted.

Jim Haggerty said that they would be pleased to have band members work with them as members of their survey team. Florence Whyllie of the Ohiat Band is already on the team. Verna Charleson is the wife of a member of the Hesquiaht Band. If the tribal council employs people to begin doing some of the research that will be necessary for a Nuu-chah-nulth Museum, the survey team will help provide training.

The possibility of expanding the study to cover the remainder of the traditional Nuu-chah-nulth territory was also discussed. It was agreed that this would need to be a matter for further discussion.

THE FRIENDLY COVE COLLECTION

John Watts and Bill Yeo of Parks Canada described the collection that has been assembled for the Parks Canada interpretation centre that had once been proposed for Friendly Cove. This collection is currently in storage in Ottawa. It includes ethnological and archaeological material from the Nuu-chah-nulth area. When asked if Parks Canada would be willing to donate this material to a Nuu-chah-nulth Museum, Bill Yeo said that he could see no reason why Parks Canada would not agree, at least, to giving it to the museum on permanent loan, provided that the museum's facilities are up to standard.

THE KITSSELUS PROJECT ON THE SKEENA RIVER

John Watts and Bill Yeo also described Parks Canada's involvement in project at Kitselus. This site has been designated by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board as a site of national historic significance. This designation gives Parks Canada the mandate to fund archaeological research and to pay for reconstruction of the site with interpretative plaques for tourists. George McDonald of the National Museum is in charge of the project. The Kitselus Indian Band has been involved.

This site is on reserve land. Parks Canada is currently negotiating an agreement with the band

that will ensure that the site will remain accessible to tourists. John Watts said that an agreement of this sort is necessary when Parks Canada is involved in a project.

REPORT ON ALERT BAY SEMINAR ON DEVELOPING NATIVE MUSEUMS

Moses Smith, chairman of the committee and Ramona Gus and Sennon Charleson, committee members, reported on their attendance at this three-day seminar. They found the presentation by Greig Arnold, director of the Makah Cultural Research Centre, especially interesting. Greig Arnold had emphasized the importance of careful planning and of involvement of band members in planning. He also said that tourists are the "life-blood" of a museum.

The money tourists pay for admissions is an important source of operating revenues. Shortage of operating revenues is the main reason for the failure of native museums. Greig Arnold also emphasized the importance of good management, preferably with a board of directors that can function independently of elected political bodies.

CO-ORDINATION WITH THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The second day of the meeting began with Bernice Touchie, chairman of the tribal council's education committee, explaining her committee's concerns related to culture and especially to language training. She stressed the importance of close co-operation between the two committees.

Johnny Jacobson, Martin Edgar, Willie Sport Sr. and Moses Smith all expressed great interest in language training and gave many examples of how training has failed in the past.

Regular schools can play only a small role in this training. The most important role must be played by parents and grandparents, who should teach their own children to speak their native language. However, Moses Smith felt that a cultural centre could play a very major role, too. He gave Chinese Cultural Centres as examples of how a people can promote their own language and culture.

WEST COAST ART & ARTIFACTS IN MUSEUMS & PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Doug Cole, of Simon Fraser University's Department of Canadian Studies and West Coast artist Ron Hamilton discussed collections of materials from the West Coast that are now held in European and North American museums and in private collections.

Doug Cole gave a very interesting account of how material had been collected in the late eighteenth century by explorers and traders and later on in the nineteenth and early twentieth century by missionaries, anthropologists and others. Some of the material had been stolen. Some of it had been traded for alcohol. Some of it had been illegally confiscated. Most of it had been purchased, though not necessarily for a fair price.

A great deal of this material has been lost or destroyed because it has not been properly stored.

The Museum of Man in London, for example, cannot now account for a large part of the Captain Cook collection.

Ron Hamilton presented a long list of private collectors. He also said that some of the early thieves had been Indians who had sold the stolen articles to collectors. Willie Sport Sr. and Martin Edgar gave examples of material (including totem poles) they knew had been stolen.

PROVINCIAL MUSEUMS COLLECTION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL ARTIFACTS

Don Abbott, head of the Provincial Museum's Archaeology Division, described the collection of archaeological materials from the West Coast currently held in the provincial museum. He said that the provincial museum would be "over-joyed" to hand the entire collection over to a properly equipped Nuu-chah-nulth Museum.

Don Abbott defined archaeological material as any material for which the chain of ownership is unknown. It is material which was once lost or thrown away or put away and never recovered and which cannot be said to be legitimately owned by anyone. This definition distinguishes archaeological material from ethnological material, which is produced usually by known artists and craftsmen and which has been passed down through a traceable chain of ownership.

Johnny Jacobson questioned an archaeologist's idea of ownership, especially as it applies to material from the West Coast.

Archaeological sites are sites which are known to have been used by the ancestors of living members of Nuu-chah-nulth bands. Therefore, it is reasonable to claim that the bands still own any artifacts found on those sites.

OTHER BUSINESS

Joe Pierre of the Provincial Museum's Ethnology Department described some of the work of his division. He and Don Abbott and members of the archaeological survey team all extended an invitation to the committee to spend a day in Victoria touring all of the divisions of the provincial museum that are involved in activities pertaining to Nuu-chah-nulth heritage.

Stuart Adams reported that Greig Arnold of the Makah Cultural Research Centre had extended a similar invitation and had expressed the interest of his centre in doing anything it can to co-operate with the Nuu-chah-nulth people in achieving their goals for a museum and cultural centre.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Nuu-chah-nulth Museum and Cultural Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday and Friday, December 17 and 18 at the Beaufort Hotel in Port Alberni from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Again any member of a Nuu-chah-nulth band is welcome to attend.

Guests at the next meeting are expected to include George McDonald of the Museum of Man in Ottawa, Bert McKay of the Nishga School Board and Barb Efrat of the Provincial Museum's Linguistics Division.

Barney Williams Jr. takes over as executive director at PAFC

Barney Williams Jr. has been hired as the Executive Director of the Port Alberni Friendship Centre.

Barney brings a lot of experience in dealing with people to the job. He has previously held the position of Executive Director for the Tillicumhaus Friendship Centre in Nanaimo and has also worked as a Social Services Administrator for DIA. He has also worked as a commercial fisherman the last couple of seasons.

Barney is from the Clayoquot Band and he was raised at Opiats. He was fortunate in being brought up with an understanding of his native culture and he can speak his native language fluently.

Barney has had a lot of experience dealing with problems facing Indian people and says that he is willing to help out in any way he can. Some of the problems that he would like to involve himself and the centre in are drug and alcohol abuse,



Barney Williams Jr. Executive Director Port Alberni Friendship Centre

education and unity of Native people.

"I'd like to see the centre function in the best interest of all concerned," says Barney. "I'm always willing to share what I know with others, just come in for a cup of coffee, an open hand is always here."

Barney hopes to be able to promote more open communication with the staff, the board of directors and other organizations. Another wish of his is to cheer up the centre as far as appearance. Someday in the future he would like to see a new centre.

Barney would like to welcome everybody to use the facilities and take part in the programs at the centre. He can be reached at the centre or by phone, 723-8281 or 724-3013.

Tutor on reserve project soon to start

Five Nuu-chah-nulth bands are almost ready to provide on-reserve tutoring services to elementary and high school students. Tutoring services will soon be available to students on Mowachah, Ucluelet, Sheshaht, Opetchesah and Uchucklesah reserves. Arrangements being made differ from band to band, however, tutoring services are

OHIAT BAND UPGRADES CAMPGROUNDS

The Ohiat Band members are presently working on rebuilding the facilities at their "Anacla Park" campgrounds at Pacheena Beach.

The campgrounds were closed down by the band a few years ago because of all the damage which was being caused by vandals.

Between 16 to 18 band members, men and

women, will be working on the project for about three months said Chief Art Peters. The work will greatly reduce the welfare expense on the reserve during this time.

The workers will be building 100 campsites and 100 picnic tables and three picnic shelters will be rebuilt. They are also cutting firewood for the 100 fire pits at the park.

At a future band meeting the band will decide if and when they will reopen the campsite to the public. If it does reopen, hopefully the public will take better care of the facilities this time.

The band is also planning to reopen their store at Anacla. Besides getting all new stock, there will be a snack bar at the store.

In other developments the Grappler Creek reserve will be tapping into the Bamfield water system, which will put the houses on a pressure system. This comes as a result of the band and Bamfield Village working together for the benefit of each of them. The Village

saved money by running their water line through the reserve and the reserve gets to join in on the system and will have a reliable source of water.

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CUTOFF LANDS

Two bands from the west coast are affected by the 1912 McKenna McBride Commission that cutoff lands from their reserves. "because the Indians were not making proper use of them." (Logging). They are the Ohiat and Tseshaht band who are jointly negotiating with the government on this matter. Ohiat lost 588 acres, which has now been released to the Crown from MB-TFL 21. This land will be returned but it is nothing but stumps now so the band will be compensated for the timber. Ohiat Chief Art Peters says that he hopes it doesn't take another 60 years to settle this.



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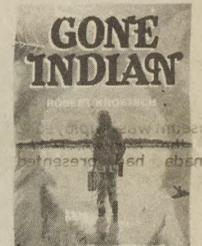
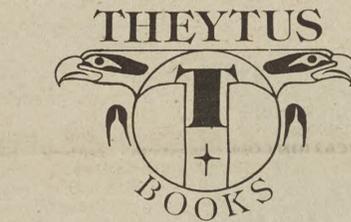
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Tenant's Association formed

know what rights they have.

A general meeting was held at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre in October. Bob Skelly spoke about renting and rent controls and about priority to people who have trouble finding housing. Approximately 35 people attended the meeting, with about half of them from the native community.

A report was given regarding cases and counselling in the last three months. They have attended two hearings regarding terminations and have been successful.

They have also been

working towards awareness with RCMP, what rights the RCMP has and what rights they do not have.

The association believes that a Rentalsman's Office in Port Alberni would be beneficial. The nearest one is Victoria. An office here would greatly help the efficiency and time factors.

The association finds that the groups most often discriminated against are natives, single women with children and people on welfare. They find that the Human Rights Act and the Residential Tenancy Act are not specific enough.

The group has a membership of approximately 31. The membership fee is \$2. The association is non-profit and non-funded. All work is volunteer.

Their next general meeting will be December 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre. Barbara Murphy of the Legal Services Society in Vancouver will be speaking and answering any legal questions. She is working towards having a community aide law office in Port Alberni. The office could deal with matters concerning things such as Worker's Compensation and UIC.

Memorial potlatch for Shorty Frank



A full house at Christie gym to pay respect to late Shorty Frank.

People from all over the west coast travelled to Tofino on November 21st to attend a memorial potlatch for the late Chief Joseph "Shorty" Frank of the Clayoquot band. After eating a meal of Indian delicacies everyone moved into the Christie Residence gym where they witnessed songs and dances by the

Frank family and other members of the Clayoquot band and also by people from visiting tribes. Dances were performed by Shorty and Nellie Frank's children including their young sons. It was announced at the potlatch that son Elmer would take his father's place in the family.

We would like to thank all the people who came from near and far to make our Memorial Potlatch for my husband and father of my children (Shorty Frank) a great success. The tremendous turnout was very touching for us all. We would like especially to thank our relatives from Neah Bay who made a special trip for this occasion. Special thanks also to the girls at home for their dedication and time, side dancing and serving. Thank you: Florence Frank, Debbie Masso, Nora Martin, Grace Martin, Leona Manson, Ann George, Darlene and Carol Charlie, Tonia Frank, Maxine Manson, Rose Ann Charlie, Nancy Masso, Martha Tom. Thank you all singers and dancers. Thank you and for anyone we missed a double Kleco! Without your help what would we have done. From the bottom of our hearts — Kleco! Kleco!

Mrs. Nellie Frank and Family.



The Thunderbird dance was done by Randy Frank, Alex Frank and Joe David.



A dance by Hamilton Greene from Neah Bay has the full attention of the spectators.



Relatives from Makah joined the Clayoquots in singing and dancing at the potlatch.

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**In Memory of  
Joseph Frank Sr. (Shorty)  
I Wish Daddy Was Home**

Daddy when you were home you rested,  
You rested because you were tired  
If not this you'd be busy,  
You were overworked, Daddy you needed rest,  
So God put you to rest,  
If you weren't home you were on a business trip.

If it weren't on a business trip you were working on something else away from home.

One thing you made sure we had was love,  
You taught us right from wrong and to respect,

You made sure we were generous, polite,  
You and mom taught us everything we know.  
We didn't have much time to see you,  
But I have the memories of you written in my heart and soul.

Oh daddy I wish you were home,  
You were generous, kind, loving and happy  
You had everything anybody would want,  
It's completely different now

You're up there, and I'm down here on the face of the earth,  
You're up there with the great Lord watching over us

I'm here on the face of the earth waiting to see you again.

Mom takes care of us alone now,  
She teaches us what you taught us  
You both taught us now only her,  
I kneel beside my bed and pray to God I see you again, and pray I see the ancestors too.  
Love you Daddy, we'll follow your path.  
Rest in Peace.

Love your daughter, Rena

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Hamitsa was performed by Joe Martin.

Bands object to Parks Canada plan

Members of the Sheshaht and Opetchesaht Band and NTC Planning Consultant Stuart Adams, met with representatives of Parks Canada at the Opetchesaht Cultural Centre on the evening of November 16.

Parks Canada was represented at the meeting by John Watts, Native Liaison Coordinator and Bill Yeo, acting head of History and Archaeology Division, both of the Western Region Office and by Mac Elder, Chief Warden and Heather Plewes, Interpretation Officer, both of Pacific Rim National Park.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss band concerns related to a management plan for the Broken Group of Island that had been prepared by Parks Canada. Chief Adam Shewish and Opetchesaht band members Hughie Watts and Ron Hamilton took especially strong exception to a description of a history of the West

Coast of Vancouver Island. The history contained several statements that were insulting to the people of the West Coast.

Band members also expressed concerns about restrictions on hunting and gathering and fishing and on other uses of the land that seemed to be implied in the report.

A number of changes to the plan were suggested. Then it was suggested that there needed to be a change in the whole way that Parks Canada approached such plans. Stuart Adams pointed out that when a city government decides to draw up a plan for one of the city's neighborhoods it usually approaches residents of the neighborhood and asks for their involvement in planning right at the beginning, before anything is committed to paper.

A similar practice is being used on Meares Island, where members of the Clayoquot Band and other concerned residents of the area are

being involved in drawing up a management plan for the Island. Parks Canada should take a similar approach, recognizing that the park area is now and has always been the neighborhood of the Nuu-chah-nulth people.

The meeting came to a conclusion satisfactory to the bands when Parks Canada agreed to set up a planning team with band representatives and agreed to present their plan to the team as a "draft only." The team could then revise the plan to everyone's satisfaction.

It was agreed that this team should have representatives not only from the Sheshaht and Opetchesaht bands but also from the Ohiat and Ucluelet Bands, who have a traditional interest in the Broken Group of Islands.

Parks Canada will write a letter to the tribal council asking the tribal council to set up the planning team.

Forestry News

By JOHN MASAI, Tribal Forester

Our forestry sector has been very busy as usual working in the different phases of forestry:-

FORESTRY INVENTORY & SITE REHABILITATION:

The NTC Forestry Committee presented a proposal at the District meeting held in Ahousaht in October for a funding request of \$100,000 from DIA to undertake inventory work on our reserves, using our recent forestry graduates. The request was accepted by the council and a copy of the budget proposal was presented to Jan van de Voort, the District Manager in Nanaimo, for his consideration. The indication from DIA is that our request will be considered as part of the 1982-83 overall district budget. As things now stand, we will not be starting any work on reserve until after the spring next year.

SEEDLING NURSERY:

We are proceeding with the preliminary studies into the feasibility of setting up a seedling nursery for one of our two bands in Port Alberni. The studies involve sampling for water quality and quantity, micro (local) climate evaluation, soil testing, type of facility and production capacities, marketing and a search for the sources of funding. The nursery is aimed at first to supply enough seedlings to meet our reforestation program on our reserves.

After the first three to four years we should be in position to produce enough seedlings to meet the demands of the surrounding forest companies and other Indian bands around the province. A seedling nursery requires a highly trained technical personnel to run it.

They have to be capable of recognizing problems and taking corrective measures immediately; as in the case of fungal infestation, remedial measures must be applied within 24 hours or else thousands of dollars worth of stock will go to waste. With this in mind, we have requested and obtained the technical assistance of the Canadian Forestry Service to train our people and supervise the operations of the seedling

nursery during its tender, early years.

We have also learned that the Alberni Chamber of Commerce is lobbying in Victoria to have a provincial seedling nursery established in Port Alberni, under their supervision. Once again it appears the Indians are going to be shoved aside to let other people reap the economic benefits. We will keep you posted as to the progress of this report.

FORESTRY CONTRACTING

The news in this area is not very encouraging. The forest industry is in a slump and all the major companies are talking of a total shut-down that may last as long as four months. The Mowachaht band is anxious to get men back to work and the Tribal Council shall be assisting them in that endeavor.

In Ahousaht the forestry crew there has decided to form a co-op which will operate as an independent entity from band operations, but have the support of council with a proviso that all crew members be from Ahousaht.

FORESTRY TRAINING

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been invited to participate in an integrated forest resource management course taking place in Haney (Maple Ridge), B.C. There are 10 places reserved for us there. The training is being conducted by the UBC School of Forestry in conjunction with BCIT. The organizers are anticipating 150 participants from different bands across the province. The starting date is Sun., Dec. 6, 1981 and ends on Friday, noon Dec. 11, 1981. Richard Watts has been delegated as the supervisor of our crew for the six days.

The costs for this course include \$19 per day for meals (\$114 for the entire six days) plus travelling expenses. Accommodation will be provided at no cost. The bands will be responsible for paying for the meals and travelling expenses for the people from their areas who have indicated a desire to attend the course. Each member of the crew should bring with them: a sleeping bag, rain gear, hiking or caulk boots and two pairs of sturdy pants (blue jeans will do).

For information on travelling arrangements and registration please contact Richard Watts at 724-2603 or John Masai at 724-5757.

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the Port Alberni Friendship Centre (see Irma Bos, Community Referral Worker).

Hospital Patients

Any band members who are in the hospital at Port Alberni can contact the Port Alberni Friendship Centre and tell them that they are in the hospital and the centre will be able to tell friends and family so you get visitors. Let them know if you need anything while you are in the hospital.

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MEARES ISLAND UPDATE

In the Meares Island controversy a lot has happened. There are always meetings and more meetings, sometimes it feels we're just going over the same things over and over. If any logging activity occurs on Meares Island, the fishing industry would be threatened.

The very livelihood of my people would be threatened as we depend on the island for such things as ducks, seals, Indian medicine, sweet grass, cedar for carving, sea urchin, chitons and berries. The Opihsaht Kakawis and Tofino watershed are on the Island and these three places depend on the Island for their water. If a community is without water then we don't have a community.

Studies have shown that the prime timber is close to the water sheds and we haven't been given any guarantee that these areas would be protected. Trees that are as old as 1200 years old have been sighted on the Island. We must realize that given the chance

to log Meares Island surely would be a job for a year or so but we would have to wait 80 to 100 years for a second growth and for more employment for maybe our future fourth or fifth generations. Would it really be worth it to sacrifice our future great-grandchildren's livelihood?

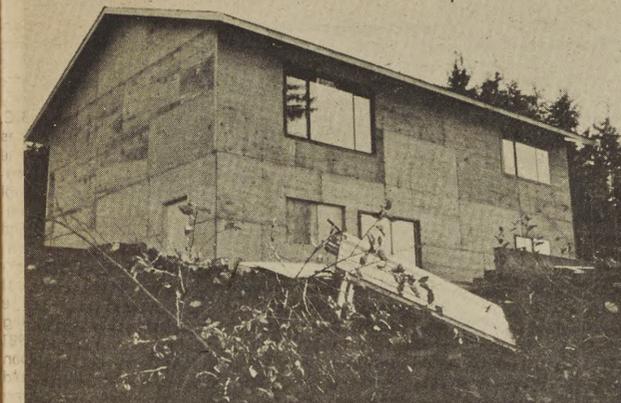
Will they be so whitened they'll only remember hunting and fishing from legends of their great-grandparents? Do we have the right to deprive them of what is aboriginally their birth right? We, as a people, should fight for our future generations so that they can have a livelihood. Hasn't white man taken away enough — without having to threaten our future generations?

Any type of logging activity would have some damaging effect. For example, where are they going to dump their logs or are they going to tow them away? Are they going to do proper reforestation? Are modern logging techniques better

than before or can we expect the same type of wastage, etc.?

The logging industry is presently at a low. The economy is bad. The timber market is quite poor, we are not exporting as much as we used to. A lot of timber is at a stand still. Mills and logging outfits are shutting down. The housing and timber market are really poor and the future doesn't look too bright. Meares Island represents a tiny fraction of M and B and BCFT total TFL's. B.C. is a large province — what do they want with little old Meares, especially with the logging market so poor?

If anyone has any heritage, historical, ceremonial, burial grounds or any type of such information on Meares Island, it would be appreciated if you would come forth with it and pass it on to Gloria Frank or Paul George or leave a message at 725-3905 or for Paul George 724-5757. Any type of information would be helpful.



Some of the capital projects currently underway on the west coast are Joe Edgars home at Nitinahi Lake, which was being constructed by the Tseshaht Construction Company and the house below, which belongs to Mamie Lucas, and is being built at Hot Springs Cove by her son, "Higgins."



A word from the Native Courtworker

It has been one year, as of October 6, 1980, since I got the position as Native courtworker. I could remember from my first experience as a courtworker that it was going to be a challenge for me.

Although I had a few years previous in this position as an aid to my own family in the courtroom, I found out being in one was something I could say I enjoyed. At the time I did not know there were Native courtworkers. I am writing this as another introduction on my part.

Sometimes on court days I approach a native, even after I introduce myself as a native courtworker, they don't understand why I'm being nosy. I know it must be very embarrassing for some that are there for the first time.

In my position I take care of first and sometimes second offenders. There are times a client with more than

two counts will confide in my ability. This is where I take my challenges, especially when some Courtrooms are full of charges has been settled surprises. There are times where I feel a client will get incarceration only to be surprised with a probation order, etc.

The courts are very understanding to some circumstances. I can't always help everyone the same way. The reason is because the accused did not get in touch with me. At the last minute, to prepare a defense in the corridor of the waiting room outside the courtroom is hardly a good place to do much for anyone. In the future anyone going to court should get in touch with me at my office situated at the Sheshaht Band Office next to the old Residential School.

I have found this kind of court preparation gives me time to investigate the charge. Sometimes charges could be stayed or dropped before court date.

This job has been rewarding to me, especially when some Courtrooms are full of charges has been settled surprises. There are times where I feel a client will get incarceration only to be surprised with a probation order, etc. If you need my assistance please contact me as soon as you are served with a summons or whatever so I could prepare a defense for you.

Your Courtworker
MARIE JOSEPH

Major landslide harms

Hesquiat Lake

A major landslide, caused by poor logging practices, brought thousands of trees and tons of silt into Hesquiat Lake. This has harmed the spawning salmon. The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council has made films of the damage and is urging federal fisheries to do their job and bring those responsible to court.



Winners of the Gong Show were Naomi Seitcher, Real Aubichon and Cody Gus.

GONG SHOW HALLOWEEN PARTY

It was a wet Halloween night outside but inside the Somass Hall on the Sheshaht Reserve it was "dry" as the Alcohol Awareness Committee held a masquerade party and gong show.

There was some fine entertainment during the evening and prizes were given to the top performers. There was a three-way tie for the talent portion of the show, with the judges choosing Naomi Seitcher, Cody Gus and Riel Aubichon as the evening's top performers.

Winners for the best costumes were Irene Tatoosh, Valentine Gomez and Jason Mack.

Richard Watts was MC for the evening and he demonstrated that he wasn't just another pretty face.

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"Welcome home" party at Nitinaht

There was a "welcome home" party for Richard and Dolly Tate and family at Nitinaht on Sunday, Nov. 29. Richard left Nitinaht 20 years ago and has been living in Courtenay and Victoria.

The party was put on by Richard's sister, Rose Chester. Also welcomed back to Nitinaht were Joe and Fran Edgar, who will be moving back from Lake Cowichan when their house is finished.

The party started with a lunch of duck soup and other goodies. Most of the residents of Nitinaht were at the party and, there was also a number of guests who travelled from Port Alberni, Ucluelet and Lake Cowichan.

Several dances were performed for entertainment, the first dance being the "welcome dance." Elders Joshua Edgar, Kelly Peter and Frank

Knighon provided the singing.

Gifts were given to Richard and Doll and to Joe and Fran, and also to other guests to thank them for coming.

Ethel Sport said that everyone has missed Richard very much at Nitinaht, and they're glad that he's back home and it was also good to know that Joe Edgar would be moving home soon also. "One day we hope in our hearts that this will be a big nation again."

Johnny Johnson said that he was also happy to see Richard back, and he gave the Tates' presents to welcome them home. Johnny said that he wished that everyone from Nitnaht could get together at home at some time.

Gifts of cedar bark and grass were given to some of the ladies by Johnny and his mother, Lena Johnson.



Welcoming home party at Nitinaht, Joshua Edgar opens the party with a song.

NITINAHT NEWS

Two more houses are now being built at Nitinaht. They belong to Alfred and Diane Knighon and Joe and Fran Edgar. Two other houses have been raised.

The band hosted a Nutrition Workshop with a guest speaker from Vancouver. From Monday to Friday this week there will be a Fire Prevention and Safety Workshops at the community, with two speakers coming over from Vancouver.

So far this winter there have been two washouts on the road to Nitinaht, leaving people stranded, either in Nitinaht or Port Alberni.

The employment situation is almost as rough as the road as all the men working for BCFP have been laid-off for the winter and the MxB crew soon to follow them.

Geraldine Logan will be going to the Nass Valley during the Christmas holidays to visit some friends. She would like to wish all the Nitinahts a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year."

The next meeting of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Museum and Cultural Advisory Committee

Will be held on Thursday and Friday, December 17th and 18th, at the Beaufort Hotel in Port Alberni from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Any interested band members are welcome to attend.

Who the is Bertha Robinson?

We used to know her as "Witch Fred" until one day in September when she got hitched to Mac Robinson from Kincolith.

The ceremony took place in Prince Rupert. The couple is now residing in Port Alberni. Congratulations Mac and Witch.

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Remembering Webster Thompson

Webster Thompson, late chief of the Nitinahts, is still remembered and missed by his family and friends.

Webster was known as a man who worked towards improving the situation of all Indian people.

He started in politics during the mid-50's and was active until his sudden passing in 1975.

Webster Thompson was the first son of Chief George and Helen Mary Thompson and he inherited his father's chieftainship, as one of the hereditary chiefs of the Nitinaht Tribe.

His grandparents were Chief Charlie Thompson and Mos-Tin-no, on his father's side and Jimmy and Mary Chester on his mother's side.

As a boy, Webster went to the Alberni Indian Residential School and the Ahousat Mission School until the age of 18 when he returned home.

Here he took up fishing with his father, seining and trolling on the west coast. During his life he also worked as a trapper and logger and was a carver and canoe maker. He was a hard-working man and besides looking after his family, he devoted a lot of time in helping others.

In the 1950's Webster became a councillor for Head Chief Morris Dick. He served in this position for 15 years and about a year after Chief Dick died, Webster was elected chief of the band.

One of his lasting achievements was to have the band move from the west end of Nitinaht Lake to where it is today, at the Malachan Reserve. The move was made necessary when the steamships that brought supplies to the old villages stopped running and by going down to the other end of the lake, the Nitinaht people could travel by road to town.

Webster was also an important member of the West Coast District Council (now Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council), and he was known for his desire to improve conditions for ALL the native people.

Webster also had strong feelings for his native culture and when his son Charlie was to receive a xwa-xwa mask from his mother's side of the family, Webster wanted to have a feast to celebrate the event. Unfortunately he passed away before his time.

In October 1977 Chief Webster Thompson's family held a Memorial Potlatch for him at Nitinaht. A 35-foot totem pole was raised in his honor beside his home. The pole was designed and carved by his son, Art, with the help of friends.

Hundreds of people came from both sides of the Island to pay their respects to the late chief.

Today he is still remembered, loved and missed by his family: wife Ida; sons Charlie, Arthur and Jack; daughters Ida and Sharon; his many grandchildren, brothers Mike and Elmer and sister Florence. Webster Thompson is held in high regard by the many other people that knew him during his life.



Chief Webster Thompson
March 15, 1927 - October 18, 1975



Ernie Chester leads the singers at the Memorial Potlatch. Ernie Chester, Elmer Thompson, Frank Knighon, Kelly Peter, Charlie Thompson, Martin Charles.



A 35-foot totem pole was raised in honor of Webster Thompson in 1977.

Ha-Shilth-Sa SPORTS

Makah Nation wins Shorty Frank Memorial Tournament



MAKAH NATION: "Shorty Frank Memorial Tournament Champs," back row: Dobe Lyons, Jeff Sawyer, John McGimpsey, Bub Johnson; front row: Glen Johnson, Dale Johnson, Randy Williams.



Most sportsmanlike team award, a painted paddle went to Makah Nation. Making the presentation to Dale Johnson is John Jacobson.

The Shorty Frank Memorial Tournament was held at Wickaninnish Gym in Tofino on November 13, 14 and 15. It was the tenth year that the Clayoquot Recreation Club hosted this tournament.

Defending champions, Makah Nation, from Neah Bay, won again, as they have for the last several years. Makah went through the weekend undefeated, with wins over the Alberni Buckeyes, Blue Magic and twice over the Hesquiats. The Braves came in second, defeating Blue Magic in the semi-finals.

Eleven teams took part in the tournament: Makah, Hesquiat, Blue Magic, Port Alberni Roadrunners, Ahousat Trollers, Yuquot Totems, Alberni Buckeyes, Ucluelet CNFC, Ahoutah, Hot Springs and the hosting Clayoquot Chiefs.

Twenty games were played in all, and when it was all over presentations were made to the top teams and players.

Makah Nation received the Shorty Frank Memorial trophy from Mrs. Nellie Frank for finishing first. Makah also received the most sportsmanlike team

award, which included a paddle made by John Jacobson and painted by Ron Hamilton.

Second place went to the Hesquiat Braves and they received a trophy donated by Happy Harry.

Trophies were also given to the tournament all-stars. Named to the second all-star team were Boyd Gallic (Roadrun-

ners), Chuck Lucas (Hesquiat), Jack Greig (Blue Magic), John McGimpsey (Makah) and Dave Francis (Blue Magic).

The first all-stars were Dale Johnson (Makah), Jack Little (Blue Magic), Joe Charleson (Hesquiat), Randy Williams (Makah) and Bub Johnson (Makah).

Other individual awards went to Con Charleson from Hesquiat who was the most inspirational player, Jack Greig of Blue Magic for the most sportsmanlike player and to Dale Johnson of Makah Nation who received the Harry Amos Memorial Trophy for the tournament's most valuable player.



Dale Johnson of Makah Nation accepts the Shorty Frank Memorial Trophy from Mrs. Nellie Frank.



Clayoquot Chiefs play against the Tofino Blue Magic at the Shorty Frank Memorial Tournament.

PA Roadrunners win Eugene "Luffy" Webster Memorial Tournament

Ten West Coast teams played in the Eugene "Luffy" Webster Memorial basketball tournament on Nov. 20, 21, and 22 in Tofino. It was the second year that this tournament has been held in memory of Luffy Webster, who was active in sports in the community of Ahousat.

For the second year in a row the Roadrunners from Port Alberni took the championship trophy while the Hesquiat Braves placed second. The Ahousat Trollers were third.

Also entering the tournament were the following teams: Port Alberni Buckeyes, Clayoquot Chiefs, Ahoutah, Ucluelet CNFC, Ahousat Roadrunners, Itattsoo Suns, and Port Alberni Fitness King Sports.

The Roadrunners were undefeated over the weekend, getting to the finals with victories over

Ahoutah, Hesquiat and the Trollers before meeting the Braves in the finals. After wins over the Fitness Kings and CNFC, the Braves lost to the Roadrunners, and then bounced back with wins over Ahoutah, the Buckeyes, and the Trollers.

The final score in the championship game was Roadrunners 97 and Hesquiat 87. Clinton Red of the Roadrunners led all scorers with 22 points, while teammate John Dick added 21. Leading Hesquiat was Steve Lucas with 17 points and Andrew Bos with 15.

The top teams and outstanding players of the tournament were presented trophies after the last game.

The championship trophy was presented to the Port Alberni Roadrunners by Peter Webster and Luffy Webster's daughters, Gina and Claudie. The

second place trophy went to the Hesquiat Braves and the consolation trophy was presented to the Ahousat Trollers.

The tourney's most sportsmanlike team was the Port Alberni Buckeyes, and they were given a trophy donated by Phillip Louie on behalf of Cyril Louie.

Richard Mack of the Hesquiat Braves was picked as the most inspirational player. Richard received a trophy in memory of Jerome Sam, which was presented by Stanley Sam.

Another trophy in memory of Eugene "Luffy" Webster was presented to Boyd Gallic of the Port Alberni Roadrunners for being the tournament's most sportsmanlike player.

The tournament's most valuable player award went to John Dick of the Port Alberni Roadrunners.



Port Alberni Roadrunners: front row: Boyd Gallic, Hector Little, John Dick, Hammy Watts, Rick Thomas; back row: Clinton Fred, Willard Gallic Sr., Alfred Fred, Willard Gallic Jr.; kneeling: Jed Dick and Jeff Gallic.

PA Friendship Centre programs

The following programs are now being offered at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre:

- Mondays:** Indian Design Drawing, 6:30 p.m.
10 and under Kids Gym, Wood School, 6-8 p.m.
- Tuesdays:** Beginners Spinning wool and Knitting Cowichan Sweaters, hats, etc., 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Men's Floorhockey, Alberni Fieldhouse, 6-8 p.m.
- Wednesdays:** Indian Design Beading, 6:00 p.m.
13 and under Boy's Floorhockey, Wood School, 8-10 p.m.
- Thursdays:** Nootka Native Language, 6:30 p.m.
Adults Volleyball, Wood School, 8-10 p.m.
- Fridays:** 13-and-under Drop-in, 6-9:30 p.m.
- Saturdays:** Dances, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Boy's Floorhockey, 6-8 p.m.
- Sundays:** Drop-in, 1-8 p.m.
Girls Basketball, E.J. Dunn, 1-5 p.m.
Floorhockey, Eighth Avenue, 2-4 p.m.

Port Alberni Friendship Centre hours are from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to participate in any of the above programs. Please don't hesitate to drop in. Phone 723-8281 or 724-3013 for more information.



John Dick and Hector Little of the Roadrunners receive the Luffy Webster Memorial Trophy from Peter Webster and Gina and Claudie Webster.

2nd Annual Senior Men's Basketball Tournament hosted by Ucluelet CNFC Ucluelet Secondary School Gym December 4, 5 and 6



Award winners at the Luffy Webster Memorial Tournament.

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Merry Christmas Everybody!

CHRISTIE RES WINS FRIENDSHIP CENTRE TOURNEY-

Six teams from the Island took part in a Junior Girls' basketball tournament at Maht Mahs last weekend which was hosted by the Port Alberni Friendship Centre. The teams involved were from Christie Residence in Tofino Duncan, Nanaimo, Campbell River, Ucluelet and the Friendship Centre.

Christie Residence took first place with a 26 to 14 win over Duncan in the championship game on Sunday. Duncan was second and Nanaimo third.

The awards committee chose the following players as allstars: Julie Wyse, Nanaimo; Marcella Johnny, Duncan; Tracy Williams, Duncan; Cindy Frank, Christie and Jenny Frank, Christie.

Jenny Frank was also awarded the most valuable player of the tournament.

The Friendship Centre team was the "hard-luck" team of the tournament, losing two games by a total of three points. They were picked as the most sport-smalike team.

The Friendship Centre would like to thank all the volunteers who worked as referees, scorekeepers, on the concession, etc., and thanks to all the fans who came out to watch the games.

The centre was missing one of its basketballs after the tournament, whoever mistakenly took the ball would they please return it — no questions asked.



Tournament champs, Christie Residence in a game against Nanaimo.

Nuu-Chah-Nulth Indian Games

At the last committee meeting for the West Coast Sports days or Olympiad it was decided to name the event the Nuu-chah-nulth Indian Games.

The games will be held in Port Alberni between July 31st and August 8th, 1982.

Besides having the sports of today, such as softball and track and field, it has been suggested by many to revive some of the Indian games that our forefathers played. The committee will be looking for suggestions as to what games should be included.

The committee has also added Slo-pitch to the list of events, to be held between Saturday, July 31 and Monday, August 1st. Slo-pitch is a variation of the game of softball and it will be played with the un-

derstanding that it is for fun only, and open to those people who are not taking part in the organized, team softball games.

Also discussed by the committee members was to include tug-of-wars during the Track and Field. It is hoped to get as much participation from EVERYONE at these games.

It was decided to see about training our own officials for these games and to set up a workshop to do this. Hopefully there will be a good response to this idea.

The next committee meeting for the "Nuu-chah-nulth Indian Games" will be at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre on Saturday, December 12, time: 1 p.m. All interested persons are welcome to attend.



NUU-CHAH-NULTH INDIAN GAMES

Port Alberni July 31 - August 8, 1982

- Softball
- Track & Field
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Canoe Racing
- Volleyball
- Bowling
- Ball Hockey
- Slo-Pitch
- Traditional Indian Games

The committee is looking for information on traditional Indian Games. Can you help? Please write to Nuu-chah-nulth Indian Games Committee, c-o Box 1225, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M1.



GOMEZ

Next Committee meeting December 12th at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre, 1 PM. Your attendance and suggestions are welcome.



Kleco, Kleco

The Native Alcohol Awareness Committee would like to thank the following for donating prizes for our Halloween Party + Gong Show: J and L Drive-In, Galaxy Restaurant, Dairy Queen, Alberni Valley Musical Theatre, PA Billiards, MacDonald's, Dimitri's, Greenwood Hotel and Ben David.

A special thank you to the talented people who provided the coffee house entertainment: Riel Aubichon, Nelson Keitlah and Cody Gus, also to all the Gong Show entrants and to everyone who attended and participated + Klecko, Klecko.



Fun for all at Halloween party

There was a good turnout of weird and wonderful-looking people at the Friendship Centre's annual Halloween party. (Some of the ladies were especially strange looking, sporting muscles and hairy legs.)

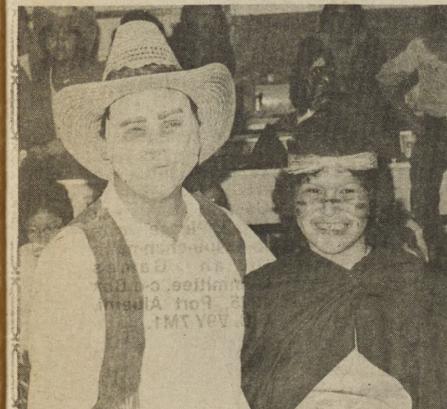
There were games, prizes, hotdogs and other goodies, dance contests and lots of fun for all ages.



A friendly looking group at the Halloween party



Two of the prize winning young ladies



It looks like the cowboys and Indians are finally getting together. Adult costume winners Nelson and Marie.

costume contest were: (age 1 to 3) Thomas Seitcher, Willard Marshall, Nellie Jacobson; (age 4 to 6) Sheldon Marshall, Robyn Samuel, Martha Titian; (age 7 to 9) Jason Titian, Trudy Marshall, Niki and Marsha Keitlah; (age 10 to 12) Kris Cardy, Kevin Titian, Rob Cootes; (teen) Levina Martin, Evans Martin; (adult) Nelson Keitlah and Marie Titian.

The dance contest winners were (6 and under) Thomas Seitcher; (12 and under) Kevin Titian, Ruby Samuel; (disco) Gerilyn Watts, Crazy Bear Thomas; (oldtimers) Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Keitlah; (spot dance) Judy Joseph, J.C. Lucas.

For those who didn't get enough dancing there was a disco held later in the evening.

Two parties for Mary



Mary and some of her grandchildren at their family reunion.

Two parties have been held for Mary Hayes of the Clayoquot Band this past six months. The first one was on July 18th in Vancouver at Henry and Mary Rose Jones' place. This was a family reunion with Mary as the guest of honor. Present were her sons Greg and John; daughters Mrs. Mary Rose, Mrs. Mary Underwood, Miss Josephine Hayes, Mrs. Mona Trotter, Mrs. Odellia Tate and Miss Patty Hayes. Also her 25 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The family presented Ma with some money to take a holiday.

On November 6th a retirement party was held for Mary at Christie Residence where she has worked for many years. She was given presents and warm wishes by the many people that she has come to know during her years at Christie. There was Indian dancing by members of the Clayoquot and Ahusat Bands and a fine dinner served by the Christie staff.



Mary Hayes with her sons and daughters.

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MOWACHAHT NEWS

We have a project going and it's under the "Canada Community Development Project." We have hired five men from our band who will be repairing roofs on 13 homes and also insulating the homes properly, it is a 10-week project.

We also applied for a funding through the same branch and if approved, we will be building a band office. Our staff members will be located in this building which are: social worker, home school co-ordinator, band manager, secretary, bookkeeper and a place to have council meetings or band meetings. It has been a hassle in the past for our workers to have files situated in their home and no privacy.

Our CHR worker will also have her own clinic as "Health and Welfare" have included our band for 1982. So there will be a better working relationship between members and staff once the offices are established.

Our band members and staff would like to "thank" the "Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council", for supporting and helping us draft up a BCR to purchase a furnace. Our staff

and members have used the community hall during the cold winter months and now we will be able to enjoy the warmth once we've purchased the furnace.

We again have applied for a knitting course from "Arts and Craft Society." Dora Andrew is the instructor and she has 12 students participating in her class. In previous years Arts and Craft Society used to provide monies for the student to participate but now it's not provided. There is \$1 fee to be a member of this society which we in return receive a certificate. This enables us to apply for a grant for ourselves once we receive a certificate in order to start a business on the reserve. Next year, we plan on applying for a basket-weaving course. This is a good way for our women to get together.

Education Committee: Since the start of the school term, we have had six meetings and we have discussed items such as: (1) students; (2) students that have problems in school; (3) study hour for grade three to grade 12; (4) story hour for kindergarten to grade two; (5) bus; (6) teachers.

We have had alot of planning and problems since we formed the committee. We need "parents" involvement and their support. Our meetings are scheduled for the first of every month and everyone is "welcome" to attend. We have had meetings with "Dave Lewis" which have been successful.

One thing that we have tried is to get volunteer tutors and we had a total of four people involved volunteering their time. Right now, we had to cease our activities in the community hall mainly because we have no heat and it gets quite cold.

We would like to stress that we are here to help our students further their education, to get our parents involved with the student, to get teachers involved with the parent and student, also the involvement of our home school co-ordinator and the education committee, alongside with chief and councillor who we would need the support from.

These are the names of our education committee members: Sheila Savey, Barbara Amos, Ronald Johnson, Margarita James, Marg Amos and Shirley Andrews, our

home school co-ordinator. In the future, we have planned field trips for elementary and high, Xmas parties and awards day at the end of school term. In time, we will have alot of activities and the involvement of parents, students and teachers, this is our goal, we are working towards.

We would like to wish a "Happy Birthday" for the month of December to: James Johnson, Dec. 5; Patrick Johnson, Dec. 7; Hudson Savey, Gary Andrew, Kim Olairole all Dec. 9; Shirley Andrews, Jacqueline Howard, both Dec. 12; Christopher Andrew, Dec. 15; Natalie Mark, Dec. 16; Alice Mark, Jackie Johnson, both Dec. 21; Francis Mark, Dec. 22; Diane Jack, Dec. 24; Patrick Johnson Jr., Jerry Jack both Dec. 25; August Dick Jr., Mike Maquinna, both Dec. 27; Bernard Jack, Dec. 28; Bruce Mark, Bobby Dick, both Dec. 29; and Renee Dick, Dec. 30.

Also a "Happy 13th Anniversary" on December 14th to: Frenzie and Barbara Amos, Brian and Marg Amos and to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Samuel.

becoming involved in this survey, please attend a meeting on **December 16, 1981**, at 8:00 p.m. in North Island College (Port Alberni campus). For further information, please contact Dave Lewis (724-5757) or Shirley Romas (723-5015).

MOWACHAHT STAFF

Home school co-ordinator: Shirley Andrews, P.O. Box 765, Gold River, B.C. Ph. 283-7383; social worker: Mary Johnson, P.O. Box 701, Gold River, B.C. Ph. 283-7429; community health rep.: Sarah Fred, P.O. Box 457, Gold River, B.C. Ph. 283-7313; band manager: Marge Amos (Band Office), P.O. Box 459, Gold River, B.C. Ph. 283-2532; and pre-school teacher: Barbara Amos, P.O. Box 459, Gold River, B.C. Ph. 283-2532.

Education Committee: Sheila Savey, Barbara Amos, Ronnie Johnson,

Margarita James and Marge Amos.

Health Committee: Barbara Amos, Sarah Fred, Lenora Murphy and Marlene Dick.

Recreation Committee: Lenora Murphy, Harvey Mark and Margarita James.

Council Members: Maurus McLean, Jack Johnson, Mary Johnson, Brian Amos and Augie Johnson.

All addressed to Band Office.

The Mowachaht Band would like to wish the Nuu-Chah-Nulth people all a "Very Merry Christmas and have a Prosperous New Year," also to the staff.

North Island College surveying women's educational needs

North Island College's Port Alberni campus is presently conducting a survey of women's educational needs in the Alberni Valley. The objective of this survey is to recommend changes and improvements to North Island College programs. If you are interested in

becoming involved in this survey, please attend a meeting on **December 16, 1981**, at 8:00 p.m. in North Island College (Port Alberni campus). For further information, please contact Dave Lewis (724-5757) or Shirley Romas (723-5015).

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To Whom It May Concern:

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In Memory of Baby Tommy Joe Frank Jr. (T.J.)

You were small like a seed, A seed which was planted on earth to bloom in heaven. You were taken by the Lord when you were very young. Young but brilliant. Seemed like you knew what we were saying. You were different from the rest of the babies. You hardly cried, you smiled rain or shine. You made the world smile. You were cuddly, lovable, cute and handsome. You had everything a mom would want a child to have. I wanted to grow up with you. Take care of you. Love you, do anything to make you happy. Can't do this anymore. Because you're up there and I'm down here. It will be like that for awhile. Love you, Hope to see you again. Rest in Peace.

Love Always
Rena Frank
(Aunt)

Wedding announcement

Engaged to be married are Shirley Anne Joseph (Nitinah Lake) to Ronnie "Sonny" Joe (Spallumcheen Band-Enderby). The wedding will take place at Nitinah Lake on March 26, 1982. Everyone welcome.

Happy anniversary

Happy Anniversary to Walter and Flo Marshall on December 10th, 1981. — Your friends, Wally and Donna Samuel.

Happy 2nd anniversary

to Sybil and Vince Robinson, November 30. Also a happy 1st birthday to their daughter Ellen Susan Robinson on December 13.

Happy Anniversary to Ray and Myrtle Samuel, December 14, 1981. — Your brother, Wally and Family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to son Richard Samuel on December 21st. — Love Mom, Dad, Eddie, Wally, Ruby and Robyn.

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Ruth Little on the arrival of her son, Kenneth Jack Little on November 7th. He was a smiley weighing in at 8 lbs. 2 ozs.

Moving?

Our readers are reminded that if they change their address please inform the Ha-Shilth-Sa so we can continue to send your paper.

Happy Belated Birthday Nelson Keitlah Sr. and many more to come. — Your sister, Delores.

A Happy Belated Birthday on November 18th Uncle Nelson Keitlah Sr. We love you. — Naomi and Thomas Seitcher.

Congratulations to Nelson Keitlah Sr. as he made it to another birthday on November 18th.

Happy Birthday on December 5th to Keith Gus, Edna Gus and Emma Fred. — Love Giz Gus.

Happy Birthday to Nate Lucas, November 13th and to Layla Lucas on December 21st. — Love Harry and Yvette.

Happy Birthday to Debbie Thomas on December 21st. — Donna & Wally and Family.

In Loving Memory of Jacob Gallic who left us on November 18th, 1980

May the Creator look down and let the sun shine on you and warm your spirit, so you will continue to walk in His favor.

Always remembered by wife Liz, son Richard and family, daughter Irma and family.

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Deadline for applications is December 18, 1981.

Happy Birthday Ray Samuel, December 31, 1981. — Your Bro. Wally & Family.

Happy Birthday Dad (Douglas Mack) on December 28th. — Love Norma & Ken & Family.

A happy 70th Birthday "Mom" Agnes Sam and to George and Douglas Sam on December 18th. — Love Ken & Norma.

Happy Birthday to Eric Mack Sr. on December 20th and to Brian Mack on December 26th. — Sis Norma.

In Memory of Shorty Frank "I Will Never Forget You Daddy"

Daddy was a great, respectful and loving man. He loved and respected the people around him. He was kind, gentle, friendly, talkative, considerate and happy.

You were a man anybody would want. He brought up a family of his own. The family will keep his name and memories deep inside forever. Seems like just yesterday I saw you, but it was long ago. The Great God above us who had taken you and put you to rest.

I will never forget you daddy, You were brilliant, dynamic, Oh, I will never forget you, I will cherish your love and memories of you in my heart and soul, I will always have room for you in my heart and soul.

I will never forget that handsome smile of yours, and will never forget the love you showed. Missed you when you went on trips. Now I'll miss you for a long time, so will everybody else.

I'll see you again some joyous day, I'll never forget you. Always follow your path. Miss you lots, NEVER FORGET YOU DADDY.

Love always Daughter Rena

In memory of Mom Rose

A Rose is my Mom A Rose is a very special person. A Rose can be beautiful and loving A Rose is and was a wife and mother A Rose came to us through all the Love of God.

A Rose has gone and left, But the love of that Rose remains Here with her husband and her children. We love you always MOM ROSE.

Adelene C. Manson

FOR MY GRAMPA MICHAEL P. HANSON With lots of Love from Vanessa Robynn Hanson

GRAMPA, I'll always Remember your loud, happy laughter And your helping hand when I needed it

Most of all I remember the love you showed. I put all these memories together And they make the most special Grampa... YOU!

FOR MY DAD, MICHAEL PATRICK HANSON WITH LOVE FROM BEV

M — More than anything... I — I wish you were still here C — Caring for me H — Helping me with my problems A — Always being there when I needed you E — Everything is so different now L — Life for me now... is all changed

P — Passing days often remind me of you A — And the tears start pouring down T — Today, in a dream, I saw an eagle R — Resting on a quiet, lonely beach I — I thought... maybe... it could've been you C — Calling out to me to K — Keep strong and to go on with life.

H — Happy, beautiful memories A — Are all I have left, and they N — Never will be forgotten S — Someday we'll be together again O — On that day... the sun will shine brighter and N — Nights won't be so dark and seem so lonely.



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A letter from the north country

Dearest Family, Relatives and Friends:

Well hello everyone and how are you all? I surely hope this letter finds you all in fine spirits. I felt so good today, I received the Ha-Shilth-Sa paper and I was so happy to read the news of the West Coast.

It has been a year-and-a-half since I've been home. And speaking of home, today just before my mail came in this morning I laid in bed and cried a bit, feeling so blue and lonely for my family and relatives. I got out of bed and got my little girl Madeline off to school and started my day as usual doing my housework. And as I read the Ha-Shilth-Sa paper having my morning cup of coffee, tears dropping on the paper, thinking of how much I'm missing.

Sure looks like I missed something at the Annual Assembly. It sure made me happy to see the young children dancing from the Mowachaht band, I must say it made me proud. I'd like to say to all of them that performed, keep up the good work and I miss you all!

It's a shame that I haven't been home to Gold River now for so long, to be exact it's been three years.

I'd like to say hello to my uncle Ambrose Howard, Ambrose and Gloria Maquinna, Solomon and Alice Mark, Eugene and Cathy Mark, Norman and Agnes George, Jack and Mary Johnson, Max and Ellie Savey, my cousin Billy and Beulah Howard, Abel John and to anyone else I've missed. I hope you're all doing fine.

Well, we had a bit of snow, at the beginning of October and it melted before Halloween. And now here it is the middle of November and it's snowing again. This time the snow is here to stay. Actually our winter kind of came late this year. This time last year it was bitter cold with a foot of snow to go with it. Would you believe it's already -10 degrees outside. I wouldn't be surprised if we had at least six inches by morning.

Well I have been keeping busy this year. I'm playing on a Ladies Dart League at our recreational centre. I joined up for a cribbage league. I'm busy with being Neighbor Aid. I go around and welcome the new residents in my area. I go and visit them and answer any questions they may have about the

town. I find so many people are so pleased that there is someone who does things like that.

Most people that move here move from far east. And they find Ft. McMurray lonely at first, when they don't know anyone and know nothing about the city. That's where I come in. I do my best to make them feel welcome. And next week I'm volunteering my time for the Senior Citizen's Club. What I'll be doing is if a Senior Citizen needs to go to the bank or go shopping, I go and pick them up and drive them to where they want to go.

I enjoy things like that. All my volunteer work is done through the Preventive Social Services. I feel good if I'm helping someone else out. Well enough about me. Roy has been working hard these days. He never really has anything to complain about his work. He'll be going back to school for two months in his course of heavy duty mechanics. He seems to really enjoy his work.

Now that the snow is here again, he'll be all smiles that it's that time to take the skidoo out again. The only thing I'm looking forward to is

cross country skiing. What makes Madeline and Troy happy when they see snow is taking the sleigh out and going sliding.

I'm finding how time flies. Children grow up so fast. Madeline was only three when we moved up here, now she's seven and in grade two. Troy will be three in December. The more I think of home the more lonely I get.

I must say hello to some of my relatives and wish them all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I wish you all the very best and

I'm speaking from the bottom of my heart. I ask that the great spirits look upon you all. And that they protect your children. And you all have a very joyous Christmas and Happy New Year. I'd like to say that my heart is with you all.

A very special Merry Christmas to: Alex Amos, Chris and George Amos, Louise Roberts, Benedict Andrews, Alice and Larry Paul, my dearest Aunt Josephine Tom and Ron Hamilton, Earl Smith, John and Sandi Elliott. I wish you all the best in the New

Year. And all my love to my mother Beatrice Jack and brothers: Jerry Jack, Andrew Callicum, Benny and Verna and family. I miss you all very deeply, am with you in thought.

Well, my people, I must sign off now. But I sure wouldn't mind a letter from anyone sometime. God bless you all.

Love,
Claretta Whitford,
130 Almond Cres.,
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Two Westcoasters attend NECHI Program

Two people from our area attended a month-long Alcohol and Drug Abuse counselling course in Vancouver. They were Irene Tatoosh, who is training for the position of Alcohol Counsellor for Opetchesaht Band and Ben David, the Tribal Council's Mobile Alcohol Counsellor.

Ben says that the

course was a very good one, that the curriculum was based on self-awareness and dealt primarily with native culture. "I learned a great deal about myself and the traditional ways of native people from all over B.C.," said Ben.

Ben had the highest praise for the instructors in the course, Samuel Sam, an elder from Saanich and Dr. Tony

Stickie.

Twenty-two people started and completed the course and they attended a graduation ceremony on Friday, November 27 at the Vancouver Native Friendship Centre.

Both Ben and Irene are now back in Port Alberni "on the job."

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