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## Appeal Court overturns Gibbs' decision - Natives win injunction on Meares

On March 27 the B.C. Court of Appeal made a historic decision in granting a temporary injunction in favor of two Native Indian Bands, the Clayoquots and Ahousats, as three out of five judges ruled that the Natives land claims trial is to be heard before logging can go ahead on Meares Island. The temporary injunction runs until November 1, 1985, when the Bands are expected to be ready for a full trial dealing with their claim. In the meantime MacMillan Bloedel

cannot log on Meares Island, but they are permitted to remove spikes that were placed in trees by protesters. The protesters have been given one month to remove themselves and their belongings from Heelboom Bay, where they have set up camp on the island. Jack Woodward, one of the lawyers representing the bands said that this is "the most important decision on aboriginal rights in this country to date." It opens the door on the Calder case, said Woodward. "Aboriginal Title is definitely an

open question as the result of this decision, he said. In the Calder case six judges were split three to three regarding the question of extinguishment of Aboriginal Title. One of the five appeal court judges, Mr. Justice Seaton, in his reasons for judgement stated, "The proposal is to clear-cut the area. Almost nothing will be left. I cannot think of any Native rights that could be exercised on lands that have recently been logged. "I am firmly of the view that the claim to Indian Title cannot be

rejected at this stage of the litigation." Mr. Justice Seaton goes on to say "The Indians wish to retain their culture on Meares Island as well as in urban museums. "The evidence shows that the Indians still use Meares Island, including the Heelboom Bay area and that logging is not compatible with that use." Mr. Justice MacFarlane says "This judicial proceeding is but a small part of the whole of a process which will ultimately find its solution in a reasonable exchange between governments and the Indian Nations."

the Order of the Court if they expect the courts to give them justice. MEARES COURTCASE The B.C. Court of Appeal heard the arguments for and against the logging of Meares Island on February 25 and 26. Five judges listened to the evidence presented by lawyers for the Ahousat and Clayoquot Bands, MacMillan Bloedel, the Attorney General, the "Environmentalists", and for several other Indian Bands and Tribal Councils in the province, who were acting as intervenors in the case. The evidence was much the same as was heard by Justice

Reginald Gibbs in the first court case in December. The appeal judges allowed two new affidavits submitted on behalf of the Native Bands, those of Clayoquot Band members Gloria Frank and Margaret Joseph. These affidavits described Native uses of Meares Island, particularly Heelboom Bay. Margaret Joseph described her use of cedar bark for weaving. Gloria Frank's affidavit told of her uses of plants for medicines and her food-gathering activities. MacMillan Bloedel also tried to enter new evidence in the form of an affidavit consisting

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Participants at the Meares Island panel discussion at Simon Fraser University included: l-r, George Watts, Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council; Simon Lucas, speaking, Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council; Gary Jones, SPEC; Mike Mullin, Friends of Clayoquot Sound; Ralph Urban, MacMillan Bloedel; Ken Williams, MacMillan Bloedel, and Whitey Bernard, Tofino District Council.



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## Letters

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## Friendship Society in Campbell River seeking support

Dear Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council:

We are a new organization called the North Island Native Friendship Centre, Campbell River, B.C. The purpose of our society is to create a community centre providing needs for the native people in our area. The Friendship Centre program is designed to improve the quality of life for native people in an urban environment by supporting self-determined activities which encourage equal access to and participation in Canadian Society and which respects native cultural distinctiveness. Enclosed you will find a pamphlet describing further what a centre will do for our community. We feel there is a dire need for the program we are creating.

As a new society we cannot get government

support until we are in operation for at least one full year; so we are raising funds in order to get our centre off the ground.

We seek the support of your organization for our endeavors and donations in the form of materials, money or expertise, which would be gratefully received. We will be contacting you in the future and would appreciate the opportunity to present our plans and ideas to you at a convenient time. Thank you once again for your consideration concerning this matter.

Sincerely,  
Gideon Smith, President  
Phil L'Hirondelle, treasurer  
Ann Price, secretary  
North Island Native Friendship Centre Society, No. 3-964 Island Highway, Campbell River, B.C. V9W 2C5. Tel: 287-9955.

### FRIENDSHIP CENTRE HAPPENINGS

Dear Sir:  
I am writing this letter to you people up Island and anyone who is, or is thinking of moving down this way. I am doing volunteer training at the Victoria Native Friendship Centre as a counsellor. I have been involved with the centre since 1983 as a camp counsellor. Counselling sort of took hold of me then and I realized how many of our people needed help. By this I don't mean only with alcohol and drugs. A person can help another person just by listening to someone else's hurt.

I am involved in the UNFC Native Diversion Program. I am working with Art Eggros, the Native Diversion Coordinator. I must say that Art has helped me immensely in the area of counselling. He motivates, encourages and guides me. The centre is located at 2002 Fernwood Road. Our phone numbers are 384-4642 and 384-3211. Here are some of the things we work on:  
—Confidential juvenile counselling on a one-to-one basis.  
—Family counselling.  
—Community service work, supervision and

## A Message from a Mom

I'd just like to share a few personal thoughts and words I have often given my children. Because of the great amount of love I have for these young people the Good Lord has allowed me to have, to care for during my given time. Because of the terrific amount of comfort I am so grateful for whenever I'm in need.

All these years I have been a Mom or a Ma to them. They've put up with my bickering at them, drumming into them as my own Dad told us, always have respect for your elders, for yourselves and all others. Walk tall! Be proud! Have ambition. Look around. Think about it, what you want to do with your life. It is up to you whichever way it goes.

If you can't let go of your childhood onto another part of your lives, the best part of it, learning the ways of the world out there, places you can see, all the learning you can do about other people, with the hope that you will be able to make your own life a better one. If you want to hang on to your childhood acts, showing off to out do each other, making a nuisance of yourselves. You can sure be a nuisance of yourselves, hanging around spending money on useless games and bad habits instead of enjoying competitive sports and keeping up your grades. You can be sure that you will never know how to aim high for anything in your life.

If you, my children haven't been listening to my words, when I say something, you say I am

placement.  
—Referral and liason with the justice system.  
We also work with the Ministry of Human Resources Social Workers dealing in child apprehension and placement.  
Well I can't think of anything more to say, except I hope that one day our people will realize alcohol and drugs not only hurts one's self but also others who surround one's self.  
Yours in Friendship,  
Ross E. Benson

## A THANK YOU

a perseverance in what she believed in. She was sensitive to others' needs. She trained her child in that manner, brought it to light. She loved and cared for her family deeply. She asked about her aunts and uncles, cousins.

Thank you for coming and participating in our last homage to a wonderful young woman who was loved by many. Her daughter Jennifer will meet and know her family. We loved her and will miss her, but it is a comfort to know she is with our Lord, God, and our Creator we will too be welcomed at His banquet table for a great feast.

My love and heart goes out to you all in this way. Whenever you are in Campbell River please come and visit us. We welcome you.  
Lori and Joseph Thibeault, 2240 Fearon Rd., Trailer RR. 2, Mailing address: No. 1, Unit 1, Site 118, Campbell River, B.C.

The Meares Discussion Group is holding a non-violence training session at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre, Saturday, March 30. There will be two sessions: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.  
Following the sessions there will be a fund-raising pub night at the OUW. For more information call the OUW at 724-3554.

## Thank you

To all friends and relatives:  
To let you all know our dad, Percy, is doing good. He is out of the hospital, but has to stay in Victoria for awhile. Knowing all of you care and show your concern, our mom and dad are very grateful to you all, so are we. Also they say to say a big hello and thank you all for your caring and concern. Words cannot express our thanks, but it goes to show, your prayers did wonders.  
To Whom It May Concern:  
Hi, my name is Robin A. Gus and I live in White Swan, Washington. I receive the Ha-Shilth-Sa every month and I would like to thank you for sending it. I would like also to wish a Happy Birthday to my dad, Bill Gus, on March 21.  
Again thanks for the paper. Hope to visit soon.  
Thank You  
Robin Gus

### HA-SHILTH-SA MC

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1 — Bonanza  
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### My Dearest Family & Friends

I want to express my gratitude and the great love felt at your presence during my dearest sister's passing. Your prayers and tears were from the heart were heard in the greatest sanctuary of all. May our Creator soothe our pain and loss. Let us rejoice knowing my sister is in a truly restful and peaceful place. A great banquet table was prepared for her and she was called to be the Guest of Honor.  
It was my privilege, my honor to have been her sister and friend in the last two years of her short life. She was an excellent mother of her four-year-old child, Jennifer Christine Amos. She took pleasure in being a mother. There was joy in doing things for her daughter, combing her hair, instruction on how to address people older than herself, a very cheerful outlook on life,

## Tseshahts host Tribal Council at Maht Mahs

The Tseshaht Tribe were hosts for the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council meetings held March 16-17 at the Maht-Mahs gym in Port Alberni.

### Meares Island Update

Paul Rosenberg, NTC lawyer for the Meares Island court case, said a lot of research is going to have to be done to prove historical ownership of Meares Island. The hereditary chiefs will be asked to provide history of Meares Island and a map will be drawn up of Meares Island with Indian names of the parts of the island. Rosenberg said that the main argument of the court case will be extinguishment of title and the law not accepting the Indian's right to self-government. He said that Justice Gibbs' actions of trying to decide the trial and aboriginal title will also be brought into question because the judge appeared to be interested more in economics than dealing with the violation of human rights and recognition of title.

Future fund-raising activities for Meares Island include, sponsoring a softball tournament, garage sales and dances.

### Code of Ethics

The NTC will be abiding by a code of ethics as laid out by the Tse-Shaht Band:

- Whereas we represent our people and Bands locally, regionally and nationally we resolve;
- to attend all meetings as representatives of our people with sobriety and punctuality.
- to refrain from any actions that shall reflect unfavorably on ourselves and the people we represent.
- to treat all peoples we meet with the same courtesy that we ourselves expect.
- to be aware of what the meeting is about and voice the concerns and interests of our members.
- to ensure that our vote is present when that vote is needed.
- to report back to the people we represent on the meeting and our

involvement in it.

### Smokerplant Update

The NTC Smokerplant has adopted a new name: Nuu-Chah-Nulth Seafood Products. George Watts, NTC chairman, said he felt it was very important that the name Nuu-Chah-Nulth be put in because he has heard the product discussed with no mention of it being a Native company.

### Amendment to the Indian Act

There was discussion of Bill C-31, the Bill to remove discrimination from the Indian Act. George Watts said that the Bill still discriminates as the grandchildren of women who lost status will not regain status. Further discussion on the Bill will follow the voting in of the Bill on March 28 and 29.

### Forestry Update

There was an update on the silviculture program. The forestry crew on the Tse-Shaht Reserve are currently tree planting at Polly's Point. This Canada Works project will end in March with 25,000 fir trees being planted. A new Canada Works project at Hisnit in Gold River has six men working to prepare a site for tree planting which should be completed the third week in March.

### Nursery Update

A 21-year lease was drawn up between the NTC and the Tse-Shaht Band for the Tribal Council to operate a tree seedling nursery on the Tshahah Area of the Tse-Shaht Reserve. The area will cover 1.64 hectares. Terms of the lease are:  
— payment will be made based on sales.  
— the nursery, to its' best endeavors, employ Tseshaht Band members and contractors.  
— the area shall not be sublet.  
— in event of business failure all fixed assets shall revert to the Tseshaht Band.  
— there will be no woodcutting or clearing out of the designated area.  
— the nursery would

be responsible for the water system, hydro and road maintenance.  
— the NTC will be liable for environmental damage.  
— the nursery is to carry a 3rd party liability.

— the lease is to become effective April 1, 1984. 1985 ????  
first year payment in seedlings for Band reforestation at Polly's Point.  
— that no other business be carried out in the leased area.

### Block Funding

George Watts discussed a new funding process called Block Funding. It would allow the Bands to design the programs they want as it would be decided on at Band level. It would also provide for transferability of funds to serve Band priorities, processes for accountability to Band members and parliament, multi-year funding, general and financial management requirements, resource and allocation of funds and entry criteria. This system would help the Bands to have a better financial control of their funds.

## Bob Soderlund given name by Tseshahts

By Charlotte Cote

"It is our tradition to honor people by giving them a name," said Hesquiaht elder, Alice Paul, in her native tongue.  
On Saturday, March 16, following the NTC meeting in Port Alberni, Bob Soderlund, Ha-Shilth-Sa editor was given a name from the Tse-Shaht Band. His name is now Hyuupinooth meaing one who excells 10 times over.  
"We are showing our respect to Bob by giving him this name of such a high-up person," Alice Paul said. George Clufesi, speaking on behalf of the Tse-Shaht Band thanked Bob for his 12 years of working for the people of the West Coast. Clufesi said the name was to show the Band's appreciation

### Child Welfare Project

The NTC has been negotiating to have Band control of child welfare. Phil Lyons, Child Welfare project coordinator put forth a resolution to the NTC that the tribes decide as soon as possible how they are going to set up a preventive family support program on reserve.

### Education

Lewis George reported that this year's grad banquet would be at Tin-Wis on Saturday, June 22nd. The organizers are looking for donations for this occasion.  
There was a motion passed to support the Hesquiaht Band in their request for a gym and school at Hot Springs Cove.

### Rediscovery

A motion was passed to have a Rediscovery Program in the Nuu-Chah-Nulth area. Rediscovery is a wilderness camp for youth that has proven successful in the Queen Charlotte Islands for several years.

## Court rules that purchases made on-reserve by Natives are tax exempt

On March 21st the B.C. Court of Appeal ruled that a motor vehicle bought by an Indian on reserve is not subject to provincial sales tax.

The decision was made on a case brought to the courts by Richard Watts from the Tse-Shaht Tribe in Port Alberni. Watts bought a truck in 1981 on his reserve and when he went to register it he was told he had to pay provincial sales tax. He reluctantly paid the tax but felt as the sale was made on-reserve, no tax should apply. On the advice of Hugh Braker, a law student working for the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council during the summer, Watts took the case to David Mossop, a lawyer with the Vancouver Legal Assistance Society.

The ruling will result in tax exemptions in the sale of goods to Indians on reserve — such as gasoline and cigarettes — because of the exemption provided by Section 87 of the Indian Act.

### The Economic Impact of the Watts' Decision

Ernst Rieder, Economic Development Officer for the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council made a number of observations following the court decision.  
Rieder says, "the impact of this decision has the potential for significant economic benefits to Indians living on reserve."  
Specifically it would appear that all taxes on

all commodities, including federal excise taxes and duties are beyond the law and, henceforward, sales of any such commodities will be exempt.  
For example, sales of motor fuels, when sold on reserve must be exempt from all taxes, to be in accordance with Section 87 of the Indian Act.

Fishermen should be able to buy their fuels on reserve for approximately \$1 per gallon. (As compared to \$2.50 gallon now).  
In addition, heating fuels will be exempt from all taxes, providing the sale and consumption conforms to the guidelines mentioned. ie. business-owned by an Indian on reserve.

Theoretically, all goods subject to the current 10 per cent manufacturer's excise will be similarly exempt. This includes everything except food. Non-payment of cigarette taxes should reduce the price of cigarettes to 25 cents per package.

Imported automobiles are rendered duty free and tax exempt by this decision. This means that a Japanese car currently retailing for \$15,000 could be expected to cost approximately \$11,000.

All materials used in construction are exempt of federal excise and duties.  
The avoidance of these taxes of course depends upon the above commodities being sold on reserve, to an Indian or Band.

## Solidarity Coalition resolution of support

The Solidarity Coalition wants a moratorium on the logging of Meares Island until the question of Aboriginal Title and Land Claims is settled.  
In an unanimous resolution passed at the February 17 Steering Committee meeting, delegates also agreed that Solidarity should recognize the existence of Aboriginal Title and recommend that the federal and provincial governments and Indian Bands involved jointly

resolve the Aboriginal Title and Land Claims issue on Meares Island.  
"This resolution personifies what Solidarity is all about," explained Solidarity Coalition Chairman Renate Shearer. "It shows that we can put short-term self-interest aside to work for the longer-term common good."  
Solidarity has sent a letter to the provincial government informing them of the Coalition's position.

# Attempts being made to remove discrimination from the Indian Act

On February 28, 1985 legislation was introduced in the House of Commons to eliminate provisions of the Indian Act which sexually discriminate and to provide the Indian Bands the right to determine their own membership.

Honourable David Crombie, Minister of Indian Affairs, stated that the proposed legislation will ensure equality between men and women, restore Indian status and band membership to those who lost them and to recognize the rights of bands to self-determination.

Under the current Indian Act, Indian women who marry non-Indians lose Indian status and band membership. Indian men, however, retain their status and give it, through marriage, to their wives and children. Under the proposed amendments, men and women will be treated equally and marriage will no longer affect Indian status.

For those who lost Indian status and band membership unfairly in the past, the Minister proposes to restore these rights immediately, upon application, to more than 22,000 individuals who are estimated to be affected. These include about 16,000 Indian women who lost status and band membership under section 12.(1) (b) of the Indian Act because they married a non-Indian.

The amendments would also provide Indian status immediately, upon application, to the estimated 46,000 first generation descendants of those who lost status and band membership unfairly. By gaining registration as status Indians under the Indian Act, they will gain access to federal programs and services for off-reserve Indians. They will also be able to apply for band membership.

The amendments provide for band control of membership which means that each of the 579 Indian bands in Canada may set up membership rules to determine who will be a

member of the band in the future. These rules must be approved by a majority of the band electors. Protection is provided for the acquired rights of those who are now band members, and of those being restored membership.

The legislation will abolish the concept of enfranchisement. This term refers to a process in the Indian Act whereby an Indian gives up his registration under the Act and band membership. By doing so, the enfranchised person becomes entitled to receive a per capita share of the capital and revenue funds held by the federal government for the band.

The term originated at the time when giving up Indian status was the only way for Indians to gain the right to vote in federal and provincial elections. This concept has been out-moded since 1961 when the Diefenbaker government gave the Indians the vote in federal elections. In the past as well, some Indians lost their status involuntarily when they joined the armed forces, obtained a university degree, or joined the clergy. Others were effectively forced to enfranchise in order to get or keep a job.

The various provisions of the Indian Act that discriminate conflict with the equality rights guaranteed in section 15(1) of the Constitution Act, 1982, which comes into force April 17, 1985. They also contravene international conventions, such as the U.N. Covenant on Civil

and Political Rights, which Canada has signed. The amendments will bring the Indian Act into accord with the quality provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Section 15(1) of the Constitution Act, 1982, of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees equality between men and women before the law.

Previous parliamentary consideration to this issue was introduced in Bill C-47 in September, 1982. The House of Commons Sub-Committee on Indian Women and the Indian Act recommended that; no one should lose or gain status or band membership as a result of marriage; children having at least one Indian parent should be entitled to status under the Indian Act and band membership; and women who lost their status under the Indian Act have these restored along with their first generation children.

Although the Bill passed in the House of Commons on June 29, 1984, the last sitting day of the last Parliament, unanimous consent to deal with it in the Senate that day was denied. Thus the Bill C-47 died on the Senate Order Paper with the dissolution of Parliament for the election.

The new legislation introduced marks a significant departure and improvement over Bill C-47. The new Bill C-31 recognizes band control of membership, abolishes enfranchisement, restores

status and band membership immediately, upon application, to those who lost them unfairly and grants Indian status immediately, also upon application, to the children of those who lost status.

The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) has mixed reactions to Bill C-31, the Act to amend the Indian Act.

They agree with the government's principles of the elimination of sexual discrimination, reinstatement of those who lost their rights and band control of membership but, they say, other provisions still cause some concern for aboriginal women. One concern is that children of reinstated women will only regain status not band membership even though children of Indian men and non-Indian women enjoy band membership. This, they say is continued inequality.

Also NWAC says that the proposed process of deciding membership by the Band does not reflect their position, that all aboriginal people who are a part of the First Nation and are affected by any decision regarding membership must be involved in any determination regarding their rights.

The NWAC will make a presentation to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Indian Affairs when the Bill receives second reading. The NWAC's elected representatives will present suggestions on how to improve the Bill so as to address the concerns of its membership.

## NTC becomes computerized

The NTC has purchased a Data Processing Computer. The computer keeps track of records for the NTC and 11 other NTC Bands. Monthly and yearly financial reports are done as well as records of wages and profits and losses of the individual Bands. The records are processed at the NTC office and then sent out to the Bands. The cost of billing for each Band

helps pay for the paper and the cost of the computer. The computer cost \$12,000.

Two people have been hired to work with the computer: Wendy Jensen from the Tse-Shaht Band and Bev Hansen from Kyuquot. Wendy has been working with the computer since July. During her first months she trained at Dan Legge and Co. While there she worked with

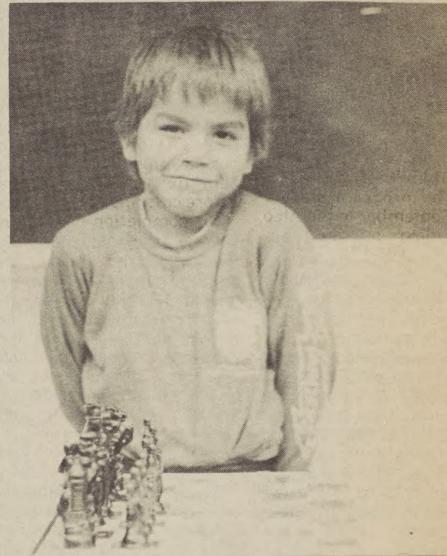
the secretary doing the office records. Wendy says she enjoys working with the computer because she is not always doing the same thing every day.

Bev began training under Wendy in October. She graduated last year in Campbell River. Bev says that after her training she hopes to stay working with computers, maybe working for her Band in Kyuquot.

## Tofino Motors Ltd. Happy Harry retires

Pat and Happy Harry wish to thank all our customers. It was 14 years of fun.

Keith and Naomi McLachlan are the new proprietors of Long Beach Motors Ltd.



The winner of the School District No. 70 Chess Tournament is Grade 2 student, Richard Thomas. Richard will be representing the district for Grade 2 at the Vancouver Island Championship on April 13 in Nanaimo.

Grade 2 student Richard Thomas has gone on to win the School District No. 70 Chess Tournament held March 25 at Wood School. Richard was top player at Ha-Ho-Payuk's first tournament held last month. He will be representing the District for Grade 2 in the Vancouver Island Championship in Nanaimo.

The Ha-Ho-Payuk

students were taught to play chess by Geo Selva, Grade 2 and 3 teacher, who said the students showed a keen interest in the game. Here are the results of the Ha-Ho-Payuk tournament:

Grade 1, Keith Houghton; Grade 2, Richard Thomas; Grade 3, Trevor Mischki; Grade 4, Roy Jack; Grade 5, Remy Durocher; Grade 6, Craig Houghton.

## Registration for Ha-Ho-Payuk Upgrading

Ha-Ho-Payuk is hoping to offer another adult upgrading class starting in September. Students will work through to the end of Grade XII and sit the GED exams (Grade XII Equivalency Exams) in June. There is only a limited amount of space available so it is "first come, first served."

There will be a registration meeting on May 31st at 1 p.m. at the Atco portable across from the school building on the Tse-shaht Reserve.

# Ha-Ho-Payuk School happenings

## Adult upgrading class proves successful

By CHARLOTTE COTE

The first year adult upgrading program at the Ha-Ho-Payuk School proves to be successful as one student has graduated and five more plan to write the exam at the end of March.

Gordon Svenson, upgrading and alternate teacher, says he contributes the success of the program to the relaxed atmosphere and a good student-teacher relationship, also that many of the students feel at ease in an all Native classroom.

The program started in September in the Atco Building on the Tse-Shaht Reserve with 17 people enrolling in the alternate and upgrading class. It runs

seven to 10 months but there are exceptions like Eric Amos who successfully completed the program in December. This course is the first of its kind offered on a reserve with federal funding. It provides the student with all the skills needed for a vocational Grade 12.

Earl Tatoosh is one of the people taking the exam at the end of March. He said his future plans are to be an accountant. He is presently taking bookkeeping at home to help further his skills before entering college.

On completion of the course and passing of the exam, the students receive a Grade 12 Equivalency Diploma

(GED) which qualifies them to enroll in post-secondary institutions such as Malaspina and Camosun College.

The next course will start in September with registration beginning May 31st. Persons enrolling in the adult upgrading must be over the age of 18 and for the alternate class, up to the age of 18.

Svenson said he hopes to start a job corps in the future that would offer training in business machines, secretarial skills and hands-on training in cabinetry. The student would get the basic training through the program and final training through on-the-job training, providing the student with all the

skills needed for that type of work. With the accomplishment of the upgrading program Svenson said he's quite optimistic about his future plans for the job corps.

## Opetchesaht elections

Opetchesaht's Band Council election results were: Danny Watts, elected Chief Councillor by acclamation and Irene Tatoosh and Susan Lauder elected Councillors.



## Project to build an adventure playground

The Ha-Ho-Payuk School and the Tse-Shaht Band are fund-raising for a project to build an adventure playground to be located on the Ha-Ho-Payuk School grounds. It will consist of ladders, beams, tires and slides. The structure is well designed and safe and promises great fun for all the younger students of the reserve.

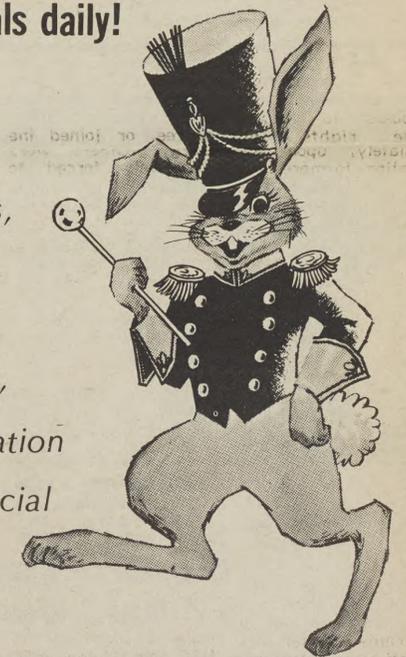
For this project to succeed, support is needed from the students, parents, teachers and band members to volunteer their time and contribute to the fund-raising efforts. The school is having a raffle: tickets are \$1 and the prize is a \$150 gift certificate from the Tse-Shaht Market. A special fund-raising day is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, when students, parents and teachers will be knocking on doors looking for donations and volunteers to help with the project.

### Schedule Countdown to Completion of Adventure Playground

- March 18 — Start of fund-raising drive
- April 17 — Draw for the raffle
- April 18 — Organization, collection and purchase of Playground material
- May 18 — Playground construction day
- May 24 — Official inauguration and celebration of Playground.

## Lots of new spring fashions — new arrivals daily!

- Tank tops,
- shorts,
- designer jeans,
- co-ordinates,
- slacks,
- sports jackets,
- suits for graduation
- and other special occasions.



## Terry's Men's Wear

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Phone 724-5944



Ha-Ho-Payuk School's top chess players.



Ha-Ho-Payuk penny drive is over. Boys edged out the girls by raising \$112.79 and the girls raising \$106 for a total of \$218.79. The money is to be used for the purchase of gym equipment for the school. Ray Watts accepted the trophy and thanked Sandy Spence for the trophy donation.

## The proposed new PA Friendship Centre

by Charlotte Cote

It has been a long hard struggle but the reality of a new Port Alberni Friendship Centre is near.

Since August, 1983, when the idea really got going, the Friendship Centre's Robert Dennis, building coordinator, has been seeking funds and looking at property for the proposed centre. A main site has been established and Dennis is waiting word on acceptance of their offer to the city.

The property being sought is near 4th and Napier close to Dry Creek Park, consisting of six lots.

Through various fundraising activities the Centre has raised \$56,475. With property assets their capital comes to \$96,475, quite close to their \$100,000 goal set for July. Fundraising activities in-

cluded monthly bingos, raffles, concession stand income, a songfest and the square footage campaign. This has been the best fundraiser, so far, Dennis said, raising \$12,000. The way it worked was by companies, businesses, individuals, or organizations purchasing either, one square foot for \$60, 1/2 square foot for \$30 or 1/4 square foot for \$15. On purchasing the footage the donor's name is put on a plaque that will be displayed at the new Centre. The Centre's Songfest was also a great success drawing 500 people to the Athletic Hall on April, 1983, to see and hear bands from the West Coast perform their traditional dances and songs.

Dennis says their reasons for deciding on building a new facility stemmed from the fact

that the Centre is in such depleted condition, there were concerns of safety as well as the lack of space in the old facility.

The proposed Friendship Centre will cost \$600,000 and will be 80' by 132'. The design will be a Long House effect with large cedar beams and skylights, giving it a West Coast Native-style and nature-like appearance.

Options for the old building and property have been discussed. It could be sold, leased, kept for future use, or held onto until there is a rise in the housing market.

"The scheduled building to get underway is between June and September," Dennis said. "It has been a long time coming but it's worth it to see a facility being built that would serve the people of the West Coast."

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John Slomicki and Verena Cootes, new Urban Native Youth Workers at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre.

### PAFC YOUTH WORKERS HIRED

Two new members have been added to the Port Alberni Friendship Centre staff. Hired Feb. 23, are Verena Cootes and John Slomicki filling the position of Urban Native Youth Support Workers. Their main objectives are to design and undertake social, cultural and recreational activities for the youth. They have helped establish a ping-pong club, swim club, aerobics program, softball, basketball, soccer and floor hockey. They also serve as counsellors and coaches and put out the Centre's newsletter.

Verena Cootes, 19, has just graduated from high school with future career plans in the nursing field. For many years Verena has been involved with the public. Previous activities include teachers' aid and candy-striper at the

West Coast General Hospital. She also worked as project manager for two consecutive summer programs, dealing with security awareness. Much of her spare time is spent at the Friendship Centre participating in basketball, liquid embroidery and their monthly bingos. She says she looks forward to seeing the new Friendship Centre built and supports it 100 per cent. "I believe that much of my becoming involved with my people has evolved through wanting to learn and knowing that there are people willing to teach and help me," Coates says.

John Slomicki, 22, has just completed three years of university majoring in geography. For 10 years Slomicki has been involved in sports such as com-

petitive swimming, racquet sport and volleyball. His previous work with youth includes coaching at ADSS and working with the Alberni Cadet Corps. "My main interests are drumming and learning," says Slomicki.

The two workers have many events planned for the summer. A campout is in the planning stage but a date and place has not been set. They will be attending youth conferences in Vancouver, Nanaimo and Tofino. Verena and John say they are looking forward to this summer of working with the teenagers and hope to see many youths getting involved in the programs. For more information on Friendship Centre activities call 724-2521.

### PAFC Cultural Activities

HA-SHILTH-SA MC

Friends, My name is Rosie Swan. I was hired on Feb. 26 at the P.A. Friendship Centre as the Cultural Worker. My hours are from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. The following is a list of crafts available at the Centre:

Afternoons	Evenings
2:00 Knitting (sheep wool)	Beading 7-9 Mondays
2:00 Embroidery	Language 7-8 Tuesdays
2:00 Basketweaving	Crocheting 7-9 Wednesdays
2:00 Shawl & Vest-Making	Art 7-9 Thursdays
2:00 Crocheting	Knitting 7-9 Fridays

These activities are open to all, and there is no cost, all the materials are supplied. Come down one afternoon or bring your children down and get them started on a new craft.

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## Potlatch Theatre's recent performances

By Carol Ina Clutesi

Potlatch Theatre and Film Society produced an evening of entertainment at the Newcombe Theatre at the B.C. Provincial Museum on Belleville Street in Victoria. Performances were held both Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22 and 23 at 8:00. David Seymour, master of ceremonies, introduced the program: "We Hear the Drum", "Children of Fire", traditional Native Indian dancing with singers Peter Webster, Hudson Webster and Edgar Charlie, and a finale of up-tempo youth break-dancing lead by Taro

Joy. "We Hear the Drum" was written by Val Dudoward, Coast Tsimshian, a young Native journalist. Penny Joy directed the cast characters: Jenny Lee Lucas (granddaughter of Pacq), Gordon Carter, Jenny Charlie, Lila Sam, Tracy Sam, and Edgar Charlie. "Children of Fire" was written by Dale Colleen Hamilton, a local playwright who is active in the Native and environment community. Christine Menzies directed cast characters: Danielle Alphonse (granddaughter of Dennis Alphonse), Chris Hunt, Dale Hamilton, Gordon Carter, Esther Shackelly, Charles Elliott, Lucy Alphonse, Joanne Edwards, and Margaret Valenzuela. Both theatre dramas convey respect, compassion, love for others, and for those that recognize them, rituals — both private and public ceremonies. The co-ordinator of this production was Margaret Valenzuela (Babe). She is one of the founders of this two-year-old society. Their first production, co-directed by Dr. Murray Edwards and Mel Moilliet, won the 1983 award for the best video, given by the North American Native Indian Film Society in San Francisco.

## "The Law and You"

For this issue I am going to reprint the section of the UBC Law Students Manual concerning the right to remain silent.

It is important that everyone realize that when you are questioned or placed under arrest by a police officer that you do not have to say anything or sign any statements. If you feel that you do want to make a statement, you should not do so unless you have talked to a lawyer, or have a lawyer present.

It is also important to remember that you cannot be detained for longer than 24 hours without appearing in front of a justice of the peace. At this appearance you will usually be released on an undertaking or a promise to appear in Court if you are charged with an offence.

### RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT

#### A. General Right of Silence

Clients should be advised of the importance of being silent when confronted by the police or in hearings, etc. A person should only speak when it is necessary to do so. Most people are convicted on the basis of what they say.

There is a basic right to remain silent when encountering a policeman, and this applies before and after arrest. A suspect does

himself unless the peace officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that an offence has been, or will be committed (but see exceptions below). Also, a policeman has no right to detain a person nor to take him to the police station for questioning, unless he has been arrested.

#### B. Exceptions to the General Right of Silence

1. The driver (not passenger) of a car must on demand:

(a) tell his, and vehicle owner's name and address

(b) produce his driver's licence, car registration, and proof of insurance

(c) tell who was driving the car at the time police believe it was involved in a violation of the law (Motor Vehicle Act, ss. 64 to 66).

#### 2. Breathalyzer Sample

Where a peace officer on reasonable and probable grounds believes a person to be driving while impaired, he may require a sample of breath to be produced, which sample must be given within two hours of the commission of the alleged offence (s. 235, C.C.). (See Criminal Law, II A.1 as well.)

#### 3. Pedestrian Offence

If a person commits a pedestrian offence, he must state his name and address when so

requested by a police

## NTC hires new membership clerk



Susan B. Wale has recently been hired as the new Membership Clerk for the Nu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council, effective March 11, 1985.

With this brief introduction, I would first like to say how much I am looking forward to meeting and working with the Council and its members.

A Native from Valleyview, Alberta, and a member of the Lesser Slave Lake Regional Council, I have spent approximately three years with the Department of Indian Affairs, first in Fort St. John, B.C. and most recently with the Nanaimo District office. I am now anticipating what I consider to be a more rewarding and exciting opportunity with the Nu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council here in Port Alberni.

As Membership Clerk, I will be responsible for the

reporting of any events which will bring about changes to a Band's membership. Please note, that as I cannot report an event until someone has advised me of it, your cooperation in ensuring that any changes to you or your family has been brought to my attention would be appreciated.

If anyone has any changes to advise me of or any questions pertaining to Band Membership, please call or feel free to drop by, I can be reached at the NTC office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and will be most eager to assist you any way I can.

Susan Wale  
Membership  
Clerk

# Meares Discussion Group holds public meeting at Echo



Speakers at the Meares Island Discussion Group Meeting are, from left to right: Mike Mullin, Friends of Clayoquot Sound; Dan Dolen, Meares Discussion Group; Bob Skelly, NDP Leader; George Watts, Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council Chairman.

The Meares Island Discussion Group held a public meeting at Echo Centre in Port Alberni on February 23, in an attempt to clear the air on some of the issues involved regarding Meares Island.

Over 100 people attended this information meeting including Bob Skelly, leader of the opposition; George Watts, chairman of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council; and Mike Mullin, from the Friends of Clayoquot Sound, who all spoke on their concerns.

Also invited to speak but not attending the meeting were representatives from MacMillan Bloedel, the IWA and the ministry of the Attorney-General.

Mike Mullin led off the discussion by speaking on the role of Meares Island in the regional economy.

He said that the planning team, when doing its analysis, didn't have enough information on the effects of logging on the local economy. For example, he asked what would be the impact on the tourism industry, mariculture, clam digging, and fishing?

Mullin said that if MB doesn't log Meares Island there will be a few loggers laid-off for a few months, and as it is, the company is already

laying off employees. It's more a question of company profits, said Mullin, "if they don't log Meares it will cost them (MB) a little more, they will get a little less profit."

Mullin guaranteed that more than 240 people (the figure that MB uses for lost jobs if there is no logging on Meares) will be affected by cutting down the trees.

His other concerns included the lack of park and wilderness protection in the province (less than two per cent), the use of herbicides and pesticides by the logging industry, protection of the Tofino watershed, log exports versus local manufacturing, and the potential damage to future industries such as seafood growing and hatcheries.

Bob Skelly said that he supported the right of communities to make decisions affecting them.

He agreed that jobs in the forest industry were important but he questioned MB's concern for these jobs. "If these jobs are of such value why did they get rid of so many?" he asked. "Why are they being substituted by equipment?" He gave as an example the community of Zeballos where a few years ago

150 loggers were employed and now the same amount of work is being produced with one-third the amount of labor.

Skelly said that there was also the issue of justice in dealing with the native land claims. In 1975 the Social Credit government promised that they would recognize and negotiate aboriginal title, he said, but they now refuse to live up to that commitment. In Alaska, the native claims were settled, and no one moved, no one lost their home or property. Instead there was an increase in the native peoples' involvement with the economy, with Indian-owned corporations being set up.

"Until land claims are settled, B.C. will not be known as a province that has justice," Skelly said. George Watts also spoke on the issue of the native land claims. He said that it was unrealistic that Indians are going to shut down the whole province with their claims — they don't have the money to do so. "If there is a land claims agreement there won't be a loss of one job," he stated, "there may be new jobs created for our people however."

Watts said that the land belongs to the Hereditary Chiefs of the area but they are more than willing to share it with non-Indians. This can only be done if we have respect for each other.

## Nishga Tribal Council

Dear Sirs:  
Re: Donations

We are pleased to enclose our cheque in the amount of \$510 which represents donations collected from Nishga Tribal Council executive board members and staff. A list of donors is enclosed.

It is anticipated that our six locals will be forwarding their donations directly to you in due course. We wish you every success in your endeavors during this very difficult period.

Yours very truly,  
Nishga Tribal Council  
James Gosnell,  
President

# George Watts talks to the Meares Discussion group

By Charlotte Cote

A Meares Discussion Group was formed on Feb. 14 in Port Alberni to help educate the public on the Meares Island issue. The people got a chance to express their views.

Many people felt that the Meares issue was not just an Indian issue but an environmental and tourism issue as well.

George Watts, chairman of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council talked on the NTC's position on Meares Island. Watts said that the Meares issue concerns everyone. He said that the media reports that the NDP and the Indians have a "cook deal" and this just isn't so. Indians have been struggling for 30 years to establish themselves in their country, said Watts.

Watts said it bothers him when people talk about all the free lands the Indian people have. "We have approximately 16,000 acres out of the total acreage of Vancouver Island," he said, "I would like to see the Indians have their share, the same as MB. Watts said he has to question the right of MB owning land around the reserves. He said that the people in Ahousaht have been hassled about cutting trees for firewood around their reserve. He said the Ahousaht Band has a sawmill that isn't running because they

are not allowed to cut the trees.

The Indian people need a new relationship with Canadian people, Watts said. There will always be a conflict in this land as long as the land claims is unsettled, he said. "Indians just want to exist as Indian people in this country, and there is room and wealth for everyone to enjoy." Watts pointed out ways the Meares Group could help the NTC with their efforts to save Meares Island:

—by raising money (raffle tickets, dances, etc.);

—by going to Meares Island;

—setting up an information booth in the local shopping centres;

—by putting out pamphlets to help educate the public;

—by holding a demonstration (which would help get the Port Alberni people's viewpoint).

Watts said that the Indians are using a non-violent approach to saving Meares, such as having a physical presence on Meares. He said that the media has blown the violence aspect all out of proportion. It's not the Indian people who are violent, he said, it's the people who want to rule over the Indians.

Watts said in the long-run, after the hearings and the court cases, what it's going to boil down to is the people versus MB on Meares Island.

## Native Education Centre

On behalf of the Indian students, staff and directors of the Native Education Centre and non-Indian staff and supporters of the centre, please find enclosed a petition we've sent to Bill Bennett. Petitions have a sense of reasonableness to them and we hope the premier can assist in that manner. If not, the petitioners are prepared to assist your people in ways you and your nation deem fit. The issue of aboriginal title is fundamental to the spiritual, cultural, economic and political survival of aboriginal people and the settlement of Meares Island as aboriginal land is critical to that future survival.

May the Creator be with you and your people.

In Unity,  
Staff, Students, Directors,  
and Friends of the  
Native Education Centre  
Vancouver, B.C.

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of transcripts of television interviews and newspaper reports, which dealt with possible defiance of the Court Order. This affidavit was not admitted as evidence by Mr. Justice Esson.

Lawyer for the Native Bands, Paul Rosenberg, submitted that Mr. Justice Gibbs erred in a number of his findings in the first case.

"He should not have embarked on anything resembling a trial," Rosenberg claimed.

Rosenberg also said that Gibbs shouldn't have gone on without the full factum of evidence before him.

He erred in rejecting the affidavits of experts in their fields such as Barbara Lane, Bristol Foster, Alexander Mackie, Vladimir Krijina and Bob Bossin, or the statements of Moses Martin and Corbett George.

Irreparable harm would be done by allowing logging before the Natives have their case heard before a full trial, there would be a loss of evidence, destruction of trees, and interference with their culture, Rosenberg stated.

MB's lawyer Duncan Shaw argued that if Meares Island is closed down because of a land claim the precedent is set for similar shut-downs of similar areas.

D.M. Goldie, representing the Attorney General of B.C. said that the question is whether it is



The Clayoquot people fear that their rich culture will suffer if Meares Island is logged. Their dances and singers have been giving public performances to display their culture and to raise funds for the protection of Meares Island. In this picture some of the Clayoquots are shown performing a Chief's dance at the Newcombe Auditorium in Victoria.

# Meares Island LETTERS

Dear Editor:

When we walked into the Maquinna Bar the other day I noticed a guy with a little pile of these newspapers. I used to be a subscriber and I know they were interesting, so I asked if I could read one — well, he said "sure, be my guest," and gave me one to take home. The letters and article about Meares Island were very impressive! I don't know much about the Native Land Claims (or the Japanese who were moved into the interior of B.C. during the war and had their "stuff" taken from them.) What bugs me — as a plain person with not too much of an axe to grind — is the way MB and others are allowed to bulldoze over us ordinary people — like great big slugs, leaving nothing but a stinking, slimy trail behind.

I believe that this is the way it should be between us. Sincerely, Saqamaw Misel Joe Council of the Conne River Micmacs Conne River, Nfld.

# Some supporters for Meares Island

## Conne River Micmacs, Newfoundland

Dear Mr. Watts: Enclosed is a small donation from our Band Council to your Tribal Council to help you in your fight to hang on to part of your homelands on Meares Island. I know what kind of determination and desperation you must be feeling when you realize that you must confront the real power of the institutions white politicians have constructed to dominate and dispose of us and our homelands. We had to do so two (2) years ago. I wish we could offer

the government of the people of British Columbia or the Native people who govern the lands of the province is the real issue here. MacMillan Bloedel has the right to appeal the decision through the Supreme Court of Canada.

everybody has in common — that is that we all want to keep the beauty of our environment as is, for ourselves and others to enjoy. There are lots of points to consider — of course we can't forget the past (heritage, culture, etc.) and we have to plan for the future, but my personal argument would be to hang on to what we have, and keep some beauty in our lives — which may be short for some of us!

If Meares Island is logged there won't only be dead trees and stumps left behind, but an awful lot of broken hearts. And I hope for MB — a guilty conscience! Just the same, I'll bet by now they wish they had never heard of Meares!

Sincerely,  
Mag Stock  
Tofino, B.C.

I have to say that I really don't understand all the current problems — but there is one thing

# Shuswap Chiefs support Meares

On February 15, 1985, the Shuswap Chiefs unanimously passed the following motion:

"That the Shuswap Nation shall intervene in the Meares Island Court Case on behalf of the following bands in the Shuswap Nation Territory." Kamloops Indian Band, North Thompson Indian Band, Deadman's Creek Indian Band, Shuswap Indian Band, Soda Creek Indian Band, Canoe Creek Indian Band, Canim Lake Indian Band, Bonaparte Indian Band, Spallumcheen Indian Band, Pavilion Indian Band, Adams Lake Indian Band.

The Meares Island court decision has many implications of concern to the Shuswap. The most important is it proposes that the Province of B.C. has the authority to extinguish Aboriginal Title without Indian consent. This court decision is now before the B.C. Court of Appeal. The Shuswap will be supporting and working with the tribes affected by this Meares Island court case to establish that aboriginal title rests with the Indian people.

It is the opinion of the Shuswap that: "We have governed, managed, controlled, developed, protected and defended our territory since time immemorial. We have never abandoned our territory or sold it. We have never conceded our sovereignty by agreement or by conquest to any other nation."

Signed: Robert E. Simon, Tribal Director, Shuswap National Tribal Council, 345 Yellowhead Highway, Kamloops, B.C. V2H 1H1. Phone 374-9345.

For: Kamloops Indian Band, Chief Clarence T. Jules; North Thompson Band, Chief Nathan Matthew; Deadman's Creek Band, Chief Ron Ignace, Councillor Oscar Ignace; Shuswap Band, Chief Paul Sam; Soda Creek Band, Chief Doreen Sellers; Canoe Creek Band, Chief Eric Archie; Canim Lake Band, Chief Roy Christopher; Bonaparte Band, Chief Gerald Etienne; Pavilion Band, Chief Fred Alec; Adams Lake Band, Chief Harvey Jules.



# INDIAN NURSES

By JEANNETTE WATTS

How is the Indian nurse involved in the health care of her people? What is the role of these nurses in regards to Indian people's need for improved health care? And, perhaps more importantly, how do Indian people perceive the nurse's role? Let me illustrate by way of anecdote.

Both times I had gone into Eva's room, she had been in bed. The first time, she stayed there and we talked. The second time, she sat on the edge of the bed, and the third time, we went for walk. Eva moved ever so slowly down the hallway, her walker edging forward barely an inch at a time, slipped feet shuffling along, her huge body bent over the walker.

The chart says she is about 85 years old, but she says she is 91. "They didn't take care of the Indians back then, that's why I don't really know my birthday." The chart says she lacks motivation, sleeps too much, is obese, and must be dealt with firmly.

She lifts her head up and spots someone she

seems to know. "That nurse is an Indian, I like her so much," she tells me about one of the practical nurses. Then, as this nurse walks toward us, Eva lights up completely. She is transformed from someone old and bent over, into a smiling, laughing Indian woman. Her face breaks into a wonderful smile, she stands more erect, eyes twinkle and she begins to laugh out loud! The practical nurse and Eva exchange a private joke, and the laughter continues. What a transformation! How wonderful to have that Indian nurse light up the life of this old Indian woman.

This is an example of bedside nursing, but I believe that the nurse's role is much more than that. Unlike some people's understanding of nurses, their political involvement is necessary. A nurse working on the reserve says that the nurse "does not meddle with the tasks of other disciplines. She does not criticize other government departments. She does not get involved in politics."<sup>1</sup>

Nurses do not get involved in politics? And yet the number one

issue in Indian health today revolves around the urgent political need to return the control of the health system to the Indians. It is firmly believed that only when this is accomplished will the health of Indian people improve. Indian nurses need to be more deliberate about seeing their role in fulfillment of the need to help this change occur. Indian nurses need to be, and are, involved directly in the political arena addressing this issue.

The first nurses in contact with Indian people were European nurses brought overseas by Medical Services. These nurses were hired to travel to reserves during the epidemics. Their role, to provide vaccinations, was a limited one and reflected what nurses' roles were at that time. The emphasis of nursing was on disease and treatment. The nurse was thought of by Indian people as the one that gives the needle.

As the epidemics were brought under control, the nurse's focus shifted to maternal-child care. Medical Services hired Canadian nurses to visit reserves. These nurses brought immunizations to prevent further epidemics and to ensure a new generation of healthy people. Eventually these nurses were provided with housing and clinics on the reserve.

The role of the nurse on the reserve evolved from sporadic visits during the epidemics to year-round, 24-hour coverage. Nurses provided 24-hour

emergency medical services, as well as a year-round comprehensive public health program. The emphasis of nursing changed from disease-orientation to health promotion. But even with full-time nursing coverage, the health of the Indians remained far below that of the rest of Canada. Why was this happening? What was yet missing? And, how do Indian people feel about their health and health care?

Indian people need to be involved in the health care system. For far too many years, the Indians have let non-Indians decide what is best for their health. Indian nurses represent the largest single group of professionals in the health field among their cultural group. These nurses have an unrealized potential, a versatility, and a sound knowledge-base of the health care system. However, the people they serve do not realize the extent of their activities, nor do they appreciate the measure of services performed.

Indian people do not understand the expanded role of the nurse. A nurse, to them, remains the one who gives the needle. The European nurses that pre-dated Indian nurses on reserves were of an older school of thought. Their emphasis was on treatment and they felt that the Indian was totally ignorant and incapable of providing health care. These nurses had trouble communicating with Indian people and were seen almost as tyrants to run and hide from. Indian people were frightened of this nurse, but would follow her orders or suffer consequences.

Indian nurses are having trouble explaining their role to the people they serve partly because they may carry the burden of mistakes other nurses have made in the past, but also because Indian people have a limited understanding of the health care system. The reason for this limited understanding is that the Indian people have not had a part in the decision-making process of the health system, and also because there are not enough Indian people educated in the health field. The introduction of the Community Health Representative

has helped somewhat in addressing the need of including Indian people in the health system, but the education level of the CHR is limited and does not enable them to make critical decisions that are being demanded of Indians who desire control of their health system.

The time is long overdue for Indian nurses to assert their professional prerogatives, and with confidence, communicate and demonstrate the nature and value of their contributions. Nursing education has undergone tremendous change since the early hospital diploma programs. Today, nurses are receiving a Bachelor of Science in Nursing after at least four years at an approved school of nursing in a college or university. In days past the nurse received her "training", today the nurse is "educated" and performs as a professional.

Nurses will have to struggle long and hard before the stereotyped nurse image can be changed. The public relies on stereotyping nurses because in reality, their role is so confusing. In the past, nursing used a medical model that emphasized disease and treatment. It has been traditional for nurses to emphasize perceptual and motor skills rather than cognitive skills. They focused primarily on seeing and doing rather than thinking. The nurse was reaction-oriented. In the present age, there is increased concern to promote health and prevent illness. Modern nursing emphasizes cognitive skills as well as perceptual and motor skills. Nurses realize that they do more than care for the sick and are attempting to identify this.

The first step nurses must take to change the stereotyped image is to change from "reaction nursing" to "action nursing". Indian nurses have begun this process in the challenging and changing arena of Indian health. The Indian-Inuit Nurses of Canada is the first professional association for Indian people in Canada. This association is made up of professional Indian and Inuit nurses from across Canada who believe that they have a vital role in the im-

provement of health care for their people. The Indian nurse not only has the education required of the nursing profession, but she also has the cross-cultural sensitivity so vitally important in the effort to promote better health care of the Indian people.

Indian nurses are involved in all aspects of health care from bedside nursing of the sick, to the health education needs in the community, to the planning and development of health clinics, to the decision-making functions of the administrator. Indian nurses are making the critical decisions related to the development of health care on the reserve, and to the future education of Indian health professionals.

The need for more Indian nurses cannot be over-emphasized. There are presently 300 Indian nurses across Canada and the need to increase this number is an effort all Indian people must understand. Jean Goodwill, President of the IINC expressed this need in the Newsletter of the Association,

"As Indian and Inuit health professionals we have a major responsibility to assist as role models to motivate the youth to take an interest in a career that requires a life-long commitment, dedication and hard work. At the same time we need the support of the Indian and Inuit leadership of this country, particularly now as we approach a very important turning point in our history actively seeking ways of achieving self-government. Communities will need all the expertise among them to take on the various roles in this process. What is more basic than aiming for the best of health services and programs, using our resources while maintaining the viability of our nations?"<sup>2</sup>

It is clear, as I have shown, that Indian nurses must become involved in the political ramifications of health care because our professional responsibility and our cultural viability depend on it.

<sup>1</sup>The Canadian Nurse, October 1978, p.11.  
<sup>2</sup>Indian and Inuit Nurses of Canada Newsletter, 1, No. 1, (Winter, 1985).

## Suicide-recognizing potential victims and how you can help

Suicide is a growing concern in all communities today. Suicide results from the inability to integrate loss and feelings into reality and dependency and loss combined and the inability to express it. Suicide is a state of loss of control of one's self and the inadequacy to cope.

In today's society with the growing rate of unemployment, threats of war, recession and marital problems, suicide sometimes seems the easy way out. The person feels it is a relief from anxiety and depression.

A major reason for suicide is depression caused by: the loss of a friend or spouse through death or separation; loss of self-respect, honor or social standing; or the loss of one's job. For some suicide is caused by psychotic disorders being mentally imbalanced.

A tough time for teenagers is adolescence, the changing of life between childhood to manhood. With the changes of their bodies and voices comes a sense of loss of identity. Most teens can pass through this stage but for many it brings stress and anxiety which they cannot cope with.

The prime suicide rate is between 19-24 years old. It is more common with males but females attempt suicide three times more. For every suicide there are usually 50 attempts. These attempts are a cry for help.

**WHAT CAN WE DO!**  
We should listen to these cries and take them seriously. Sit down with them and discuss their feelings. Ask them why they feel this way. Try and make them feel positive about themselves. Help them to cope with these feelings

and their problems. The door should always be open so they can reach out, to show their emotions not to bottle them up inside. Provide emotional support by listening and accepting their feelings.

Candice Kelly, director at the Family Guidance in Port Alberni, says, "Suicides are something someone has chosen to do and we cannot blame ourselves for the suicide. We should all admit we have had these feelings at one time in our lives but it is the inability to cope with the feelings when the suicide is committed."

**SOME DANGER SIGNS**  
**TO LOOK FOR:**  
—talk of suicide;  
—loss of appetite or sleep;  
—behavioural change (withdrawal);

—personality change (mood swings);  
—alcohol and drug use (change in drinking pattern).

It is not just teenagers that commit suicide. In adult statistics professionals — doctors, lawyers, etc. — have the highest suicide rate.

There are many hazards that contribute to leading someone to suicide: emotional trauma, personal frustration, poor health, guilt, are just a few. The main thing we have to learn is how to deal with it. To talk to someone, and to listen.

"Suicide is a very hard subject to talk about," Kelly said, "but with the growing rate of suicide in this day, we have to force ourselves to bring it out and to deal with it in the best way we can."

## UNN News — Local 144

The UNN local 144 in Port Alberni is working towards building a Native Elders Home. The home would serve the Native Elders of the West Coast. It would work around the Native culture such as serving traditional foods, having entertainment such as Indian dancing and singing and activities such as basket weaving and beading. It would be a home that would cater to the elders traditional ways of living. The home would be run by Native staff.

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## Health career bursaries available

There are now funds available for those people interested in a health career. This money is held by Medical Services in Ottawa. A copy of the application has been sent to each band office. This money is intended for Indian people interested in health careers. The following health professions will receive priority consideration:

Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Clinical Laboratory Technology, Radiology Technology, Dietetics-Nutrition, Engineering in areas of civil, sanitation and environmental health, Master of Hospital Administration, Master in Nursing, Medical Record Science, Speech and Audiology, Optometry, Biostatistics, Pharmacy.

Bursary grants to Indian people will be made available for up to two years of pre-professional education

which, upon completion, will enable the student to qualify for enrollment or re-enrollment in a health professions school.

If you are interested in a health career, but do not know what school has the program, call North Island College for the information. This funding applies to any school that provides either pre-professional education, or professional school programs.

Therefore, if you are interested in becoming a Registered Nurse, for example, but do not have the necessary science or math courses, you could enroll for these courses at NIC and receive the funding through this Health Career Bursary Program. When you complete these courses and go on to take the actual nursing courses, you would also be eligible to receive further funding.

## Vancouver Co-op Radio comes to Port Alberni

As you may know, the cable company that brings TV programmes into your home from Vancouver and Seattle also carries the signals of some of the FM radio stations in those cities. CFRO FM has just been added to those stations. It can be found on the dial at 102.7.

CFRO is a non-commercial community station which broadcasts programmes for those people whose interests are not thought to be very important by those with the power in society. Two programmes in particular would be of interest to the Nu-Chah-

Nulth people. People of Thunder is a programme produced by and for Native people. It can be heard on Tuesday's at 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday's at 9:30 a.m. The Rational is a new programme that is heard every week night at 7 p.m. Charlotte Cote has been doing some pieces for this programme as has Dave Crosby of the OUV.

Programme guides are issued monthly and you can pick one up at the NTC office or the library at the Echo Centre.

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# Ha-Shilth-Sa Sports

## Nanaimo Tillicumhaus captures B.C. Ladies' Basketball Championship



Bruce Lucas (20) of the Hoyas and Mac Sinclair, Nanaimo, fight for possession of the ball during the Men's Island Zone Playoffs. Looking on are Doug Sinclair, Tom Watts and Rick Thomas. Nanaimo placed first in the tournament and the Hoyas were second.

The results of the Ladies' Basketball B.C. Championship held March 15-17 at Malaspina College in Nanaimo are: 1st place, Nanaimo; 2nd place, Port Simpson; 3rd place, North Vancouver. Nanaimo beat Port Simpson in the finals to win 61-35. All stars: Jodee Roberts (Nanaimo), Gena Seward (Nanaimo), Vina Robinson (Nanaimo), Gayle Hughes (Port Simpson), Roberta Carlick (Port Simpson), Sherrie Johnny (North Vancouver), Laurie Terbasket (Similkimeen), Audrey Bolton (Kitimat), Laurie Elliot (Duncan), Diane Jacobson (Alert Bay). Most inspirational player, Barb Cranmer (Alert Bay). Best defensive player, Gena Seward (Nanaimo). Most valuable player, Karen Williams (Nanaimo). Most sportsmanlike team, North Vancouver. Most sportsmanlike player, Francie Roberts (Nanaimo). Best offensive player, Roberta Carlick (Port Simpson).

B.C. Native Men's Basketball Championship  
March 29, 30, 31.  
Malaspina College, Nanaimo  
Games start at 5 P.M. Friday  
Dance on Saturday night, music by Satellite Sound

## UMPIRES CLINIC

### NOTICE;

An umpires clinic will be held on April 20, 21 at the Athletic Hall and Stirling Field. The cost is \$10. Any interested party please contact Margaret Robinson at the Friendship Centre 723-8281 before the end of March, thank you.

### JR. EAGLES

The Jr. Eagles are going to the B.C. Playoffs April 2, 3, 4 in Penticton. To raise money for their expenses the following have been arranged:  
Thurs., March 28 — Dinner, Somass Hall, 5 PM;  
Fri., March 29 — Bake Sale, Sheshaht Health Clinic, 12 noon;  
Mon., April 1 — Luncheon, Health Clinic, 12 noon.  
Donations gladly accepted. Contact Joan Dick or Anne Robinson.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the PAFC Renegades on their recent wins in both tournaments and 2nd place in the school tourney. Keep it up girls! Best of luck in the island finals and hope you make it to the interior for the B.C. Finals.

**B and J**  
Also best of luck to the Hesquiat Jr. Girls. Come out and cheer for us.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthdays to half the PAFC Renegades: Claudie and Gina Webster, March 28; Debbie Stewart, April 15; Patti Williams, April 20; Colleen Charleson, April 28; Tammy Webster, April 29; Wendy Thompson, May 8; Donna Sutherland, May 5; and Maud Morris, June 8.  
From the Renegades Other half.

## Please support the kids

You know it would be really great when any of the Jr. and Intermediate teams have any kind of a fund-raising event going, whether it be a bake sale, dinner, games, or anything, that we come out and give them our support. These kids are our future senior stars. They work hard all season to get where they

are, trying to make it to Island finals and possibly B.C. finals. It just bothered me to see that one of the Jr. teams recently put on a fund-raising dinner so they could make enough money to go to the Island finals, and had no support from anybody. I'm sure these girls felt very hurt about it, because going to the finals must mean a lot to these young girls. We do have a lot of teams out there. So let's give these kids our support.  
A Concerned Supporter.

### JR. BOYS BASKETBALL ZONE PLAYOFFS

The results of the Jr. Boys Basketball Island Zone Playoffs are: 1st place, Alert Bay; 2nd place, Port Alberni; 3rd place, Duncan. Alert Bay beat Port Alberni in the finals, to win 50-30. The six all stars were: Al Stimpson (Nanaimo), Dwayne George (Duncan), George Williams (Port Alberni), Neil Thomas (Port Alberni), Bob Skow (Alert Bay), Darrin Dick (Alert Bay). Best defensive player, Kevin Wasden (Alert Bay). Most sportsmanlike player, Bruce Jack (Ucluelet). Most sportsmanlike team, Ucluelet. Most valuable player, Bobby Skow (Alert Bay).

### JR. GIRLS BASKETBALL ZONE PLAYOFFS

The results of the Jr. Girls Basketball Zone Playoffs are: 1st place, Port Alberni; 2nd place, Nanaimo; 3rd place, Ucluelet. Port Alberni beat Nanaimo in the finals to win 49-19. The six all stars were: Tammy Webster (Port Alberni), Debbie Stewart (Port Alberni); Tracy White

## Sheshaht bowlspiel results

"A" Division 1st: Port Alberni, Alleygators: James Jensen, Jim Gallic, Norma Sam, Wendy Jensen.  
2nd: Port Alberni, Wagon Burners: Angie Miller, Howard Dick, Earl T. Tatoosh, Brenda Tatoosh.  
"B" Division 1st: Port Alberni, Anything Goes: Millie Watts, Gloria Ross, Lena Watts, Mike Watts.  
2nd: Campbell River, Cape Mudge: Dana Billy, Colleen Dick, Pearl Dick, Berta Billy.  
"C" Division 1st: Port Alberni, Okee Dokee: Debbie Thomas, Douglas Sam, Bessie Sam, Leslie Sam.  
2nd: Port Alberni, We Four: Colleen Watts, Phyllis Sam, Willie Sam, Jack Armstrong.  
Ladies' high three: Norma Sam 742.  
Ladies' high single: Colleen Watts 302.  
Men's high three and high single: Wally Thomas 770, 354.  
Hard luck ladies': Millie Watts 92.  
Hard luck men's: Barry Gus 103.  
Doubles: Wendy and Jim Jensen 4606.

## Thanks for the support

KLECO! KLECO!  
(Thank You)

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the following sponsors for your support by your donation of trophies to the 5th annual all-native bowlspiel on March 2 and 3, 1985:

Tsheshaht Market, Mr. and Mrs. P. Fenn, Royal Bank, Opetchesaht Band, Kings way Hotel, Dan Legg and Co., King Edward Hotel, Nu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council, Sheshaht Band, Eddy's Barber.

A special thank you to Ann Osterberg, tournament statistician for all your valuable time and assistance. Also to the scorekeepers, teams who participated and the Rainbow Lanes staff.

From the tournament organizers: Jan, Millie, Gloria, Wendy and Norma.

## POETRY

### THE GIFT OF GIVING

The more you give, the more you get,  
The more you laugh, the more you fret,  
The more you do unselfishly,  
The more you live abundantly,  
The more of everything you share,  
The more you will always have to share,  
The more you love, the more you'll find,  
That life is good and friends are kind,  
For only what we give away,  
Enriches us from day to day.  
Author Unknown

### LOVE IS LIKE A RIVER

Love is like a river,  
it flows swift and everlasting.  
At times it's cold,  
at times it's hot.  
But no matter what  
it NEVER STOPS.  
But if that river  
ever dries up,  
(Like our Love), when it  
turns to Hate.  
We will wait  
and the rain will come  
and fill that dried out river.  
(Like for our Love) when  
cold and dry.  
We will wait and  
I will Cry, and our Love  
will be back together.  
LIKE THE RIVER THAT  
LASTS FOREVER.

by Brenda V. Lauder

## Quarterly finals

### poem, poster & essay contest winners

#### First Place

#### THEN AND NOW

Here comes the addicting feeling.  
I know now I'm going to hit the ceiling.  
It's a craving I can't release.  
A craving which brings the police.  
I'm hopelessly addicted to this one thing.  
Which brings me back to this dirty old wing.  
Thinking I'd be better off living in hell.  
I'm sitting here in this old smelly cell.  
But for now I'm here paying for my sin.  
Hoping and praying someday I'll have to win.  
I'll fight, struggle, try and try not to lose.  
To the one addiction we all call booze.

by Preston George

#### Second Place (tie)

#### LIFE OF AN ALCOHOLIC

I'd find myself at strange places.  
I'd look around at all the different faces.  
Didn't know when I've had enough.  
Never cared, didn't know how to love.  
Drinking in any bar that crossed my path.  
Never worried about looks, never worried about a bath.  
Wake up wondering where my next drink will come from.  
Drank night and day, drank till my head went numb.  
In jail on alcohol, a jail I had built.  
To hide my fears, to hide my guilt.  
Blackouts, hurting people in the process.  
Not knowing. Leaving my life one big mess.  
When is this nightmare going to end.  
Now I've found AA, I've found a real friend.

#### NEW LIFE

I have this willingness to grow.  
I want to find myself, I want to know.  
That I have the power to say NO!  
To that drink, that drink of death.  
I want to live, to take the next breath.  
I need to grow, to mend myself back to health.  
I have this willingness to purify my mind.  
This so-called love, I want to find.  
It was always there, but I was so blind.  
I always thought life was like a book.  
I'd only read between the lines, I'd never look,  
At myself, I really was that hateful crook.  
I have this willingness to learn how to love.  
People who care, that being there for one is enough.  
I'm not alone, I have the Great Spirit above.  
I need to know that you will be my friend.  
Through thick and thin, right to the end.  
To care for a person, and not to pretend.

by Emma L. Charleson

#### Second Place (tie)

#### LET'S BE SOBER INDIANS

One, sober, two sober, three sober Indians  
Four sober, five sober, six sober Indians  
Seven sober, eight sober, nine sober Indians  
Ten sober Indians now.  
Let's keep our sober tribe growing  
Let us think about the future of our children  
Let's be sober Indians now.  
Let's sing and dance for our creator.  
Let us join hands and then hug our neighbour  
Let's be sober Indians now.  
Let's love and care for each other.  
Let us pray for a better tomorrow.  
Let's be sober Indians now.  
Let's be happy to live our culture.  
Let us be proud to be sober Indians  
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Let us be proud to be sober Indians  
Let's be sober Indians now.  
Let's be thankful for the gift of being sober.  
Let us have the courage to change our lives.  
Let's be sober Indians now.  
Let's give up the drugs and alcohol.  
Let us be free from our hangovers.  
Let's be sober Indians now.  
Let's never forget where we came from  
Let it be a hard lesson we learned  
AND let's be sober Indians now.

Anonymous

#### Third Place

#### IF ONLY I KNEW

How desolate and empty I feel,  
Knowing that I've hurt others.  
Drinking was my pride and joy,  
Perhaps it was too good to be true.  
I wish I knew.  
Now as I look back,  
I realize all the mistakes I made.  
Looking down the long, lonely road,  
I see a river of tears flowing behind me.  
If only I knew.  
My dark past constantly haunts me,  
Reminding me to do what's right.  
My ears mock at the pleading voices,  
That are trying to break the barrier.  
I wish I knew.  
Too bad time can't be reversed,  
For I would return to my very first drink.  
Everyone is responsible for their actions;  
If only I had another chance.  
If only.....

by Robert Wayne Morgan  
Age 21 — adult entry

## Poem-Poster-Essay Contest

Write a poem or essay or draw a picture about what alcohol means to you.  
Essay entries are to be less than 750 words but more than 30 words.  
Poem entries are to be a minimum of two lines.

### AGE GROUPS

Eight years of age or younger.  
Nine to 13 years of age.  
14 to 18 years of age.  
19 years and over (just mark Adult on entry).

### ENTRY DEADLINES

Entries are to be judged every three months. Winning entries are to be submitted to the Final Grand Prize Contest.

### CONTEST DEADLINES

December 1, 1984 to February 28, 1985.  
March 1, 1985 to May 31, 1985.  
June 1, 1985 to August 31, 1985.

Submit entries to the Port Alberni Friendship Centre, 3178-2nd Ave., Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M6, c-o Native Alcohol Awareness Committee.

# BIRTHDAYS

I would like to wish my little niece a happy belated birthday Feb. 11. Love you Brenda and Kenn.

I would like to wish a happy 22nd birthday to my wonderful boyfriend Kenn. Love you always, now and forever, Brenda.

I would like to wish the following people a very happy birthday for April. First of all I'd like to wish on April 3 the one and only Leonard a very happy birthday from Mary and the kids, Love ya.

And my mother a happy birthday April 15 to Veronica Dick, and my sister Fanny on April 17.

A happy belated birthday to Usky on March 1.

Also, I would like to wish Gary Albany on April 8 a happy birthday, and even Ed Hleck on March 31, and my nephew Cupcha (Critch) a happy 17th birthday.

Best wishes from Mary and Leonard and family.

Happy belated birthday wishes to Billy Morris Jr. on Feb. 16, to Herb Varley Jr. (nephew) on Feb. 17, to Howard Morris on March 18, to niece Lila Charleson on March 18, to niece Joy Charleson on March 28. From the Morris family.

Happy birthday to Trisha Georg, March 26 and Buster Georg, March 3. Love Grandma, Charlotte and Carey.

Happy birthday to our dear Mom (Evelyn Georg, March 28). Love David, Charlotte and Carey.

Happy birthday to Bev Ballan, April 13. Love Charlotte and Carey.

Happy birthday to an old lush on March 28, from your favorite.

I would like to wish a happy birthday to our son, Isaac Paul Cook who will be five years old on March 26. I love you son.

Love Glen, Debbie and Celine Cook, Ucluelet, B.C.

Happy birthday to: Leo Touchie, April 16; Leah Touchie, March 14; Eileen Touchie, April.

From the Cooks, Ucluelet, B.C.

Happy birthday to Victor Amos and to Doreen Graves on April 17th. "Another year gone."

Happy birthday to my daughter Margaret Atleo and nephew Linus Lucas on April 21st. From Bev.

Happy birthday to Granny Dick on April 15. From Coby.

I would like to wish my little nephew Gorie Porter a happy belated birthday (Feb. 18). Love you Brenda and Kenn.

Happy birthday to Mom, Veronica Dick, on April 15. From Peggy and Earl Tatoosh.

Happy birthday Sister, Fanny Mack on April 17. From Peggy and Earl T. A happy 8th birthday to son, Coby Tatoosh on April 15. Lots of love, Mom and Dad.

Happy birthday Barney Howard Jr. on April 4. Happy birthday to Gramma Mary Lucas on April 16. Happy birthday to Uncle Hank Jones on April 17. A happy birthday to Larry Smith on April 17. From the Howard family.

Happy birthday to Mary Jane Dick on April 17, and to niece Celeste Basil on April 27. From the Morris family.

Happy birthday to Maude Jones (Mom). Love Bill, Julie and family.

Happy birthday to Rod Bulwer, March 4; Derek (wolfman), March 6; Charity, March 8. From Betty and Hunter.

Happy 3? birthday Flo! (March 2nd). A special happy "SWEET 16" to my niece Georgina on March 6.

Happy birthday Frenchie and Frank on March 12.

Enjoy! Enjoy! Enjoy! (But not too much.) From Bev.

Happy birthday to someone SPECIAL... Paul on March 9. From a SECRET ADMIRER!!!

Special happy birthday to: Bertha, March 8; Velma, March 15; Rose, March 28; Lawrence, March 22; Kathy, March 22; Greg and Grandpa Gordon, March 21; Mom, March 30.

From Al, Darlene and family.

Happy birthday: (Sis) Wendy Watts, March 31; Leonard Gus, April 3.

Happy birthday Mom! April 15, love Ron, Marlene and grandchildren.



Happy birthday to our daughter Lisa C. Joe on March 20th, 9 years old. Love always from Mom and Dad, Leslie, Jolene and Ronnie Joe Jr.

Happy birthday: Dave Watts, April 17; Fanny Mack, April 17.

And a very special 17th birthday to Critch (Richard Dick) April 29.

Happy birthday to Gary Watts, April 29. From Ron and Marlene Dick and family.

Happy birthday: Les Sam, March 14; Uncle Bill, March 18; Leon Williams, March 6; Bella Jones, March 6; and a special 10th birthday greeting to our daughter Michelle Dick, Love Mom and Dad.

From Ron and Marlene Dick and family.

## Announcement Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to Richard and Faith Watts on the birth of their son, Bradley C. Watts, born at West Coast General Hospital, on February 26, weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz. A brother for Harry and Helen.

Congratulations to Julie and Bill Morris on their 14th anniversary, on May 8, 1985. From the Howard family.

Congratulations to Larry Smith and Mary Howard and new born son Tyrone on March 18.

Happy anniversary to Andrew and Sarah Webster on May 8. From the Morris family.



Alfred and Euphrasia Dick, April 3, 1982. Happy 3rd Anniversary dear. Love U. Butt on April 3rd.

## In Memorium

In Loving Memory of My Aunt "Regina George"

R Really thinking of you Regina, every night and day

E Expecting your knock on my door once again; I just wish it was today

G Gee it doesn't even seem that long ago; what you and I used to do

I I miss your laughter and those cheeks that swung up high; most of all I miss you

N No one will ever replace that face of yours; that was so close to mine once before

A Always on my mind wishing you were by my side; but you're not that's what keeps me so sore...

G Gone, you've been gone so long; and it only seems like yesterday you were here

E Ever since you left I sure feel all alone; that these eyes are always filled like a big tear

O Over and over I dream of you Regina; it always seems so realistic to me, too

R Really though it does; I awake from them but, you're not there it leaves me so sad and blue

G Giving you these words; right from the bottom of my bleeding heart, hurts so bad

E Especially cause your not here to see it yourself; makes me feel so down and sad...

This poem is dedicated to my nan Julia of Ahousaht: "She would have said these words to her late daughter too..." Regina's birthday would have been March 24, 1964.

Sadly missed by your niece...

Carol Rose John

Written by Carol R. John, Thursday, March 7, 1985.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF VINCENT RAY THOMAS, FEB. 2, 1965 - MARCH 10, 1984

FOREVER

In our memory you will live forever In our hearts you will be forever With our love you will be missed forever Though our times have gone and the time has past Memories of you will last and last... ..forever

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- a Nuu-Chah-Nulth Band member

## APPLICATIONS:

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## Need Legal Information?

Legal Information Worker  
Christine Sim  
Port Alberni Friendship Centre  
3178-2nd Ave.,  
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Port Alberni, B.C.,  
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## RULES & REGULATIONS

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- The facilities must be left in a CLEAN and ORDERLY condition.
- The user group is fully responsible for the removal of all garbage created by such event, and this will be done IMMEDIATELY following the said event.
- If extra janitorial services are required as a result of the event, the user group shall perform such services or pay the cost of same.
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- The said event must be strictly supervised by a responsible adult(s) at all times.
- User groups must phone the Board Chairman or the Clayoquot Band Office at least one week in advance to cancel single bookings or to terminate the use of the premises.
- Use only one entrance — all other doors must be locked. On leaving, all doors and windows must be secured and lights turned off.
- Damage and/or loss of articles shall be the sole responsibility of the user group, the Board of Directors will not be held responsible for loss of or damage suffered by user group.
- Bookings for usage of all facilities out at Tin-Wis, will be taken at the Boards' meetings — bookings should and must be submitted one month prior to the requested date(s).
- (a) A damage deposit of \$500.00 is required for all weddings and potlatches and private parties. If there are no damages caused to the facilities then the damage deposit is fully refunded.
- (b) A damage deposit of \$200.00 is required for all meetings and assemblies and workshops. If there are no damages caused to the facilities, then the damage deposit is fully refunded.
- (c) If there are damages caused to facilities during the said event, the deposit will be cashed and the said damages will be paid accordingly with the balance being referred back to user group/person.
- (d) If damages are over and above the \$500.00 and the \$200.00 deposits, the user group thus will be liable for those costs of such damage and will be billed accordingly.
- The costs for usage of Tin-Wis varies on what areas are needed.

## WE NEED ADDRESSES

Any band members or descendants of the following bands can receive the Ha-Shilth-Sa by filling out the form below. One paper per household please.

NAME: .....

BAND: .....

ADDRESS: .....

CITY: .....

POSTAL CODE: .....

SEND TO: Ha-Shilth-Sa, P.O. Box 1383, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M1.

Bands eligible are: Ahousat, Clayoquot, Ehatesaht, Hesquiaht, Kyuquot, Mowachaht, Nitinaht, Nuchatlaht, Ohiaht, Opetchesaht, Pacheenaht, Sheshaht, Toquaht, Uchucklesaht, and Ucluelet.

# Letters on Meares Island

Dear Mr. Watts:

We, the United Native Nations, Local 144 of Port Alberni, fully support your efforts to save Meares Island from being logged.

This beautiful piece of wilderness should be preserved as a Tribal Park for all to enjoy, and for our children in the future years.

As you know, our local has been looking into starting a Native Elders Home in Port Alberni, and most of our funds have been going towards this project.

We fully support you, and would like to help in any way we can. If we can help in any way physically, please let us know; as we heard that you are looking for people to go to Meares Island and to help with your fund-raising activities.

Feel free to contact our office if we can help.

We hope to be sending more donations throughout the months ahead.

We would also like to thank you for your letter of support for our Native Elders Home.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Talbot

President

United Native Nations

Port Alberni Local 144



The White Rock Club of the Communist Party of B.C. wish to support the Native land claims on Meares Island. The logging of Meares Island is criminal from an environmental point of view. The island with its original natural environment should be preserved for the enjoyment of your people and all British Columbians. Your struggle deserves the support of all British Columbians against corporate greed.

Sincerely,  
Olive Padgham,  
Secretary,  
White Rock Club, CPC

Dear George:

Re: Meares Island Logging

The Treaty 8 Tribal Association members of Northeastern British Columbia are hereby offering their support to your people in their struggle to have aboriginal title and rights recognized by the B.C. government and in addition, the government of Canada.

The stand your people have taken is a bold one and one that we must also take in the future. The fact that the principles of aboriginal title are not understood or defined by non-native government cannot and should not prevent our people from supporting one another.

May our Creator grant you victory in this struggle.

By God's Grace

We are:

Chief G. Behn, Chief J. Apsassin, Chief J. Hunter, Chief G. Attachie, Chief J. Dokkie, Chief J. Davis, Chief L. Wolf, Headman Treaty 8 R.J. Behn

Treaty 8 Tribal Association

Fort St. John, B.C.



Justice Gibbs' decision regarding the Nuu-Chuh-Nulth in respect as to their having lived in and around Meares Island is almost directly taken from one Joseph Trutch before he was Governor of the Crown Colony of British Columbia and after. Trutch to Seymour (1867) said: "The Indians really have no right to the lands they claim, nor are they of any actual value or utility to them; and I cannot see why they should either retain these lands to the prejudice of the general interests of the Colony, or be allowed to make a market of them to government or to individuals." At this time officials were cutting large areas from reserves already surveyed and allocated!

In 1863 the British Colonist of Victoria: "They could no more talk of Indian right to the land than we can prate of the natural right of a he-panther or a she-bear to the soil" and further: "Shall we allow a few red vagrants to prevent forever industrious

settlers from settling on the unoccupied lands? Not at all. Locate reservations for them on which to earn their own living, and if they trespass on WHITE settlers, punish them severely. A few lessons would soon enable them to form a correct estimation of their own inferiority and settle the Indian Title too!"

These two excerpts compare precisely with Justice Gibbs' ruling on Meares Island logging — MB vs Aboriginal Rights and Title of the areas claimed historically by the Nuu-Chuh-Nulth Tribal Council, West Coast Vancouver Island. This disgraceful verdict is made even worse by using the above racist statement in the supposedly enlightened age of Constitutional Accord, however, we now know for sure where the B.C. government's position and policies come from. Premier Bennett said, "They have no Rights." (Message to James Gosnell, Nishga Tribal Council, April 1983).

We cannot allow this decision to stand.  
Don D. Fraser



Jessie Mack, shown with her granddaughter Leah, is one of the Toquaht people that has moved back home to Macoah. The peaceful setting of Macoah is quite different than life in town — no stores, no TV and few visitors except for seals that pass by regularly. Besides Jessie, other band members that are moving back to Macoah include Norm Mack's family, Danny Mack's family, Doug Mack's family, Leonard Mack's family, and Audie Mack.



## WEEP FOR WILL O., HE'S DYING

Another sleepless night  
For Weepy Will O.  
Sitting alone, might  
He cease to know  
What his reality  
Is about.

★	He rides a dust bowl	★
★	Full of idle dreams	★
★	And tries hiding a hole	★
★	In his seams	★
★	An attempt to keep	★
★	Insanity at bay.	★
★	He chills you with a howl	★
★	Trying to run away	★
★	But showing a cornered scowl	★
★	And another broken day	★
★	He's leaving his body	★
★	For carrion.	★
★	A little death he overcomes	★
★	But no sweet water runs	★
★	Only droplets on the drums	★
★	Sounding like the guns	★
★	We keep in our heads	★
★	For survival sake.	★
★	Nightshade lady be kind	★
	When you relieve him	
	Of his faint-hearted mind	
	His thoughts came dim	
	With fear of definite	
	Life and death.	

Louis Howard