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Sea serpent dancer Derek Lucas at the annual assembly of the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council.

Natives vow to confront loggers at Lyell Is

The B.C. government's decision to allow logging to proceed on Lyell Island in the Queen Charlottes will result in direct confrontation, according to native people living on the Queen Charlottes. Miles Richardson of the Council of Haida Nations has said that the native people have been betrayed by the government and its clear that they no longer want to talk or negotiate.

Last week B.C. Environment Minister Austin Pelton announced that a committee has been formed to study several wilderness areas under contention, including South Moresby Island and its surrounding islands, the Stein Valley and several provincial parks. The committee will study the areas for three months before reporting to cabinet. The make-up of the committee has been

widely criticized, as it is top heavy with members concerned with resource extraction. There is no representation on the committee from environmental groups or native people, but Pelton said that they would be allowed to make submissions to the panel. Confrontation over the logging of Lyell Island could begin as early as this week as cutting permits are now awaiting government approval.

Meares Trial on hold until next year

The Meares Island court case, involving the Clayoquot and Ahousat Bands, the Attorney General of B.C. and MacMillan Bloedel, was scheduled to be heard starting this November 4th. The trial has now been delayed, probably until September, 1986, at the request of the two bands who need more time to do their research for the case. In the meantime the injunction has been extended, so MacMillan Bloedel will not be permitted to do any logging on the island until the decision of the

court. Another case involving an aboriginal claim, that of the Gitksan Wet'Suwet'En Tribal Council may be heard at the same time as the Meares trial. At the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council annual assembly, on September 26th, the council passed a resolution regarding other tribal groups intervening in the Meares Island case. The position of the NTC is that "we believe that an intervention will be a drain on the same financial resources that

we were looking for donations to help pay the high costs of the case. Secondly, we will oppose federal financing of an intervention until our requests are met fully." Their statement goes on to say that "we recognize that the outcome of the case will affect all native people but we believe that we should decide our strategy without outside interference since we would respect other groups' right to pursue their own strategy."

HA HOL-THE - '85 Nuuchah-Nulth Annual Assembly

The Nuuchah-Nulth Tribal Council held its annual assembly at Tin-Wis on September 26, 27 and 28. This year's meeting was hosted by the Hesquiaht Tribe, whose members did a lot of work in decorating, cooking, and entertaining throughout the three days. The theme of the assembly was HAHOL-THE, which, loosely translated means, hereditary ownership of the land, its resources and the rights that go along with it. HAHOL-THE was

demonstrated on the Saturday evening by the Hesquiahts as they put on a demonstration of their culture, through their songs and dances, with all the dancers dressed in the traditional cedar bark costumes, like the days of old. A lot of Tribal Council business was discussed during the three days and, on the final days, elections were held for the positions of chairman and co-chairman. George Watts and Simon Lucas were given a strong vote of confidence as they were returned by ac-

clamation, George as chairman and Simon as co-chairman. Both of the Nuuchah-Nulth leaders will be in office for another four-year term. The assembly was addressed by two other political leaders, Georges Erasmus, Grand Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, and Robert Skelly, Leader of the Opposition in the B.C. Legislature. Georges Erasmus said that since his election at the end of July he has spent a lot of time travelling around the country "to get a

first-hand knowledge of the people I'm representing." The AFN still operates its office out of Ottawa, he said, however, there have been some staff reductions, about 18 positions in all, due to the amount of funds available as well as by personal choice of some. Erasmus said that he sees native self-determination, with a clear land base, as one of the major issues that the AFN must fight for. There are also internal issues to be

resolved, he told the assembly, such as who the membership is to be. "I believe a certain amount of time must be given to trying to create a unified organization." Erasmus said that he has had one major meeting with the Minister of Indian Affairs, which he found to be very positive. One of the issues he discussed with the minister was getting longer term funding arrangements with more control to the First Nations. Continued on page 3

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Small Business

Management Workshop

There will be a small business management workshop in Tin-Wis on November 19, 20, and 21.

A course has been designed by the Centre for Indian Training and will be delivered to those currently involved in business and to those who seek to get into business. Those who have completed the course will stand a much better chance of success in running their business, and funding will be easier to obtain.

Watch for details at your band office.

Large sums donated by 3 Bands to Meares Fund

Three Nuu-chah-nulth tribes have recently made large donations to the Meares Island Legal Fund. Cheques have been received from Ditidaht for \$20,000, Shesahat for \$20,000 and Clayoquot for \$18,000. Kleco, Kleco.

HALLOWEEN HOWL FOR MEARES

Date: Halloween night, Thursday, October 31st

Time: 8:30 P.M.

Place: Vancouver Indian Centre, 1607 East Hastings

Price: \$6/person or \$10/couple

Live Band, Door Prizes, Costume Awards

All proceeds from this dance will go to the Clayoquot and Ahousat Bands to help pay the legal costs of the Meares Island court case.

Letters

A message of encouragement to the young

So now that school has started once again, everyone seems to feel relieved that the summer holidays are over, and now can start to get settled and ready for any and all the challenges they're sure to come across in the next 10 months. Not that we all didn't enjoy the holidays but after awhile they do seem to get a bit monotonous.

I, of course, had my usual "beginning of the new year" talk with my sons. The one that reminds me that this "new year" they must make sure that they will try even harder to make

it a really good and successful one for themselves. That there is no such thing as "I can't" or "I don't know". That whatever type of problem they face it can and will be able to be solved one way or another and that the time is getting closer and closer when they will be going out on their own. It is and always will be my sincerest wish, for them to become good, responsible and totally successful young people of the future.

Again and again I remind them how important it is to make

every effort to better themselves, that it takes a lot of hard work to gain anything that is worthwhile to them. Nothing comes to them on a silver platter.

A person earns a good life and it is up to himself or herself to aim high.

I always like to make sure that they know that I have a great interest in all aspects of their lives and will always be here to give as much help as possible if the need ever comes up.

I encourage them and all other young people to give a 100 per cent effort towards their schooling and they are sure to gain a great deal back later on.

You all have so much to look forward to. There is such an enormous list of choices for you to pick from.

Please don't let this chance pass you by. Don't let it go to waste. Use this valuable time to do everything possible to reach your goal while it is so available to you. Then you will never have anything to regret, ever.

Thank you all for reading my little message of encouragement, especially you my favorite, the young people. Hang in there.

Most sincerely,
Signed, Someone's Favorite "Ma"
F.M.

Letter of Appreciation

DEAR BEV HAIYUPIS & PHIL GEORGE:

This letter of appreciation comes as a report from the group from Cowichan. The second annual Youth Conference held out in Friendly Cove was a huge thrilling success from our point of view. The location was outstanding and the people out there were as friendly as the land.

Many friends were made out there for all of us and we've stored away many fond memories of this conference. The workshops were not over-loaded as one might think, looking at the advertising. A fine mixture of recreation, workshops plus free time, and each could decide what to do during the free time. I feel that there was a ton of work done by the staff behind this conference, because I was up front

enjoying what they put together.

We all grew for some of us we grew a great deal. "I thought this conference was alright, I learned some stuff at the workshop. I would go again next year. If it wasn't for you guys I would be sitting at home with nothing to do. Thank you Elders, Sam Rice."

The same response comes from all of our group and we would all go again next year.

I've seen these guys form bonds and grow together in the past few days. Thanks to the Mowachaht Band, all the staff that worked on this conference and a special thanks to the youth that were out there.

There is nothing that I can think of to keep me away next year.

Truly a friend,
Delmar Johnnie.

thank you

I wish to thank all those people who attended my 40th birthday roast including those who told the jokes. Over \$3,000 was raised which will go to the Meares Island defense fund. I would especially like to thank Gerald Wesley and Jackie Watts for running around doing the arrangements, Bob Soderlund for selling tickets and all my sisters and wife and mother-in-law for doing the working. Also special thanks to Kathy Tenneese for her kind donation of \$500 and the Port Alberni UNN of \$480. Also Blair Thompson for looking after the sound and video.

I remain,

In Brotherhood,
George Watts
Chairman

- A Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for their help with the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Native Indian Festival and Barbeque held September 1, at the Opetchesahat Hall Grounds.

Firstly the Shesahat dancers and the Ha-ho-payuk dancers, Kathy Robinson, her cooking talent beamed bright that day!; Ron Hamilton, Nelson Keiflah, Doug Robinson, John McCarthy, Dave Halpee, Danny Watts, Lizzie Gallic, Tamara Rampanen, Karen Frank, Tom Spetter, James Rampanen, Terry Seitcher, Ina Thomas, Ramona Gus, George Clutesi, and others who came and enjoyed an excellent meal in support of Meares Island.

We raised a total of \$512.00 for the Meares Island Legal Fund.

Thank you again,

SUSAN WALE, JACKIE WATTS,
CHARLOTTE RAMPANEN,
Festival Organizers

ATTENTION ALL GAMBLERS "BONE GAME PLAYERS"

Each Saturday evening there will be a bone game (lahal).

Place: Somass Hall

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Annual Assembly hosted by Hesquiat Tribe

The National Chief answered a number of questions from the NTC assembly on subjects like the constitution process and fishing and hunting rights and he promised to keep everyone informed on any future developments.

Bob Skelly, in his address to the assembly, predicted that there would be an election in the near future, probably in the spring of 1986. He urged everyone to make sure that they are on the voter's list.

Skelly knocked the Socred restraint program, saying that it has kept thousands and thousands of British Columbians out of work. "People who have worked all their lives in this province and who have assembled assets such as houses and cars and boats have seen these assets wiped out by restraint."

"The only part of the budget that has not suffered from restraint," said Skelly, "is the government information service — the government's propaganda arm, which has a \$20 million budget, and which is being used to promote government programs and re-elect government officials through advertising."

He said that the years of forestry mismanagement must be turned around quickly. Skelly called for the preservation of areas of conflict such as Meares Island, South Moresby and the Stein Valley. "The problem is, as we logged more and more old growth, less remains intact for our children, so they can understand what this province was like over the thousands of years that preceded us. Some of these areas have to be protected," he said. "On the other hand we have to realize that the jobs in the forest industry are critical as well, and we have to make sure that there are alternate areas where these people can work until such a time as we get the forest management back on track."

As an example Skelly mentioned Sweden where one-third the forest land base produces as much as they do here and employs three times the amount of people. He

said that four times as many seedlings are planted in Sweden compared to in B.C. Skelly also said that aboriginal title must be recognized and that the aboriginal claim must be negotiated as soon as possible. "Indian communities have the right to develop their own economies for their people, as they choose," he said.

Throughout the three days of the annual assembly several of the Elders spoke, passing on their years' of experience and wisdom to the audience. Elders Alice Paul, Louise Roberts, and Abel John were among those that spoke, using their native language. Some translations of their speeches appear on page 5.

During the first evening of the assembly the tribes honored some of the Elders with presentations and speeches about their importance to their tribes.

Honored this year were Ellen Tatoosh (Opetchesahat), late Esther Smith (Ehatesahat), Martin and Martha Fred (Tsesahat), Arthur Nicolaye (Kyuquot), John Charlie (Ahousat), Ernie Chester (Ditidaht), late Solomon Peter (Ucluelet) Ben Andrews (Hesquiat), Placide Lucas (Hesquiat), Robert Martin (Clayoquot), and Alex Frank (Clayoquot).

One important topic that the Elders spoke about was child welfare. The NTC is presently negotiating with the provincial and federal governments to take over the Child Welfare services from the Department of Human Resources.

Elder Alice Paul said that "a child is the gift of the Creator" and she regretted that we are losing contact with our children. Alice spoke on the importance of keeping our teachings and said that children need to be taught "day-to-day survival."

Resolutions were passed authorizing the NTC to carry on with negotiations with the federal and provincial governments, through bi-lateral agreements.

There still remains a lot of work to be done regarding the Child Welfare Program. Workshops are going to be set up with each tribe to discuss the program with Band councils, staff, and members.

The first workshop will be in Ahousat on November 7 and 8, on Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

On November 14 and 15 a similar workshop will be held with the Clayoquot Tribe at Tin-Wis.

On the Thursday evening prior to the workshops there will be meetings to set up community standards and to establish family protection committees. At the annual assembly the leaders mentioned some of the things that are going to have to be used to make the Child Welfare Program successful — "political discipline", "past ways of thinking", "commitment", "education of public and ourselves", "respect for others", "communication with youth", "preventative services", "love and respect".

MUSEUM — Architect Lubor Trubka gave an update on the proposed Nuu-Chah-Nulth Museum.

He has now prepared a preliminary draft of space allocation and programs to be included in the museum. This report will be distributed to the Bands for their study and will be subject to changes.

Decisions still have to be made regarding furnishing and equipment within the museum.

The next step, said Lubor, will be to prepare actual designs of the building and estimates of costs, in order to put together funding proposals.

Several Department of Indian Affairs Program Managers attended the assembly to hear concerns of the NTC tribes.

These concerns included: Preschool funding — can it include three-year-olds? "current regulations include four- and five-year-olds, no authority to fund three-year-



Re-elected by acclamation as Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council were George Watts and Simon Lucas.

Kyuquot High School students boarding in Campbell River have no money for transportation and boarding — "they will be funded."

Indian Business Loan Fund — can changes be made to decentralize funds so Bands can handle it — "present legislation prevents this, however, we (DIA) would back changes in legislation to allow this."

Operation and maintenance funds for Tin-Wis are not enough — "we will review this."

HERBICIDE FREE ZONE — Joe David raised a concern of local residents in the Clayoquot Sound area in regards to slash burning and the use of herbicides by the logging companies.

He said that the Nuu-Chah-Nulth territory should be declared a herbicide-free zone. A motion was passed to invite Joe David and colleagues to the next NTC meeting to discuss pollution.

FISHERIES — The Native Brotherhood of B.C. is forming an advisory board for a native buy-back program for fishing vessels and they requested that a member be appointed from the Nuu-Chah-Nulth area.

Five people were nominated and Victor Amos was elected to this

position. Bob Warren from the Native Affairs Branch of the DFO and Tofino Fisheries Officer Richard Rath were at the meeting to answer questions regarding fisheries. Rath was asked if someone holding an oyster lease can prevent others from getting clams — answer no, and he can't develop the beach area or change its natural state. Is there a quota system on sea urchins (commercially)? — Area 24 has a quota of 100,000 pounds, open from September 15 to mid-October.

Several Chiefs expressed the concern that commercial interests were wiping out the sea urchin and other marine resources while native people are restricted in their right to harvest.

George Watts accused the DFO of making selective press releases to the media "whenever an Indian is charged" and he suggested that the department has a job to do to tell what is really going on.

The four northern tribes — Mowachaht, Kyuquot, Ehatesahat, and Nuchatlait — put forward an invitation to host next year's annual assembly in Campbell River. This invitation was accepted by the council.

HAVE WE MISSED YOU?



The new Provincial Voters List is now being compiled and by now you should have received a visit from the Provincial Enumerator in your area. If you weren't home, we left a registration form for you to complete and return. If you're eligible and you have not yet mailed your completed form, please do so. If, for some reason you have been missed, please contact your nearest Registrar of Voters or Government Agent. Only by completing and submitting your registration form can you ensure that you will be included on the new Provincial Voters List.

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Crombie, NTC meet in Victoria

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council met with Minister of Indian Affairs David Crombie in Victoria on October 21st to discuss a number of issues with him.

The concerns that were dealt with included Land Claims-Mearns Island, block funding, economic development, self government, child welfare program and education.

Not many specifics were addressed due the short amount of time available but the Minister did agree to have another meeting, probably in early December, to hear other concerns that the Nuu-chah-nulth bands have.

George Watts, chairman of the NTC, said that block funding, economic development and self government all tie in together. The NTC will be one of the first groups in Canada to implement block funding, which will give them more freedom on how to spend their

funds. "It's been a long time since we had any authority in our communities," said Watts, "it's a training ground to where we want to be — to be self governing. We don't want to be involved with the department," he said.

Crombie told the council that it's true that there will not be any increases in the department budgets, "in fact it's a miracle and luck that there's no decrease." He said that the shrinking of the size of the department is the flip side of self government. There will be some areas where programs will be turned over to you (to administer).

In economic development, Watts said that there is no need for any involvement of DIA staff, as the tribal council has an economic development corporation in place, to administer and distribute funds. He said that with the \$220,000

that the corporation started with, they've created 27 jobs. He emphasized that it was important that the native people get in at the ground level in the tourist development.

Introducing our new Community Health Nurse — Mary Heatherington

Mary Heatherington has been hired by the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council to serve as Community Health Nurse for the Ucluelet and Tofino area. Mary will be based in Tofino at the Post Office Building and she will be making regular visits to

from Port Alberni, where she graduated from ADSS before entering Nurses Training. She has worked as a nurse at Victoria General Hospital in acute care, at University Health Services, at Woodward's Stores, and several doctor's offices.

Mary says that she believes that people have the responsibility for their own health care and that they have a choice to take part in their own health — it's not only up to the doctor to make health decisions.

Ucluelet (every Tuesday), Macoah (once per month), Esowista, Opitsat (every 2nd Thursday), Ahousat (every Wednesday), Hot Springs Cove (every 2nd Thursday), and Hesquiaht. Mary is originally

Our Elders speak on "Child Welfare"

ALICE PAUL — "A precious occasion to have a child"



Alice Paul



Louise Roberts

Alice Paul, an Elder from the Hesquiaht Tribe, spoke at the Annual Assembly about "child welfare". She spoke in her native language and part of her speech has been translated by Tuffy Watts for our readers:

"It is I and I sit amongst you as you talk about this subject (Child Welfare). Previously it was a precious occasion to have a child and these children were never 'let go'. Our ancestors never relied on others to look after their kids. Even while the kids were young they were assigned a wife or husband and they were immediately advised to look after each other as they in turn would have children. When a boy or girl got married everyone — the Elders, was there to provide advice. When you have your own home it will be up to you newlyweds to make it a home. Then when you have children don't depend on someone else to look after your children. It is up to young parents to look out for their children, take them with you when you travel, show them where they can find food.

"Even though many couples had 10 children or more all were looked after and treated equally. Sometimes

there would be so many kids gathered in a house that one would forget which child belonged to what parents.

"All the children were looked after by everyone, especially the grandparents. The children were guarded against "falling down", everyone looked after each others' kids.

"In the past children were never abandoned without someone objecting.

"The grandparents, from both sides advised and taught the children so that they would have skills. There were so many people watching out for the children that they were never abandoned. Not like now where even parents don't object to their kids being taken away.

"When there were gatherings, children were not allowed to move around, not to make noise when someone was talking, not to cry. Such was the discipline in those days and we need this discipline again today. These days no one tries to stop children from running around.

"Children were not allowed at a Potlatch, as

it was an event for adults. If anyone behaved out of protocol (adults or kids misbehaving) they had

to say a prayer, and announce they would be holding a feast as penance for the wrong they had done. This was the way of our ancestors, because they were taught and they listened. Not like today where no one listens and we are headed in the wrong direction.

"We must accept the responsibility of caring for the children we bring into this world — don't let them be taken away. Let these kids be brought up by their own people, not strangers.

"If you care for your children you will not permit them to run away or be taken away, but rather it is the parents' responsibility to see that the children grow up to be caring and responsible adults.

"When I was a child I was never permitted to go hungry because the grandparents were always there to provide meals. No children ever went without a meal, that is the way it should be.

"The words and wisdom of the Elders was greatly respected. If there was a canoe-maker he taught his son, grandson, and others who were interested so they too could make canoes when they got older.

"The girls were taught to be mothers,

they learned about gathering food, providing medication for illness, and they learned to share, such as the way of the Elders.

"What you talk about is good, as we must provide homes for all our children. We do not want them taken away from among us. If they are taken away they lose their identity and soon even we lose track of them. We must, with your (NTC and tribe) help, to provide proper direction for our youth, to enable them to be part of our life.

"This is what I say as an Elder. Don't leave your children by themselves, take them with you. Everyone must help by providing input and direction in what is to be the rules for looking after our kids. Those of you that are trained, train others about everything.

"Don't let the non-Indian take our children. It is our duty to look after our own. Please make sure and watch over our children to see that they are properly guided in their growing years.

"I am pleading — let us make every effort to bring back those 'laws' that governed our people. Those were wise laws. Don't let them go."

LOUISE ROBERTS — "Not right for a child to go to the home of a stranger."

Louise Roberts, speaking on Child Welfare in her native language, as translated by Tuffy Watts:

"Are the councils alert, you must speak with caution when you talk about our people. You have to be cautious for it is the land and the life of the people of which you speak. It is a great thing of which you speak and there are many that do not understand. There are many who do not come to listen to you leaders, although there are many Chiefs that come here to take part.

"We are talking about human lives and the means by which we might provide a better life for our children.

"I call all of you, my relatives, all of you that come to talk on these important things, for you are doing these things for our grand-children.

"You leaders never get tired of trying to make things better for us.

"You are talking about children, and there are many that are neglected. There are many that are lost and don't know where they

came from. "We have let go of the wisdom and teachings of our ancestors, that is why we are forgetting about our children. It is because of the things that the whiteman has taught us — to drink — that we are abandoning and neglecting our children. The alcohol makes us forget about our children, makes us forget about doing the right thing.

"The children learn from watching the adults.

"The girls were taught so as to make a good wife and mother.

There was rules to follow. Boys and girls alike started their training when they were very young. They were taught to survive.

"It is alcohol that is making young mothers forget their responsibilities.

"Because of how our young mothers have abandoned their kids, it is good that you are going to put this new system in place.

"We are going to have a good system because you are all going to be part of it. You have seen the problem, and you know it is not right for a

child to go to the home of a stranger. "We never permitted our children to be taken away. Now there are people who will only take care of children if they receive money. Before, payment was never expected because the children were of their family.

"Let us not sulk when we are given advice, let us listen to the advice of others that scold us.

"When our leaders ask for direction or advice, let us speak up. We are being asked to be part of the new system. Our Elders told

us that it was only the very careless that abandoned their children. If a child was abandoned it became a kin of a dog, and yet now there are many such cases.

"It is not good to see children running around neglected. The ways of our ancestors prevented this because everyone cared. There was always advice available. Everyone (neighbors) made sure the children were looked after."

ELDERS' GATHERING

REMINDER

There will be an Elder's Gathering Saturday, November 2, 1985, at 9:30 a.m. at the Opetchesaht Band Hall in Port Alberni. All Elders, C.H.R.'s and Social Workers are welcome. For more information contact the U.N.N. office in Port Alberni at 723-8131. See you there.

5th Annual

Alcohol Awareness Gathering

November 1st & 2nd, '85

Somass Hall

"Working together for a better tomorrow"

Friday — Social evening & dance

Saturday — Sharing community resources

— Supper

— Cultural night with Alert Bay dancers, Ahousat dancers. All other dance groups welcome.

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Outlook Optimistic at NTC Smokehouse



Donna Samuel weighing some salmon "jerky" before it goes into the smoker.

The managers of the NTC Smokehouse are optimistic about the future of the business, as markets are opening up for their products and everything is running smoothly inside the plant.

Smokehouse Manager Todd Harmon says that the plant is now shipping smoked salmon to buyers in Montreal, Houston, Phoenix and San Francisco and that they are hopeful of finding more markets, locally and export.

Recent developments have seen the hiring of Ben Prest to develop the Vancouver market and Smokehouse Directors Charlie Thompson and George Watts are going to a seafood exposition in Dallas, Texas to promote the plant's products.

Locally the products are sold through the Opetchesaht Seafoods, a retail outlet located in the same building as the NTC Smokehouse.

The Production Manager Nelson Keitlah says that production is now well co-ordinated inside the plant. "It took a lot of planning," says Nelson "everything has to be done just right to utilize the space properly."

Nelson says that the machinery has been working "trouble-free and to the satisfaction of the users."

Nine people are now working on production, which is slightly more than one shift per day.

Besides Harmon and Keitlah the plant em-

ployes bookkeeper May Meyers, and production staff Tad Williams, Fred Sieber (chargehands), Hilda Charles, Ray Seitcher Jr., Jean Jules, Anna Anker, Donna Samuel, and Marilyn Keitlah.

If all goes well there is a possibility of adding another shift in the near future.

For optimum operation of one shift the plant should be producing 3,500 pounds of sides of salmon each week.

Although the plant has smoked different species of fish using various techniques, Nelson Keitlah says that the mainstay for the plant appears to be cold-smoked sockeye salmon.

The NTC Smokehouse is owned and operated by the 13-member bands of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth

Tribal Council.

Each band can appoint a board member to represent them.

Presently the Board of Directors includes Charlie Thompson, chairman of the board from Ditidaht; George Watts, NTC chairman; Archie Frank, Ahousat; Richard Lucas, Hesquiaht; Richard Watts, Shehshat; Charlie Cootes, Uchucklesaht; Bert Mack, Toquaht; Molly Haipee, Ucluelet and Danny Watts, Opetchesaht.

When the Smokehouse started operating about a year ago the main goal for the Tribal Council was to create permanent employment for Nuu-Chah-Nulth people. Looking at the present-day situation of the plant it appears that this goal is becoming a reality.

Sheshahts file writ against M & B for logging damages

The Sheshaht Band has filed a writ of summons against MacMillan Bloedel Company and "a person unknown" for damages from trespassing and removing timber from their No. 4 Reserve, Tse-oo-wa.

Last March or April the Band discovered that logging had taken place on the reserve which is located on

Effingham Inlet in Barkley Sound.

The writ, filed in the B.C. Supreme Court on September 27, states that MB and the unknown contractor were responsible for the following damages to the reserve:

- removed or destroyed timber, vegetation, and undergrowth,
- disrupted and destroyed the forest mat,
- disturbed the surface and top soil of the land,
- exposed the soil of the land to erosion,
- destroyed habitat of all the forest animals and birds,
- frightened away or killed all of the wildlife,
- disrupted the watershed including streams and rivulets sustaining fish,
- destroyed the habitat of fish,
- destroyed the cultural record of the Sheshaht Band contained within the forest including culturally modified trees, gravesites, sacred sites, camping sites, and shell middens, and any other archeological sites,
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AHOUSAT SCHOOL

The Past



Ahousat Boarding School c.1910

Looking back a few years to 1929 students who were registered at the Ahousat School were: Boys — Mack George, Mike Ambrose, Harold Little, Georgie Johnson, Thomas Morris, Allen George, Philip Louie, Roy Alexander, Norman George, George August, Jack Patrick, Felix Joseph, Wilson Little, Harry Thompson, Tom Paul, Andy Joseph, Simon George, Robert Thomas, Ian Skitcha (Seitcher), Joseph Billy, Donald Benson, Eugene Atleo, Sandy Cook, and Johnny Charlie.

Girls — Winona Thomas, Chrissy Joseph, Louisa Johnson, Jean Little, Margaret Joseph, Delia Campbell, Mary E. Charlie, Adeline Jack, Mary L. Davis, Maudie Titian, Ella John, Mary C. Morris, Clara Adams, Dorothy Mack, Elsie Little, Margaret Williams, Emma Charlie, Viola Elsie George, Daisy Morris, Julia August.

At this time the school was run by the United Church and was located where Dale's Farm is now situated. All of the kids lived at the school for the year, except during the summer holidays. Classes were from 9 in the morning until noon, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Chores were done before and after classes, and religion was taught during the evenings.

One of the students from the class of '29, Harold Little Sr., recalls his school days — "We had to stay there for 10 years, we were finished then, but we still had to stay there." Harold stayed on at the boarding school for another three years, during which time he worked, "plowing the field every day." All of the students worked at chores such as growing vegetables, doing laundry, splitting wood, peeling spuds, and punching bread. During his final years Harold learned carpentry, mostly furniture making.

He was also the school barber, along with his partner Jack Patrick. The two of them would cut the younger kid's hair.

Another one of Harold's jobs was to run the boat between the school and the freight boat, "Princess Maquinna" which would anchor offshore.

When he started school at the age of eight, Harold couldn't speak a word of English, but speaking their own language was forbidden, so the only time he could talk to the other boys was at night when they were in bed. "The principal used to have a peek-hole in the door and when we'd see that open we'd get quiet real fast."



The grade three class at Ahousat and their teacher Joan Jacobson take a break from their studies to play some softball outside the school.

The Present

The present school in Ahousat has grades 1 to 7 and a kindergarten and nursery. Students taking grades 8 to 12 board out at Ucluelet, Port Alberni, Nanaimo and Victoria. There are 48 students boarding out this year. When the new school is completed all of the Ahousat students will be able to continue their education at home.

Teaching this year in Ahousat are Lori Duncan, grade 1 and 2, Joan Jacobson grade 2 and 3, Rudi Thiessen, grade 4 and 5, and Diana Robertson, grades 6 and 7. Peter Webster teaches native language along with his helpers, Lil Webster and Pattie Frank. Lil and Pattie also take care of the nursery class and Pam Frank teaches kindergarten. There is also a new principal this year, Stu Robertson, who is the husband of Diana, the grade 6-7 teacher.

The Future

Construction has started on the new primary and secondary school in Ahousat.

The school, scheduled to open in September '86, now has its foundation poured and the surrounding area is being landscaped.

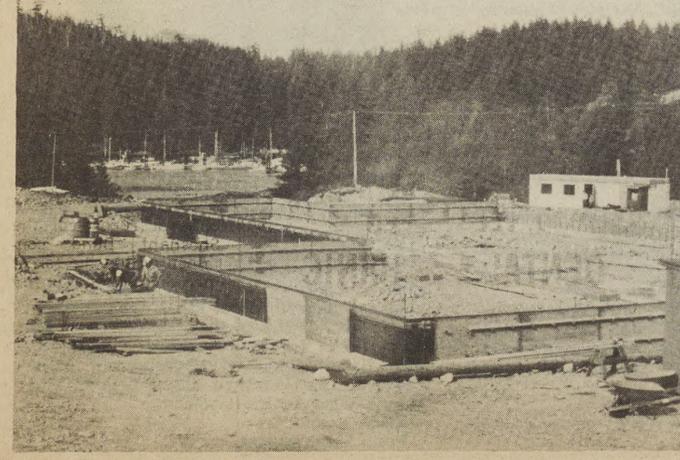
Rock is being crushed on the site and laid out over the field for drainage purposes.

The Ahousat Band's priority is to hire their band members and other Nuu-Chah-Nulth people for the school construction.

Presently on the payroll are Ahousat members Peter Charlie (truck driver), Floyd Campbell, Tom Campbell, and Axel Frank (laborers), and John Webster (journeyman carpenter), along with journeyman carpenters Daniel Fred from Sheshaht and Harry Lucas from Hesquiaht.

Edgar Charlie from Ahousat is the project manager.

More construction workers will be hired around the end of October as the building progresses.



Child Welfare Program ratified at Annual Assembly

At the Annual Assembly at Tin-Wis, delegates to the Tribal Council ratified a new child welfare program for the Nuu-Chah-Nulth people.

There were some changes to the program contained in the Special Edition of the Ha-Shilth-Sa:

Section 1 — "Development", was accepted as presented.

Section 2 — "Proposed Family Protection Program" was ratified with the following change, as underlined:

a) Section 1 (b) now reads "They will harmonize, strengthen, and practise the cultural traditions of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth peoples."

b) Column 3 — the wording is changed to a new arrangement is being negotiated as "two bi-lateral agreements between the

NTC and the federal and provincial governments."

c) Column 5 — changed to — "two family protection workers to give field supervision, training, and case support to local workers and tribal members."

d) Last paragraph — change five to eight workers, and 14 to 17. Section 3 — "List of Specific Tasks" — was accepted by Chiefs and Councillors with the following changes and additions:

a) change "Band Social Workers" to "Village Family Protection Workers" wherever found.

b) Add two specific tasks:

i) Develop a cultural training program for new workers and Family Protection Committees — (D.

Foxcroft and P. Lyons to begin this task as soon as possible with a commitment of \$10,000 from the NTC);

ii) To set up an appeals process at village and Tribal Council levels.

With the program and tasks in place, the Annual Assembly then ratified the Proposed Draft Provincial Agreement on page 3 of the Special Edition without any changes. This agreement is now ready for signing, the only barrier remaining to implementing the program is the agreement on federal funding. This proposal is being prepared for Treasury Board submission in January. Once this agreement is finalized, hiring can begin. Immediate notice will be given to the Chiefs and Councils when this happens.

Update on the Proposed Native Elders' Home

The United Native Nations is proposing to build a 32-bed Intermediate Care Native Elder's Home in the Port Alberni area, to serve the West Coast Native Community. This home would provide care to Native people, mostly Native Elders, who need some type of nursing assistance each day. Those who would live in this home would be there by their own choice.

A formal proposal has been sent to Indian Affairs, B.C. Ministry of Health, and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The intentions are to have Native staff, Native foods, and make the people living there feel as much at home as they would in their own house.

This project is now going into its third year. We are seeking funding commitments, therefore, have not purchased any land as of yet. We are looking into the possibility of placing the home on reserve land in Port Alberni.

We are having some difficulty with "bureaucratic runaround", getting a commitment from the government agencies which are involved in this project. We are trying to obtain a subsidy on the interest rate for a mortgage from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, so that we would only pay two per cent interest. However, this has not been approved yet, partly due to the guarantees required from Indian Affairs or B.C. Ministry of Health.

To date, the UNN has raised nearly \$60,000 for the Elder's home. The estimated cost of the project is \$1.8 million. We have applied for funding from several different government agencies, with no approval yet granted. We have ongoing fundraising events to raise money for the home, such as: a successful Casino Night was held in June, upcoming bake sale at Alberni Mall October 26, Christmas bazaar November 23 at the Opetchesah Hall, a money tree raffle to be drawn at Christmas, and the highest intake each month from the UNN's Monday night bingo go towards the Elder's home.

We are having an elder's gathering November 2 at the Opetchesah Band hall; we are hoping to hear the opinions and ideas from the Elders concerning the home. We feel that it is important to have a good representation of Elders at the gathering, and hope to see many there.

We are organizing a committee of 10 Elders to apply for funding for senior's activities come January, 1986; New Horizons, a federally-funded organization, grants money to seniors for starting up activities, and for carrying on activities for seniors-by seniors. Once the Elder's home is open, the materials accumulated from the funding application upcoming, would be transferred to the Elder's home, and those living in the home could receive funding for more activities, materials, etc.

Betty Tatoosh is training to be the administrator for the home, and Carol Rosskam is coordinating the project full time from the UNN office. Carol can be contacted at the United Native Nations office should there be any questions or any information to be passed on. We hope that it will be in the near future that the Native Elder's home becomes a reality.



GUS RUSH

Robert Gus Rush passed away recently in Vancouver. He was registered Robert Gus George of the Opetchesah Band, born February 17, 1939. The funeral service was held at the Chapel of Memories, September 13, 1985 with Reverend Max Preisler officiating. Gus rests peacefully at the Memorial Gardens in Port Alberni.

Samson and Helen Robinson extend a sincere thanks to all who expressed their kindness and sympathy. Also a special thank you to Hugh Watts for the arrangements. We are grateful to the Uchucklesah Band for their donation and the Opetchesah Band cooks: Jessie Hamilton, Elaine Lauder, and Mammie Wilson for the luncheon.

Kleco, Kleco
From Susan Lauder.

OFFSHORE OIL

DFO won't support drilling

From The Canadian Press

The federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans is opposed to lifting the 1972 moratorium on offshore oil and gas exploration on Canada's West Coast.

Regional director-general Pat Chamut told a federal-provincial hearing Monday that the department "has serious reservations concerning the resumption of hydrocarbon exploration on the West Coast."

He said seismic exploration using surface vessels to release charges of compressed air is acceptable. But Chamut said "the acceptability of exploratory drilling in certain areas on the West Coast cannot be determined prior to a detailed review of site-specific proposals."

The director-general said if — following the review by the five-member panel — the federal and provincial governments agree to go ahead with exploratory drilling, the department recommends "a cautious, phased approach with only a few wells being drilled initially."

"Any subsequent acceleration of exploratory drilling should occur at a rate commensurate with the demonstration of environmental acceptability, safety and reliability," Chamut said.

The federal government banned offshore oil drilling on the West Coast in 1972. In the 1960s, there was some seismic exploration and Shell Oil drilled eight wells — none of which were successful.

The federal and provincial governments agreed in June 1984 to set up the environmental assessment panel to study the social, economic and environmental effects of exploration and recommend whether exploration should begin again along the coast from the northern tip of Vancouver Island to Alaska.

The two companies interested in exploring the area are Chevron Canada Resources Ltd. and PetroCanada. PetroCan, however, withdrew from the hearings earlier this year saying that its interests in the area are not immediate.

Dave Miles, Chevron's exploration manager, said Monday that the company would like to do 4,800 kilometres of seismic surveys starting next summer, a detailed survey the following summer and exploratory drilling in 1987.

Also on Monday, Chevron presented its information on the effects of seismic exploration.

However, in cross-examination by the Islands Protection Society, Chevron consultant Rolf Davis admitted that there are no pertinent studies on the effects of seismic exploration on birds, plankton, marine mammals or salmon — which provides a living for 17,000 B.C. fishermen, 6,000 shoreworkers and 50,000 native Indians.

James Gosnell, chairman of the Nishga Tribal Council, said he is concerned that no studies had been done on the effects exploration would have on oolichans — oily little fish that are food for salmon.

"The oolichan run has sustained our people for hundreds of years and the effect on it hasn't even been considered."

Gosnell also told the panel that no decision should be made on offshore exploration until the native land and sea claims are settled.

Earlier, several of the intervenors complained that procedural problems were hampering their participation in the hearing.



'85 Annual Assembly at Tin-Wis



The culture and traditions of the Hesquiat people live on as four-year-old Mathew Lucas Jr. entertains with the sparrow dance.

A Thank You to the Hesquiat Tribe

Dear Sir-Madam:

RE: 1985 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

On behalf of the NTC staff I wish to relay appreciation to your hospitality and service which was provided to everyone in making our 1985 Annual Assembly a great success.

While we as staff are always prepared to serve and cater to the needs of any Tribal function it is a welcome change to be able to relax and enjoy festivities as presented. For this we thank you.

The banquet was delicious, the dancing superb and the overall organization was second to none.

The staff asked me to formally thank all of those involved and to state we look forward to next event in which the Hesquiat are involved.

Kleco! Kleco!

GERRY D. WESLEY,
Executive Director

Congratulations

I wish to congratulate the Ucluelet Band on the completion of the addition to their community hall. It is a fine looking facility and I look forward to some good meetings and some good feasts there.

I remain,

In Brotherhood,

GEORGE WATTS,
Chairman

Kootenays donate \$1,000 for Meares case

Re: MEARES ISLAND - KIAC CONTRIBUTION

As per the decision made at the Kootenay Indian Area Council General Assembly, please find enclosed our cheque in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00); a donation to the Meares Island Fund.

Although this may be just a drop in the bucket, I am hopeful that other Tribal Councils and organizations will follow suit and donate to this most worthy cause.

Yours truly,

SOPHIE PIERRE,
Administrator



PUMPKIN CONTEST

The winners of the Opetchesht Bands' 3rd annual pumpkin growing contest were: 3rd place — Leon Lauder, 16 lbs. (\$20); 2nd place — Alannah Tatoosh, 41½ lb. (\$30); and 1st place went to Steven Tatoosh whose pumpkin weighed in at 66 lbs. (\$40 1st prize).

The weigh-in took place at the smoker plant and judges were Irene Tatoosh, Susan Lauder and Leslie-Anne Lauder.

Congratulations to all you green thumbs.

Friendship Centre

PROGRAMS FALL AND WINTER 1985-86

CULTURAL ARTS AND CRAFTS

Beading Native Designs
Basketweaving
Spinning Wool
Knitting
Native Art Drawing
Nuu-chah-nulth Native Language
Crocheting
Liquid Embroidery
Ceramics
Bannock Making

SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Halloween Party — October 31, 1985
Talent Night — November 15, 1985
Christmas Bazaar — December 6, 1985
Christmas Dinner — December 20, 1985
Dances, Disco, Jives — Bi Weekly
Potluck Supper Socials — Monthly

FITNESS AND SPORTS

Aerobics
Weightlifting
Volleyball
Basketball
Floor hockey
Swimming

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Pool and Ping Pong Tournaments — Weekly
Crib and Checkers
Drawing and Coloring contest
Cooking Contest — e.g. Chili Spaghetti
Spaghetti and Jello eating contest

All the programs are open to everyone of all ages. All you have to do is show up and bring a friend.

Dates and times will be posted on the Port Alberni Friendship Centre Bulletin Board.

If you have any helpful suggestions or questions, please phone Wally at 723-8281.

Yours in Friendship,
Wally Samuel
Program Director
Port Alberni Friendship Centre

Sheshahts, Clayoquots use CMHC Loans to ease Housing Shortage

The Sheshaht Band is presently undergoing phase 2 of their social housing program, as 10 new houses are now being constructed at their subdivision above Paper Mill Dam Park. Five houses were built under the program in 1985 and are now occupied.

The 10 new houses should be completed by January '86.

They are being built under Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's Social Housing Program, through which the

Sheshaht Band has made a half million dollar loan.

No Department of Indian Affairs dollars are involved other than capital funds for site preparation and services.

The band has plans to keep expanding the subdivision, in order to ease their housing shortage. They are keeping on schedule by preparing future sites while construction takes place.

The Band members moving into these homes will pay for them

through a rent-to-own payment system that varies according to family income.

Other Bands in the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal area are also planning to build houses using the Social Housing Program, and they are awaiting their allocations through the offices of CMHC and DIA.

The Clayoquot Band has constructed four units under the Social Housing Program of CMHC. They have been built at the Esowista Reserve at Long Beach

and are three bedroom units with full basements. Water and sewer services were extended from Esowista village. The band has applied through CMHC for more low-interest loan money in order to expand their subdivision. They plan to build 15 more homes in the area.

Now happily settled into their new homes at Esowista are Ray and Delores Seitcher, Levi Martin, Joe David and Grace George, Richard Tom and Rose David and their families.



Young Hesquiat ladies dance in their cedar bark costumes. The dancers made their own costumes under the supervision of Alice Paul and Caroline Mickey.



HAHOLTHE — Elder Alex Amos does the prayer song before Mathew and Derek Lucas do one of Chief Dominic Andrew's dances.

George Watts, Matilda Jacob Married in Port Alberni



George and Matilda Watts at their October 12th wedding.

On October 12th George Watts and Matilda Jacob were married in a civil service at their home beside the Somass River in Port Alberni.

The afternoon ceremony was attended by the couple's immediate family and close friends.

George is from the Tshesht Tribe in Port Alberni and he is the son of the late Hughie and Grace Watts.

Matilda is from the Fountain Tribe in Lilloet and she is the daughter of Edna Jacob, who now resides in Port Alberni.

The bride was escorted into the family room for the wedding ceremony by her twin brother Matthew, who

had travelled from Toronto for the occasion.

Also attending the wedding were Matilda's sisters and brothers — May from Lilloet, Marcella from Vancouver, and Margaret, Marvin, and Norman from Port Alberni, and her mother, Edna.

All of George's brothers and sisters were there as well — Evelyn Georg, Pauline Braker, June Peterson, Hazel Lindstrom, Eileen Haggard, Cliff Watts, Walter Watts, John Watts, and Rudy Watts.

The maid of honor was George's sister Eileen, and the best man was Bob Soderlund.

Kenneth Watts, George and Matilda's son, was the ringbearer and George's daughter, Cecilia Watts was the flowergirl.

The couple said their vows and exchanged gold rings that were engraved by Arthur Thompson.

After some refreshments the wedding party travelled to Courtenay for a reception at Zorba's Restaurant.

Here the newlyweds received words of congratulations from their family and friends. Bill Wilson was master of ceremonies for the evening.

On the following day Bill and Shirléy Wilson hosted a brunch party at their home in Comox.

The Mentally Healthy Person

Frequently we hear about people being mentally ill or having 'nervous breakdowns', much less often do we hear about the majority of us who are considered to be mentally well. Perhaps the best way to define the "mentally healthy person" is to list his-her characteristics; his-her particular way of getting along in life, or of adjusting to the world and the people around him-her:

(1) He can work and obtain satisfaction from work. Without work we experience boredom, which is a threat to mental health.

(2) He can get satisfaction from his play. He can release and enjoy himself. The ability to relax is a very necessary aspect of mental health. The mentally healthy person feels that he has earned the right to relax and thoroughly enjoys himself and does not feel guilty afterward.

(3) He has at least one friend of each sex. He depends on these friends for love, approval, comfort, inspiration, encouragement, entertainment and at times criticism. He is willing to reveal his bad points to his friends, realizing that a friend is someone who, "knows all about you and still likes you in spite of it."

(4) He is willing to accept himself as he is; both good and bad points without making excuses. Only through self-acceptance can a person gain self-confidence. The mentally healthy person has the ability to laugh at himself.

(5) He spends some time every day in self-examination. In this time he examines his feelings and attitudes towards himself, his family and his community.

(6) He has an attitude towards life itself. He considers life an ad-

venture and a challenge. He attempts to make the most of his potential abilities.

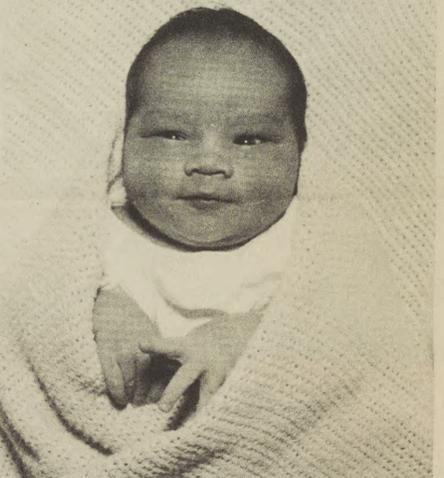
(7) his dealings with others he is honest, dependable, free from prejudice, open-minded and loving. He considers that all men are equal regardless of class, rank, creed or color; and treats them with respect for their abilities and for what they are rather than what they have.

(8) He has the ability to love others. This is the highest sign of

emotional maturity and good mental health. He has sympathy, kindness and understanding for other people.

These briefly are some of the main characteristics of a mentally healthy individual. He is a person who enjoys living, is able to cope with both the joys and frustrations of living and is ready to help others adjust in the same way.

Loretta Hill,
Mental Health
Worker,
NTC



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Arnold and Margarita James of Gold River would like to introduce their new son — Jordan Vincente Dismas James. Born August 16th at Grace Hospital, Vancouver. He weighed in at a whopping 9 lbs. 7 oz. Welcome little Mochalet!

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Native delegates learn about fish farming in Norway

A group of 15 native delegates, representing Tribal areas in the province went to Norway in August to the Aqua Nor Exhibition for fish farm owners, processors, and suppliers.

Norway is a world leader in developing aquaculture techniques and in exporting fish from this process.

Among those attending the exhibition was Dick Leo, Chief councillor for the Kyuquot Tribe, and the representative for the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council.

Here are some of Dick's observations and impressions of the trip to Norway:

"After attending the Aqua Nor Exhibition we attended a conference with the countries now involved in fish farming, which are Japan, China, U.S.A., Scotland, and England. The largest concern brought out at the meeting was pollution, acid rain, industrial waste, and oil spills, etc. Each country had its own specific problems," said Dick.

"The balance of the trip was spent visiting fish farms at three to

four per day. After considering all the information I have come up with the following list of pros and cons:"

- PROS**
1. Weather — extremes minimum making less expense (Norway must keep ponds from freezing over).
 2. Tides — large tides required to remove waste (or else expensive pumping).
 3. Pollution — pollution level on the North Island low compared with other areas.

4. Size adaptability — may be anything from a family operation to a business operation.
5. Disease — great steps have been made in treatment and medication.
6. Employment — year-round employment created.
7. Other business opportunities connected to fish farming — suppliers, processing, bait fishery, feed production, manufacturing, net pens.
8. Market — worldwide the market is very high.

9. Return — high return of dollars.
- CONS**
1. Weather — high winds, big seas (pens must be able to withstand storms), water temperature must be moderate to low.
 2. Tides — placement of pens must be chosen carefully, extreme low tides would be detrimental.
 3. Pollution — must be controlled.
 4. Risk factor — disease.
 5. Interest level — could be a problem as certain times fish must be tended 24 hours a day.
 6. Lack of expertise.
 7. Commercial fishing — it is not known at this time what the long-term effects of fish farming will have on commercial fishing.

8. Return — initial expense high and return of dollars determined by size of fish required.

Dick Leo feels that fish farming is an industry of the future. "Fish farming itself could be considered a high risk business whereas feed production and processing could be considered low risk with a steady return," he says.

"A combination of these businesses would ensure a steady income to support the expense of the farming itself until such time as the large return was realized.

"A critical area of concern would be the expertise and training," he says, "before we could consider these areas we would need to gather a great deal more information and expertise."



One of the fish farms in Norway that was visited by the native delegates from B.C. —Photo Bill Wilson.



Lost Spirit

We have lost our friendly spirit somewhere down the whiteman's road. When I was a child, there was such a feeling of warmth on the reserve I lived. Now most people only come on business. The feeling of warmth is lost. My new home has the same cold feeling. The whiteman is still destroying us slowly. Using money to make us fight amongst each other, and we have to go by their rules to spend money. An elder once said "You never see a fenced yard on a reserve."

Does that mean your door is open to visitors? We have to find our spirit again, or we'll never be strong. We'll fall into the whiteman's trap.

Sarah Maquinna

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night I had a dream I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine and one was the Lord's. When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand and to my surprise, I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times of my life. I asked the Lord about it: "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the most troublesome time in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I do not understand why you left my side when I needed you most." The Lord said "My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial. Where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."

Elders and clients welcome home party

On September 18th the Port Alberni Friendship Centre hosted a dinner for the Elders and for the clients who were returning home from treatment centres in Round Lake and Kakawis.

Everyone enjoyed a fine supper which was served by the young people that frequent the centre.

After supper several people spoke. Rueben Whonnock, the Alcohol and Drug counsellor at the centre was MC and

he welcomed everyone and also wished his friend Bobby Joseph a happy birthday. Bob travelled from Campbell River for the party and he thanked everyone for the dinner and said that he was pleased that we have Elders showing an interest in our people and that we have treatment centres where we can find within ourselves dignity and respect.

Nelson Keitlah Sr., the chairman of the Port Alberni Friendship

Centre also spoke. He said that he was proud of the efforts made by people all over, on a volunteer basis and that it was encouraging, if not inspiring, to see so many of our young people knowing what they want to do in life. Nelson congratulated the people that had been to treatment centres, as this change they are going through is quite likely the most important decision of their lives.

Some of the returning

clients also spoke, thanking the centre for the dinner, and talking about the recent changes in their lifestyle. They seemed to have confidence in themselves, and admitted that, although they may still have problems, they will be able to deal with them in a sober and rational manner.

During the rest of the evening everyone was entertained with some songs by the Friendship Centre dance group.

Intermediate Men's Tournament

You are cordially invited to participate in the Bella Bella Intermediate Men's Basketball Tournament to be held at the Bella Bella Community Hall on November 24 - 28, 1985. The first eight teams will be entered. To be eligible each player must be 21 or under as of January 1, 1986. Billets will be provided to help reduce your expenses and the team entry fee will be \$150. Please fill in your team roster on the form provided as soon as possible and send to the above address and be sure to telephone me at the following number if you have further questions.

Good luck on your fund-raising and we hope you can make it here for the competition. Thank you for your attention to this matter

Yours truly,
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NTC EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The NTC Education Committee met at Tin-Wis on September 26. Some of the highlights from this meeting were:

Darlene Amos and Charlie Thompson volunteered to sit as chairperson and co-chairperson of the committee.

Future meetings will be scheduled to coincide with the Tribal Council meetings to ensure a better representation

from the bands.

BAND REPORTS
Kyuquot: committee functioning well; the new school should be opening in January, 1986.

Tseshah: some problems with public schools already.
Ucluelet: Itattsoo Nursery-Kindergarten going well with 12 students.
Toquaht: children at

Macoah are doing their schoolwork by correspondence.

Uchucklesaht: Band school going well, need another building for kindergarten.

Clayoquot: still looking for funding for adult upgrading; two people have been hired as Home School Coordinator at Ucluelet Secondary.

Ditidaht: Boquilla School operating with kindergarten to grade 6; trying to get a nursery started; working on cultural curriculum; should keep pressure on for changes in MTA.
Nuchahtlaht: all the children are boarding out in Tahsis, Zeballos and Gold River; would like to start a playschool.
Opetchesaht: having some transportation problems; some kids live too close to school to get the school bus, but are still some distance from school.
Hesquiaht: planning on using student allowances to give out bursaries after each report card.

Ahousat News

Five new houses are going up at Marktosis. They belong to Louie Frank Sr. (built by Louie Jr. & Ralph Stanley), Joe Campbell (built by Terrance Sabbas, Chester John, Murray John), Fred

Thomas (built by Wes Thomas, John Keitlah Jr., Terrance Sabbas), Irene Frank (built by Pete, Paul, Danny, Russell, and Archie Jr. Frank) and Chuck Jack (built by Frank Adams, Sam Adams, and Chuck Jack). Louie Frank's house is being constructed from lumber from the Ahousat mill.

Alex Dick, maintenance man, has apparently built a new doghouse for himself behind the Thunderbird Hall, where he will likely be spending much of his time.

Ten students are enrolled in the Small Business Course offered by Manpower at the North Island College. Dave Marchand is teaching the course which started on October 7 and will run for five months. There is a lot of writing and reading of case studies of small businesses involved but it is enjoyable, said one of the

students. Enrolled in this course are Bernice Swan, Brenda Campbell, Ramona Dick, Miss Jean C. Frank, Maureen Frank, Ted Whitmore, Jackie Adams, Vera Little, and Emily Mack.

Some other upcoming events that have been booked at the Thunderbird Hall include: Josephine Charlie's potlatch on November 9, Abel Little and Debbie Thomas' wedding on November 23, Alfred Dick and Angel Paul's wedding on November 30, and Dave Ignace's potlatch on December 28.

Happy Birthday to all of the Band members in October from the Ahousat Band: Victor Andrew, 16; Mark Atleo, 13; Jo-Lynn Atleo, 21; Lawrence Whitmore, 16; Rod Atleo, 30; Debbie Atleo 30; Keith Atleo, 4; Sheila August, 19; Ellen Short, 1; Evely Billy, 22; Dorothy Campbell, 17; Marcel Charlie, 21; Harvey Charlie, 16; Corina Charlie, 17; Nadine Charlie, 20; Patricia A. Charlie, 4; Roberta Charlie, 4; Sheila Edwards, 8; Kimberly Frank, 28; Heather Frank, 31; Irvin Frank, 24; Karen Frank, 15; Gilbert Frank, 24; George Frank, 6; Daniel Frank, 8; Jemima Frank, 3; Julia George, 24; Cheryl Lynn Thomas, 11; Beverly Haiyupis, 2; Valerie Jack, 2; Marla Jack, 7; Elliot Jones, 3; Arthur Joseph, 15; Tami Joseph, 11; Lucy Keitlah, 15; Cindy Keitlah, 28; Joshua Varley, 1; Pablo Pincott, 28; David Little, 31; Harold Little Jr., 9; Ken Little, 7; Barbara Louie, 23; Judy Lucas, 12; Conrad Swan, 23; Norma Mack 1; Carine Mack, 28; Monica Morris, 3; Arnie Robinson, 10; Errol Sam, 11; Donna Samuel, 6; Wally Samuel Jr., 11; Harold Samuel, 31; Joe Rampanen, 6; Maria Seitcher, 1; Wayne Seitcher, 13; Alex Sutherland, 9; Alex Swan, 18; Holly August, 25; Pat Thomas, 6; Norman Thomas, 25; Alicia Smith, 26; Bonnie Thomas, 20; Cecilia Titian, 1; Jessica Titian, 28; Mathew Titian, 18; Peter Webster, 3; Thelma Webster, 22; Coburn Webster, 6; Lil Webster, 18; Catherine Webster, 14; Cathy Webster, 12; Janis McCarthy, 31; Steven Titian, 16.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Blue Jays Sr. Men's Invitational Basketball Tournament	Alberni Athletic Hall	November 1,2,3
Shorty Frank Memorial Sr. Men's Basketball Tournament	Wickanninnish School, Tofino	November 8,9,10
P.A. Friendship Centre Jr. Girls' & Intermediate Boys' Basketball Tournament	A.W. Neill School, Port Alberni	November 16,17
P.A. Friendship Centre Sr. Men's Invitational Basketball Tournament	Alberni Athletic Hall	November 29,30 December 1
Ucluelet East Sa'innne Sr. Ladies' Invitational Basketball Tournament	Ucluelet Secondary School	January 31, February 1,2



SOLOMON PETER
1903-1984

Solomon — meaning "Peaceful"

Words of wisdom,
I heard in the stories of old:
"...hearing the knees crack..."
"...the most ahpaus..."
"...the Indian wars..."
"...playing football, or riding a tricycle in dreams..."
"...Bible teachings and love..."

In our hearts we carry his words,
his stories, and his songs, to share
and pass on
He taught the old songs and
dances.

As if to say...
"NEVER ABANDON YOUR
CULTURE OR DREAMS"

We remember Solomon as Dad
Deeply missed, we remain

Evangeline, Robin, Eileen, Joanne,
Steven, and Mom, Jane Peter.

With respect to Joe, Marion and
Dorothy.

Youth Movement at the Sheshaht Band Office

The Sheshaht Band has two of their young band members involved in their band administration.

Charlie Stirling Watts has taken over the position of Home School Co-ordinator, replacing the retired Maggie Gus. Charlie will be working with the Band's students. His duties will include counselling, budgeting for university and professional students, and acting as

a liaison between students, teachers, and parents.
John B. Watts Jr. is presently training in Vancouver at the Native Training Centre. He is taking a native public administration course for 10 months which will prepare him for the position of Band Manager.
Both young men are graduates from Alberni District Senior Secondary, Charlie in 1982 and John in 1983.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to my oldest son Wayne Tom on October 23, and my youngest son Jimmy Ross on October 17.
From Mom, Barby.

Happy birthday to Audrey on October 14 and to John Wayne on October 17.
From Vince.

Special happy birthday to my son, Steve, October 16.
Love from Mom.

Special birthday greetings to my (baby) sis Dorothy, Oct. 17, to my niece Corina, Oct. 17.

From Darl.
Also to two great and crazy friends Cecelia on Oct. 1 and Lil on Oct. 18.
From Darl.

I would like to wish happy birthday to:
Eileen Watts, Sept. 20;
Alvin Fred, Sept. 30;
Luxy Barney, Oct. 3;
Mom Fred, Oct. 8;
Aaron Watts, Oct. 12;
Randy Fred, Oct. 24;
Witch Fred, Oct. 27;
Edith Fred, Oct. 16;
Mary Barney, Oct. 14.
Love from Mike,
Sarah and girls.

I would like to wish my sister Jerilynn, November 5, my Dad, November 8 and my daughter, November 7.
Starla a happy November 7th birthday.
Love Rita.

Happy 16th birthday to my first born James Rampanen and happy 8th birthday to my last born John John Rampanen, both in the month of October. You're both such special sons and I'm so proud that you're mine.
Love forever, Mom.

Happy birthday to: Eleanor Thompson on October 16th. From family.
—to Bev Martin, October 17th, from Betsy and Melissa.
—to Ray Martin, October 24th, love your daughter, Melissa.
—to Holly August, October 25th, from all your friends.
—to our dear dad Archie Thompson, October 27th, love from the family.
—to Ben David, October 27,

—to our niece Cindy Thompson, love from your aunts, uncles and family.
—on October 28th, my dear daughter Melissa Martin, all my love mom.
—and to Alex Frank, love from family and relatives.

I would like to wish my sisters: Luxy, Witch; sister-in-law Edith a happy birthday in October. Also Alvin in September and Randy in October. My Mom in October. Love from Emma, Boyd, Caledonia and Joshua.

Happy birthday Holly Valentine, August, October 25. Heard any songbirds lately?
The Wild Heart.

Oct. 8: happy birthday to my sweet niece Jennifer Watts.

Oct. 10: happy birthday sis Gloria Ross, from sis Sherry and Rosa Ross.

Oct. 18: happy birthday Jimbo, Jimmy Ross, from Auntie Sherry, niece Rosa.

Oct. 31: happy birthday Mom Rosie Ross, from your daughter Sherry and Rosa and Bill.

Nov. 1: Happy birthday sis Annie Watts, from your sis Sherry Ross and Rosa and Bill.

Happy birthday (Sugar) Cassey Watts. Love Uncle Toby and Delaine.

Happy birthday to Deb and Janet Williams.
From Delaine.

Happy belated birthday to Anita on October 5. Happy birthday to Nicole on November 6, Jason on December 1. Happy belated birthday to Joe on October 5, happy birthday Mom, November 18, to Lil November 22, Danny on November 25.

From Arlene and family.

Happy 2nd birthday to the sweetest of the sweet — Marissa Maria-Alice James on October 27.

From Mommy & Daddy — Arnold & Margarita James.

Happy 16th birthday to my niece Patricia Frank for the 6th of October.

Happy birthday to Nan Margaret on the 6th of October.

Happy 2nd birthday to my niece Patricia Frank for the 11th of September.

From Noreen, Stanley & Joseph.

I would like to wish my baby, Joseph Frank a happy 2nd birthday for the 16th of September.
Love, Mom.

I would like to wish my brother, Joseph Frank a happy 2nd birthday for September 16th.

Love your brother, Stanley Frank.

Happy 14th birthday to my niece Karen Frank Jr. on September 2nd.

Love your Auntie Noreen.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

I would like to wish Auntie Carrie and Uncle Charlie a happy 46th anniversary on the 9th of September.
Love Noreen, Stanley & Joseph.

Mowachaht Elections

Mowachaht Elections. The Mowachaht Band held elections for Band Council on October 8th and the results were: Chief Councillor, Ben Jack; Councillors: Augie Johnson, Tony Dick, Norman George, and Nicky Howard.

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ALCOHOL

Alcohol is a drug...
It is also a disease.
Not only is it used...
But unfortunately abused...

People think one drink won't hurt...
Maybe not, but it leads to the dirt.
People say it is all in fun...
But it is those with nowhere to run.

Alcohol is only an excuse...
An imagination for one's happiness.
I wish people wouldn't abuse...
Love, Trade in the loneliness,
for your life, loved ones and friends.

Alcohol we know is a sickness...
It doesn't show, but it has its own quickness.
For those who like to party...
Next day are never very hearty.

Alcohol is a hill in ones life...
Too bad we all have to strive.
There is one thing we should know...
The shortest route is to say No.

For all my friends, relatives and Native Brothers and sisters by ...
Ross E.D. Benson.

Employment Opportunity Membership Clerk-Trainee

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council is now accepting applications for the position of Membership Clerk.

Depending on experience and qualifications of the successful candidate a training and orientation period will be carried out.

Duties

- to keep the registered Indian record sheet up to date.
- obtain and record registrations of all births, deaths and marriages.
- review record sheet as received from Indian Affairs making corrections as necessary.
- assist Bands in completing requirements of transfers between Bands.
- issue Indian Status cards.
- maintain statistics for a month-end report which is submitted to Ottawa.
- maintain accurate Band population statistics.
- may assist in preparation of Band voters list.

— to assist in main office reception duties.
— to maintain a good line of communication to Bands and Band membership.

Qualifications

- Grade 12 graduate preferred.
 - typing — 30 words per minute minimum.
 - valid drivers licence and own vehicle a definite asset.
 - friendly personality but able to abide by regulations.
 - knowledge of or experience in office routines (typing and filing).
- The nature of this work is extremely confidential, candidates must be aware that a breach of trust is grounds for termination.
Open to Nuu-Chah-Nulth people only.

Application Deadline — November 15, 1985

Send letter of application and detailed resume to: Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, P.O. Box 1383, Port Alberni, B.C., V9Y 7M2.

Prints for sale, proceeds to Meares Fund

Joe David, Clayoquot artist, has made two more silkscreen prints, for the purpose of raising funds for the Meares Island Legal Fund. They are entitled "Crown of Title" and "Ancient Knowledge" and are for sale for \$20 each. These prints are available at the Clayoquot Band office at Tin-Wis and at the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office at Maht Mahs.

The Clayoquot Chiefs' Basketball Club will be hosting their
5th Annual Shorty Frank Memorial Tournament
on November 8, 9, 10, 1985

Any interested teams send information to:
Clayoquot Chiefs
c-o Francis Frank
P.O. Box 333
Tofino, B.C. V0R 2Z0
Phone 725-3233 (work) or 725-3348 (home)

Information Required:
Team Name
Team Representatives (2)
Team Address
Team Phone (and one alternate phone number)



Raffle winner

The winner of the Hunter Mask, donated by the Dit-idaht Tribe, and carved by Ernie Chester, was Dave Haipee Sr. The raffle made \$340 for the Meares Island Legal Fund.

Bill C-31 Applications for Reinstatement

As many of you know, Bill C-31, the Act to amend the Indian Act was passed and made law June 28, 1985.

Three basic principles make up the amendments, the first being the removal of sexual discrimination, secondly the restoration of rights lost through sexual discrimination and last but not least, the band control of membership for the future.

By treating men and women equally, treating children equally and ensuring that no one will gain or lose status through marriage, as was the case in the old Indian Act, you have the

main effects of these changes.

In a short summary, Bill C-31 will remove or amend all sexually discriminatory sections, restore Indian status and Band membership for people who lost them through sexual discrimination, register as status Indians the first generation descendants of both these groups and also register as status Indians those enfranchised "voluntarily".

I might add here that Indian status and Band membership will be two different concepts now, so although a person may receive status, he

may not necessarily have Band membership and vice versa. The decision as to who will be a Band member in the future will be left up to the Bands if they so desire and are given a time frame of two years to establish a committee and membership codes for this. If at that time the Band has not established codes, the Department of Indian Affairs will maintain the Band's membership list and under the same codes as they use to establish Indian status.

Applications for registration under the Indian Act are available at all Band offices and here at the Nu-Chah-

Nulth Tribal Council office. As these applications ask many questions pertaining to family history I am available to assist individuals in completing them as I have the old Indian registers for the NTC Bands here in the office. Anyone having any questions or problems completing these forms should contact me and I would be happy to help. Remember if the applications are completed correctly and fully the first time around, there are no delays in restoration of status. I can be reached at the NTC office between 8:00 and 4:30, Monday to Friday at (604) 724-5757. Thank you,

SUSAN B. WALE,
Membership Clerk

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday (Sugar) Cassey Watts. Love Uncle Toby and Delaine.

Happy birthday to Deb and Janet Williams. From Delaine.

A very happy 20th birthday to my niece Lorraine.

Your Aunt Caroline. A very happy birthday to my sister-in-law Caroline Gus on October 3.

Your sis Caroline Rupert.

Happy 13th birthday October 23, 1985, Lisa Gus.

Happy 33rd Tex Sam, October 30, 1985.

With love from the "Family".

Happy birthday November 5 Jerilyn, November 7 Starla, November 8 John Sr. Belated happy birthday on October 8 Martha Fred, October 12 Aaron Watts. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Watts. Congratulations to John Watts Jr. and Ann Mack on the birth of Phillip Edward Watts on October 4.

From Martin.

Uchucklesaht Water System Almost Completed

The water problems at the Uchucklesaht Tribe's village at Kildonen will soon be over according to Joe Prest, project manager for the Nu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council.

By the first or second week of November all homes in the village will be serviced through the new system, which will pump water from a 50-foot deep well to a storage tank and into the homes.

The new system has a 30,000-gallon storage tank supplied by Stanco Projects and a pumphouse built by Con-West.

The Kildonen Construction crew has been working hard to put all the pieces together. Working on the project are band members Wilfred Cootes, Vince Robinson, Dennis Sam, and Martin Sam, along with Operator-Foreman Mac McKenzie, Project Manager Joe Prest and Engineering Consultants Chatwin Engineering.

Joe says that the system will supply the village with water that is as fresh and clean as can be found anywhere.

Friendship Centre Building Update

I would like to start by thanking all the people of the West Coast for supporting our bingos.

Thanks to you our building fund continues to grow. We have now reached the \$100,000 mark, and though this is a far cry from the \$600,000 necessary for the new building, we're well on our way! Kleco, Kleco!

Another thank you to the Hesquiaht and Ditidaht peoples. During the last NTC annual general meeting they showed their support for our new building by donating timbres for the construction phase. Kleco, Kleco!

And last but not least we would like to thank all our volunteers — without you our fundraising projects would not be successful. Kleco, Kleco!

On Monday, October 7 the Building Committee met to further refine the new building layout. Keir Robinson, our architect was in attendance for the afternoon session. With everyone's input we're getting closer to an actual building plan.

Do you have any suggestions? Please call us at the Centre (723-8281) and share your thoughts. If anyone is interested in attending Building Committee meetings please contact me, Kathy Robinson at the Centre for dates and times.

As our project moves ahead we look forward to your continued support in realizing our dream of a new Friendship Centre for the Nu-Chah-Nulth people. Choo!



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