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Indian association to discuss restructuring plan

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EDMONTON

The Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) will be taking a serious look at their governing structure with the intention of improving the organization to better represent the Indian people of Alberta at the annual assembly to be held at the Fort Vermilion recreation building in Fort Vermilion on July 5-7.

Changes to the IAA structure have been discussed for the last 11 years and a chiefs committee on restructuring the IAA will introduce a extra-special resolution to amend the present IAA constitution. The extra-special resolution went to all band offices on June 11.

The chiefs committee consisting of chiefs and councillors from the three treaty areas in Alberta plus members of the IAA senate was struck during an all chiefs conference held last May.

The first day of assembly has been set aside to allow for deliberation and debate on restructuring the IAA.

"If the special resolution should be passed at the assembly then a transition from the present structure to the proposed structure could begin at the assembly," said Debbie Moses, executive assistant to IAA President Gregg Smith.

The extra-special resolution proposes that a board of chiefs and councillors replace the present board of directors in overseeing the direction of the organization. The board of chiefs and councillors would be elected by Alberta Indian chiefs and councillors. There are about 308 chiefs and councillors of the 42 Indian bands in Alberta who would be eligible to vote for members of the board of chiefs and councillors which would have four members from Treaty 8 and three members from each of Treaty 6 and 7.

Executive titles would change to grand chief and

vice-chiefs instead of president and vice-president. The terms of office would remain at two years. The grand chief would be elected by a special assembly of chiefs and councillors.

The vice-chiefs, one from each treaty area would be elected at the IAA annual assembly.

The board of chiefs and councillors would elect two of their own members to fill the treasurer and secretary executive positions. The grand chief, vice-chiefs and executive will be answerable and receive direction on Treaty matters from the board of chiefs and councillors.

Annual IAA assemblies will continue to be held to allow for the Indian public to participate in discussions on Treaty matters. The chiefs committee recommends that future IAA annual assemblies be held at a central provincial location.

Indian elders sitting on the IAA senate will also have a more active role in decision making and be represented at board meetings. It is expected that at least one senate member from each treaty area will be present at board meetings.

After a decision on restructuring the IAA is made the assemblies will consider executive annual reports, financial audit and the provincial Indian Education Task Force report.

Special events planned at the assembly include a guest presentation by Georges Erasmus, grand chief of the Assembly of First Nations and Vern Bellegarde, grand chief of the Prairie Treaty Nations Alliance.

As part of the assembly agenda there will be a special feast held in honor of Chief Harry Chonkolay who is celebrating 50 years as leaders of the Dene Tha' band.

The Dave Crowchild awards and the Willie Littlechild Achievement awards will be presented at a banquet on the evening of July 6. □



ELDERS PAY RESPECTS BY GIVING

One aspect of all powwows and many cultural functions is the traditional giveaway. This activity recognizes certain friends, relatives or visitors through the presentation of gifts.

Pictured (l to r) are visitors Sam Windyboy, Walter Bull, Jack Kakakeway, and Clement Baker as they pay

their respects just prior to Sunday (June 26) evening's giveaway at last weekend's Saddle Lake powwow.

The four out-of-province visitors are becoming familiar faces on the western Canadian powwow circuit. For more detailed coverage of the powwow, see page 6 of this issue.

— Photo by Terry Lusty, Windspeaker

Elk herd welcomed to settlement

BY MARK McCALLUM
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EAST PRAIRIE METIS SETTLEMENT

After nearly a three week wait, East Prairie Metis residents welcomed the arrival of a small elk herd, delayed by rainy weather conditions.

The settlement, located some 60 km southeast of High Prairie, purchased 17

yearling elk earlier in May from a stock supplier about 230 km away at Vega in the Barrhead area. But, the herd could not be shipped until June 23.

"If it wasn't for the rain, we would have got them in by the May long weekend," explains settlement manager Harold Bellrose, adding a newly built 180 acre ranch on the settlement will now be home to the livestock.

The elk ranch, however, came under fire from members of the Alberta Fish and Game Association after getting approval for some funding from Alberta Career Development and Employment. The association's vice-president, Mel Damgaard, says they are not in favor of any type of ranching connected with wildlife because they fear it may lead to "criminal activity like poaching and the black market."

Damgaard suggests that such ranches may also sway public opinion and lead to problems for conservationists fighting to keep natural breeding grounds and certain animals from becoming extinct. "I think the more people see wild animals behind fences, the more they're going to start believing that other animals roaming freely don't need protection..."

But, Damgaard adds the association is more sympathetic in the case of the Metis settlement and other Native communities. "If this type of ranching was limited to just Metis and Indian communities, I think we could live with it," he says, estimating that more than 100 wild game ranches are currently operating in Alberta.

Many settlement members feel the ranch will boost the economy and create a steady source of income for

the 425 member Metis community. "Economically, we had nowhere to turn," said Harry Supernault in an interview earlier this year shortly after workers began building holding pens and corrals. The project manager says they discovered the settlement could earn a profit through "the sale of elk antler velvet and breeding stock."

The total project cost is about \$309,000. Much of the labor costs have been paid through a \$145,000 job creation grant from Alberta Career Development and Employment. East Prairie settlement representatives secured the money after agreeing to provide labor and equipment amounting to about \$75,000 to build access roads. They also secured an additional \$75,000 loan from Settlement Investment Corporation to buy the elk. □

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CLOSE TO HOME

Security beefed up for Tallman murder trail

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LETHBRIDGE

Two non-Natives will stand trial in the first degree murder of Blood Indian Bernard Tall Man Jr., provincial court Judge Ron Jacobson ruled after a three-day preliminary hearing, June 21-23, here.

Darcy Lee Watmough, 20, and Albert David Morin, 24, were arraigned in the Court of Queen's Bench at 10 a.m. on July 11 which means they will enter a plea and elect trial by either judge and jury or judge alone in a Alberta Court of Queen's Bench.

Judge Jacobson delivered his decision after the third day saying that the Crown prosecutor had presented "sufficient evidence" to proceed to a trial as the two alleged murderers sat unemotional. The Crown had presented over 20 witnesses during the hearing which had been expected to last four days.

Watmough and Morin were arrested in April in Fort Macleod after the March 31 discovery of Tall Man's body in a ditch about 10 km southeast of Lethbridge. He had been shot in the head.

Derek Redman, lawyer for Morin, immediately asked for a ban on publica-

tion of evidence from the hearing on the first day. Judge Jacobson also warned that anyone disrupting court proceedings "will be dealt with according to the law."

Security was also extremely tight as everyone entering the courtroom had to go through a metal detector. RCMP officers, stationed inside and outside the courtroom and plainclothes security men, sat among the court audience which was filled to capacity, mostly by Native people, during the three-day hearing. The two accused sat in a bullet-proof cubicle.

Security was beefed up after the two alleged murderers made their first court appearance May 6 in Lethbridge. Barnabus Tall Man, brother of the murdered victim, jumped a rail in the courtroom to attack the two accused. No charges were laid in that incident.

The hearing was much more subdued compared to May 6 when the demonstration almost erupted into a near riot after a newsman attempted to interview and photograph the grieving Tall Man family members.

After Judge Jacobson handed down his decision, people in the courtroom quietly filed out of the room. Bernard Tall Man Sr., father of the murdered victim, only nodded his head after reporters asked if he was pleased with the judge's decision. In a later interview, Tall Man Sr., said the ordeal has "been very hard on my family."

Blood Chief Roy Fox, in an interview after the hear-

ing, said he was "very pleased with the decision." The Tall Man murder came in the wake of public inquiry sought by Chief Fox after he allegedly said that a number of suspicious Blood Indian deaths were not adequately investigated by police.

Last week, Premier Don Getty and Solicitor General Ken Rostad agreed that a public inquiry will be held in the deaths of blood members in the last few years.

Chief Fox said he had a

lot of confidence in the Crown prosecutor adding that he's happy "that every effort is being made to investigate the Tall Man murder. But he said "it's too bad that a tragedy had to happen before there was serious attempts to improve the judicial system for Native people."

In a press conference at the June 24 official opening ceremonies of the Lethbridge Regional hospital, Premier Getty again reiterated that the public inquiry "will be held as soon as pos-

sible." He said Blood involvement of the selection of commissioners in the inquiry and other matters was viewed very important by him. "We wanted to allow them (Bloods) to pick somebody they have confidence and trust," he said. "We wanted to clear up all concerns about the investigations of the alleged Blood deaths."

More definite information on the date and terms of references of the public inquiry should be released soon, said Chief Fox.

University prepares students

BY ALBERT CRIER
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EDMONTON

During the long hot summer days, while the University of Alberta campus slows the pace, the Native Student Services is helping new and continuing Native students prepare to hit the books in the fall.

Summer university orientation sessions and academic counselling for incoming students are two major areas of activity at the U of A campus.

An introduction to university life for Native adults who want a university education but are not sure what to expect at a university campus, will have their uncertainties clarified during the planned Native Adult Summer University (NASU) between July 31 and August 6.

The Faculty of Extension in conjunction with the Native Student Services is

accepting NASU registrations until July 8.

Native youth in junior and senior high school grade levels will have the opportunity to experience university life during the annual Summer Youth University. Two sessions from July 4 to 15 and July 18 to 29 will give students the advantage of being prepared in advance for higher education before they complete their high school years.

For students coming in the fall term the academic counsellor's office door at Native Student Services is open to help sort out any complications in their university registration or program planning.

"As soon as students get confirmation of their registration, they should begin planning their program of studies," said academic counsellor Marilyn Dumont.

The community liaison staff are preparing to

schedule visits to schools throughout the province, bringing information on university entrance requirements, procedures and services available to Native students on campus and in the city.

The School of Native Studies, a multi-disciplinary academic unit separate from the Native Student Services, will also be introducing prospective students to the courses and services offered from their office during the Native Adult Summer University and Summer Youth University.

The school will be increasing its course offering in the fall term including: introductory Slavey, Native Law, Native Economic Development and a course on Metis people and culture. It will continue to offer Native studies, aboriginal self-government, Native issues and insights, contemporary Native art and Cree language courses. □

Emotional anniversary at Blood hospital marks 60 years

BY JACKIE RED CROW
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BLOOD RESERVE

The Blood Indian hospital's 60th anniversary was marked with nostalgia and an opportunity at their day-long festivities held on June 10.

The open house and powwow was blessed with ideal weather conditions as guest speakers spoke on the hospital's front lawn. Speaker after speaker spoke of the "kind care, love and excellent attention" given to numerous patients over the past 60 years.

In an emotional speech, Blood Chief Roy Fox said he had "mixed feelings" about the hospital's anniversary. "We have experienced great joys when our children were born here but at the same time there are feelings of sadness when our relatives spent their last few days here before they go on to a better place," he told about 200 people in attendance.

Chief Fox's father, George, suffered a stroke several years ago and has since been hospitalized at the Blood Indian hospital.

Gregg Smith, Indian Association of Alberta president, said "the hospital has a lot of tradition and memories." The 20-bed hospital built in 1928, was first staffed by the Grey Nuns, and in 1954 was turned over to the federal medical services branch to administer. Initially, the hospital had the facilities to perform minor surgery and even obstetrics but these services have since been discontinued. Today, the bright red building, located only a few metres from the modern Cardston Municipal hospital, is only a centre mostly used by elders and the disabled.

Smith also took a verbal job at the Cardston medical personnel saying that "they (Cardston) has benefitted

economically from the Bloods medical needs." He claims that Cardston doctors used statistics compiled from the Blood reserve to convince government to build a new hospital in Cardston.

"It's sad to hear horror stories about Cardston's treatment of people requiring medical attention," he said. "It's only fair that our people are treated with utmost respect and recognize that we are going to be here for a long time."

The community, especially the support of the elders, has resulted in the hospital not closing, despite repeated attempts by the federal government to do so, said Blood councillor, Randy Bottle.

"It was the community who said, 'No,'" said Bottle adding that the tribe would like to see a new hospital someday. "We have a different approach and outlook on our health system."

However, both Bottle and traditional Blood Chief Jim Shot both Sides encouraged more Native youth to pursue health professions. Bottle said the Bloods have "a state of the art health facility" but would like to see more youths "studying the sciences" so that they can have their own hospital staffed by Native nurses and physicians.

Charles Weasel Head, Blood Indian hospital administrator, presented plaques to both present and deceased staff members in recognition of their dedication and service. Family members of deceased staff members accepted plaques in memory of the late Rosie Tailfeathers, who served 32 years; Buele Allred, 26 years; and Susie Strangling Wolf. Present staff who received plaques in recognition of their service were Annie Devine, Bella Wolf Child and Joyce First Rider.

A traditional powwow ended the day's festivities. □



CLOSE TO HOME

*Chief honored for 50 years of service***Friendship centres seek direction at provincial meeting**

The Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association recently held their annual general meeting in High Level. All 14-member friendship centres were represented at the gathering on June 9-12.

Celebrations began with everyone attending the grand opening of the newly constructed facility of the High Level Native Friendship Centre.

A banquet and social was held saluting Chief Harry Chonkolay in honoring his

50th year chieftainship of the Dene Tha' band. The friendship centres were honored to be in the presence of a man with such integrity, perseverance and leadership.

Friday, June 10 was filled with a business agenda, covering all annual reports, audited statements and reflection of the past year's achievements and developments.

The friendship centres also received an update from CPM Planning Servi-

ces Ltd. who are currently working for the friendship centres. CPM have been contracted to perform a Strategic Planning Process for the Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association and each friendship centre in Alberta.

This process includes assessing and reviewing past and current programs and services offered by friendship centres. This will lead the centres to identify future programs and resources, areas for development and long range planning to address the needs of their respective communities. The process is being funded by both the

Secretary of State and Municipal Affairs and is scheduled to be completed by January 1989.

A report from the National Association of Friendship Centres from both the Alberta representative on the National Association of Friendship Centres board, Melodie Wilton and president Nelson Mayer was first on the agenda for Sunday.

This updated all friendship centres on national business within the movement and provided information for our upcoming annual general meeting.

Following the report were elections for the

Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association.

The president's position was sought by three candidates: incumbent Ruth Kidder (Peace River), George Mallett (Calgary) and Henry Bedard (Edmonton).

After one ballot, the delegation elected George Mallett as president.

Three candidates were in the running for the vice-president position: incumbent Henry Bedard, Wilfred Willier (High Prairie) and Gladys Bigelow (Rocky Mountain House). After the first ballot count, two candidates remained, leaving Henry Bedard and

Wilfred Willier. The second and third ballot had both candidates at a tie. The fourth and final ballot resulted in Wilfred Willier successfully becoming the vice-president.

The treasurer position was filled by Gladys Bigelow who got in by acclamation.

Henry Bedard is the secretary and is also in by acclamation.

Following the elections the closing prayers were conducted by Elder Sylvestre Youngchief completing the annual general meeting of the association. □

Indian Affairs to act quickly on forest fire claims

The Department of Indian Affairs will pay all outstanding claims as a result of the forest fire on the Sunchild and O'Chiese reserves at the earliest possible date, says the acting regional director general for Alberta.

Fred Jobin says the regional office in Edmonton is prepared to handle all approved invoices immediately to avoid any unnecessary delays.

Jobin said the department is truly appreciative of the help given by the citizens of Rocky Mountain House and surrounding area and does not want anyone to be waiting too long for reimbursement of their claim.

The first cheques he said, should be processed within 30 days of receipt.

Tuition deal signed with school boards

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BLOOD RESERVE

A formal ceremony is set for July 22 during the Kainai Indian Days when the Blood tribe education board will sign tuition agreements with four provincial school boards.

Dr. Pier De Poala, Blood education coordinator, said agreements have been reached in principle with school divisions in Fort Macleod, Lethbridge public and separate schools and Cardston. About 1,200 Blood Indian students from kindergarten to Grade 12 enrolled in these schools with more than 600 registered in Cardston schools.

Since the band assumed band control of Native edu-

cation in May, the Blood school board has been able to negotiate tuition agreements with the school divisions for the first time in history. "The tribe was not represented in a formal way (in the past)," said De Poala.

De Poala reiterated the basic conditions in the tuition agreements. They include the Blood parents have the right to send their children to either provincial or band operated schools; every effort will be made to ensure that Blood students do not drop out of school; and that two payments will be made by the school board so that monies will follow a student in the event a student decides to leave school.

As well, the tuition

agreements state that there will be special services available to that any Blood learning disabled students can seek additional help. Two semi-annual meetings will also be held between the board and provincial school divisions to discuss progress and any concerns they may have during the school year.

In August, Blood parents who have children registered in provincial schools will receive a cheque from the Blood school board so that they can pay for their children's books and supplies. Those students enrolled in band-operated schools will receive their necessary books and supplies from the schools.

However, Blood parents who live off the reserve will

have to contact provincial social services for assistance in paying for their children's books and supplies, said De Poala.

De Poala said he doesn't know the exact amount that parents will receive until the provincial school boards release those figures which is expected soon.

But, he encourages parents to register their children as soon as possible so that nobody is left out, he said.

Fifty Native and non-Native teachers have been hired for the three band-operated schools on the reserve. De Poala said teachers were given a letter of offer by the school board and if they accept by July a one-year contract will be signed by the teacher and the school board in time for the new school year in September.

He said one additional vice-principal for St. Mary's and one more teacher aide were hired for the schools. A code of ethics manual was drafted so that "any personnel problems" will be dealt with in a fair and impartial manner," said De Poala.

An independent assessment by the University of Lethbridge will be released to the school board June 29. The purpose of the project was to determine the curriculum needs of the schools. "Parents have a perception of on-reserve programs that they do not have the same curriculum of provincial schools," he said.

Once the assessment report is released the school board will be in better position to determine the needs of the band-operated schools, he said.

More details on the signing ceremony will be released as they are being finalized. □

CORRECTION

In the June 10, 1988 issue of *Windspeaker*, under a front page story entitled Peigans to sue province over dam, it was incorrectly reported that the Peigans received \$11 million in a 1909 land claim settlement from the federal government last year. Rather, the Peigans had received \$5.2 million in that settlement. Also, the tribe's lawyer, Thomas Berger, is better known as an aboriginal rights lawyer rather than an activist lawyer. We apologize for any misunderstandings that the article may have caused.



— Photo by Terry Lusty

Ho!

The handgame, a traditional form of Indian gambling, proved popular at this year's Fort McKay Treaty Days celebrations, June 24-26.

The no-stakes games were all in fun and purely for exhibition purposes.

Pictured to the far left (page 2), a hearty laugh radiates from the face of Harold Watchmaker as he outsmarts his opponent who has guessed incorrectly. He is flanked by singer Jimmy Pipe.

A smirking Glen Youngchief (far right) from the opposing team also managed to fool his rivals when he hid the bones. He's flanked by drummer Ernest Watchmaker.

For more Treaty Days coverage, see pages 8 and 12.

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YOUR WORDS

Former Metis association official 'appalled' at current politics

Dear Editor:

Re: June 17, 1988 article on the
Metis Association

As a former member of the Board of Directors of the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) and a descendant of the founding fathers, I must say that I am more than slightly appalled at the article which appeared in your June 17, 1988 edition. If what has been reported is accurate, this represents a new low in Native politics.

I must admit, however, to some small degree of satisfaction in reading the article. As they say, what goes around comes around. People instrumental in suspending my membership last September, now have had their memberships revoked. At least they were informed of the event. I was never informed of any such action against myself contrary to what was stated in your paper. I find it even more amusing that these people are raising a hue and cry over not being able to look at the MAA's financial records when they were part of the group that would not let Freezien Norris, a duly elected local president and member of the regional council, the opportunity to look at the Zone 4 records. They then passed a motion denying her a place on the regional council, effectively eliminating her members from participating. What is fit for the goose is also fit for the gander.

I also liked Mr. Martel's reference to his credibility being tarnished because Desmeules was taking legal action over alleged misappropriation of funds. He says that if there is cause, let there be criminal action, not civil statements of claim that try to discredit. Last year, Jo-Ann Daniels made exactly the same statement to Mr. Martel, when she said that he should proceed in that exact fashion with Mr. Courtrille and myself. Nothing happened there either and now Mr. Martel is feeling the other end of the stick.

Then too, there are many other

statements in the article. I would like to comment on some of them.

I note that the president "revoked" the memberships in question. The bylaw speaks of "suspending/expelling" members by the board on a vote of not less than nine members. Is this new type of action the result of some "divine right" that now allows the president to revoke memberships? The quote that you attribute to Desmeules about taking more memberships away "until we get rid of all the troublemakers..." must have caused warm feelings in dictators everywhere.

This is the type of action you have to "nip in the bud," else before you know it the membership will want more — like democracy. Simply eliminate anyone that dares oppose you and soon you have no problems. Certainly, members of the Opposition of both the Parliament and provincial legislature should take heed, lest the prime minister or premier begin to entertain such a notion.

Another quote, about being in the "middle of an audit...and we don't have time for a small group to come in and disrupt our operations," is completely laughable. First, the operations are the operations of the members, not the president or board. Further, Article XIII says that: "The books of the association may be inspected by any member or group of members upon application in writing to the executive of the association. 'Books' shall mean those books of accounts commonly known as synoptic, journal entry and general ledger." I don't see anything there about the necessity of it having to be convenient for anyone — indeed it seems to me that the best time for members to view an association's books would be when it was inconvenient to those spending the money.

A further quote about members "trying to run the organization through motions and resolutions..." and "trying to dictate the terms of this organization," shows the ignorance of the

speaker. Article IX (13) says just that. If I may quote from the MAA's own bylaw, "Subject to the bylaws and direction given to them by majority vote at any annual assembly...the board shall have full control..."

Possibly with this new administration, there are new ground rules that the president and board only have to follow those bylaws and resolutions they like. Perhaps that should be formalized and the subject of a special resolution.

We (AMNA) believed then and continue to believe that the MAA is obsolete and will soon take its place in history. Some of their present leaders, many of whom we (AMNA) believe might not qualify for membership in AMNA because they are not Metis, were around to bury other Native organizations; now it is the

MAA's turn.

That organization gets in excess of \$1,000,000 a year in government funding. Only the governments keep them afloat. When that is gone the organization will die. I advise their members to look closely at their finances and see who is getting the money.

There is a further allotment given to the Metis National Council of which some members of the Alberta board gets. Look at that also. Then you will understand just what this fight is about. How has it helped you and other Metis?

Yours truly

Ronald R. LaRocque
President

Alberta Metis Nation Alliance

IN OUR OPINION

Canada's birthday marks 121 years of hardship and suffering for Natives

Happy 121st birthday Canada. It has been a long, hard 121 years for Canada's Native people.

Facing discrimination, being forced to abandon our culture and language, losing our identities for the sake of religion, abnormally high suicide rates, an inmate prison population figure which is appalling — if you are a Native person we do not have a lot to celebrate on Canada's birthday on July 1.

Many people hold the view that the government provides us with free education, free medical coverage and free this and that if you are a treaty Indian. But the Native people of Canada have paid the price for these "rights." We have traded rights to most of the land of Canada for the few (and eroding) rights we have today.

We can look into the past and see that Native people fought in both world wars for the freedom (self-government) of foreign countries and then returned home and didn't even have the right to vote in provincial or federal elections until the early 1960s.

Today, the problems continue but now we are placated by never-ending rounds of talks to keep us thinking that the governments are going to change things.

It is all right for the federal government to reach an agreement like the Meech Lake Accord with the provinces in a week's time and yet it is not all right for them to negotiate an agreement with the Native people of Canada like at the first ministers' conference.

And people wonder why we are not pleased with our situation. We are the white man's burden but it is something that they brought on themselves by not dealing with us fairly. By ignoring treaties and what they stand for they are ignoring the rules of the game that they set up. They aren't even playing by their own rules.

For instance, the Lubicon issue is sad case of federal and provincial governments arguing over who's responsibility it is to pay a 48-year-old debt and some people accuse Indians of being late and using the excuse of "Indian time."

Now the federal government is trying to slough off their responsibility of paying us for the use of the land that is now Canada by handing over the responsibility to the provinces.

If you don't see too many Native celebrating Canada's birthday it's because we don't have a lot to celebrate about on this day of back-patting and glad-handing by politicians of all stripes.

Yours truly,

Darren Bradshaw
President
Local #44
Edson

Young reader upset with MAA president

Dear Editor:

Open letter to Larry Desmeules,
Zone 6 vice-presidents and board
members.

This letter is in regards to the last MAA board meeting which some of our youth council attended in mid-June to learn proper procedure in conducting a meeting, and to find out what is going on with our MAA.

After observing two days of how your board holds their meetings I can really tell you we were ashamed. Everything basically was done in a whole different manner, totally ignoring proper procedure. The Metis people who attended this meeting asked

themselves what's going on. No wonder the government is always laughing at us. I think it is time you start doing something for the youth and the people that elected you.

On the last day of the meeting our president who is supposed to care for the Metis people, criticized my youth for being there and our local.

For the last time, does this not tell you people out there anything? I certainly hope so.

YOUR WORDS

Chief advises woman to stop 'jeopardizing' grandmother's health

Dear Editor:

It gives me great pleasure to respond to Lorna Jackknife's letter to the Editor in the June 17, 1988, (Vol. 6 No. 15) publication of Windspeaker.

First of all we have to back up a little to the time when without the chief and council's knowledge a little shack was dragged to a location a short distance from Mrs. Louisa Gladue's home. The next

thing we find out is that Mrs. Gladue, Lorna's 85-year-old grandmother, has moved out of her house, which has gas heating, water, sewer and power which I might add is all paid for by the tribal administration, into the one room shack with none of the above provided. Now this might sound ridiculous and I guess it is but there is a reason behind all this madness.

Lately there has been a new

class of Indians created by the federal government with the passage of a bill called Bill C-31. The Beaver Lake band council and the people of Beaver Lake have totally rejected Bill C-31 because it has taken away the right to determine our membership.

We also feel that we are a sovereign nation and that Treaty 6 is an international treaty signed in 1876 by two sovereign nations, the Indian nations and the Crown

in Right of Great Britain. In light of this we took reserves.

In these reserves we kept the right to govern ourselves and the right to determine who our members are. This is why I am having all sorts of problems with Lorna's mother who is a Bill C-31 Indian and who is using her grandmother to manipulate the decision on the band council and the people of Beaver Lake.

In conclusion I would state that

if these people are so worried about the old lady's well-being then I would suggest to them that they convince her to move back to her home which has all the modern facilities and that all these facilities are paid for and stop using her and jeopardizing her health for the sake of getting their way.

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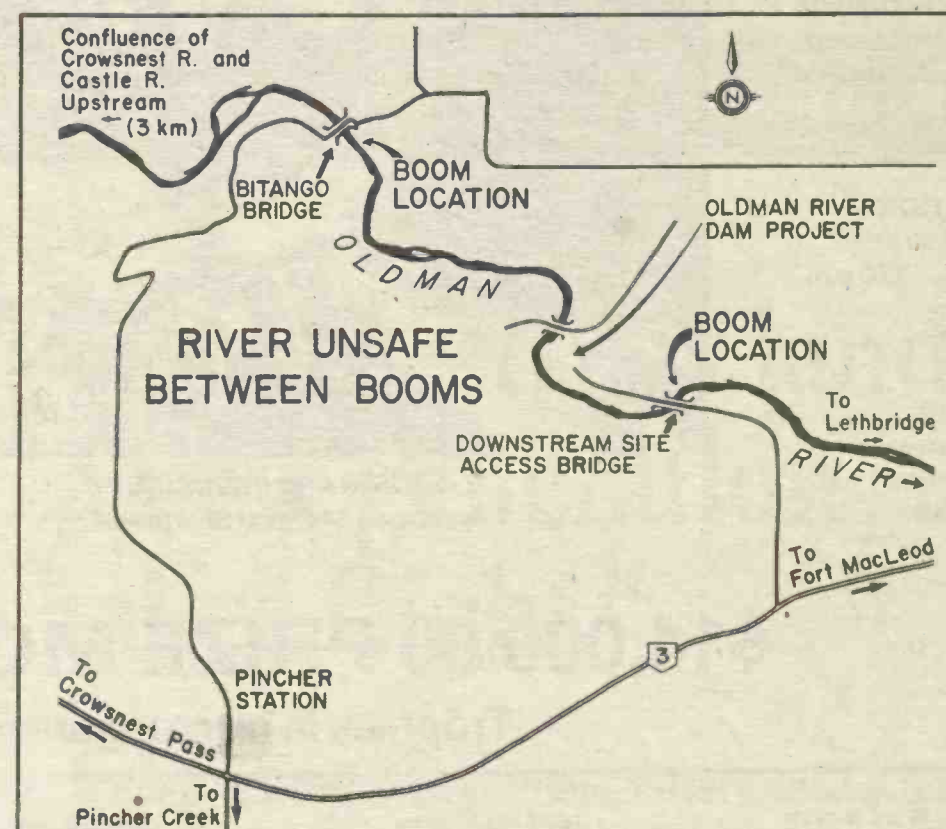
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Grass dance champ: Alton Tortalita, 17, New Mexico

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ON THE POWWOW TRAIL

Powwow attracts big crowds

BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent

SADDLE LAKE RESERVE

The weather couldn't have been better for this year's powwow at Saddle Lake, June 24-26.

A couple of light overnight drizzles helped to keep the dust settled and sunny skies prevailed for most of the powwow.

With \$25,000 in prize money the gathering attracted close to 500 dancers from western Canada and a number of the American states such as Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Oklahoma, North and south Dakota, Wisconsin and New Mexico.

The occasion also attracted onlookers who came to camp and visit.

With Eric Cardinal and Eric Robinson of Winnipeg acting as emcees, performances and competitions seemed to run smoothly to the delight of everyone there.

The host drum was the Mandaree Singers from North Dakota while the Little Boy Drummers from Alexis served as the honor drum. A total of 21 drum groups were there.

For the past two years, Saddle Lake powwow has been sponsoring big prize money for handgame competition. Total payout this year was \$10,000 with

\$4,000 going to the winners on the "A" side. The final results had Eugene Cardinal from Kehewin take first on the "A" side, Tom Arkson of Rocky boy took second, and Saddle Lake groups under Ben Houle and James Cardinal coming first and second respectively on the "B" side.

This year's senior princess is Deanna Cardinal. The junior princess is Misty McGilvery and Tinneke Jackson represents the tiny tots.

A raffle for the princess pageant was won by Saddle Lakers, Calvin Cardinal and Judy Bretton. Daine Kakeesim won a doll house in another raffle sponsored by the Saddle Lake Warriors (fastball) club.

Shane Redstar, Whitebear; Terry Johnson, Hobbema; and Jonathon McGilvery, Saddle Lake. *Boys Teen:* Alton Tortalita, N. Mex.; Curtis Francis, Lethbridge; and Jeff Moosomin, Mosquito, Sask. *Mens:* Sedrick Baker, N. Dakota; Gerald Baptiste, Red Pheasant, Sask., and Trevor Ewack, Whitebear.

JINGLE DRESS: *Open* — Alanna Tootoosis, Poundmaker; Karla Bison, Regina; and Tina Bull, Little Pine, Sask. **TEAM DANCING:** *Ladies* — Ruth Bull, Little Pine; Lisa Meeches, Winnipeg; and Suzette Bull. *Mens* — Richard Poppybitty, Okla.; Gerald Baptiste, Red Pheasant; and Kenny Roan, Hobbema.

TRADITIONAL DANCE: *Boys 8-12* — Darwin Daniels, Sturgeon Lake, Sask.; Bobby Hunter, Morinville; and Jason Agecutay, Crooked Lake, Sask. *Boys Teens* — Marvin Callfrobe, Cardston; Gabe Cleveland, Milwaukee; and Jason Daniels, Sturgeon Lake. *Men 18-39* — Richard Poppybitty, Okla.; Ellery Starlight, Sarcee; and Tim White Eyes, S. Dakota. *Men 40 and over* — Walter Bull, Little Pine; Gerald Cleveland, Milwaukee; and Gordon Tootoosis, Poundmaker. *Girls 8-12* — Sunshine Callfrobe, Cardston; Darlene Anderson, Grassy Lake, AB; and Amber Smallboy, Hobbema. *Teen Girls* — Roberta Agecutay, Crooked Lake; Morning Dove Roan, Pigeon Lake; and Lilith Yazzie, N. Mex. *Women 18-39* — Sharon Smallboy, Hobbema; Agnes Francis, Lethbridge; and Edith Yazzie, N. Mex. *Women 40 and over* — Ruth Bull, Little Pine; Annette Cleveland, Milwaukee; and Emma Ironchild, Little Pine.

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FANCY DANCE: *Boys 8-12* — Saun Yazzie, New Mexico; Al Draper, New Mexico; and Leny Haffe, Saddle Lake. *Boys 13-16* — Bradley McGilvery, Saddle Lake; Craig Louis, Onion Lake; and Amos Yazzie, New Mexico. *Mens Fancy:* Rick Cleveland, Milwaukee; Roy Crazy Horse Bison, Oklahoma; and Elmer Rattlesnake, Smallboy Camp. *Girls 8-12* — Candace Gadwa, Kehewin; Misty McGilvery, Saddle Lake; and Elaine Raine, Hobbema. *Girls Teen:* Kelly Yazzie, N. Mex.; Rachel Francis, Lethbridge; and Shelley Tootoosis, Poundmaker. *Ladies:* Donnetta Ewack, Whitebear, Sask.; Lisa Meeches, Winnipeg; and Danelle Tailfeathers, Warm Springs, Ore. **GRASS DANCE:** *Boys 8-12* —



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DROPPIN IN

By Mark
McCallum

Monias to bring 'shadows' west

The volunteer crew at Lac La Biche's friendship centre isn't celebrating anymore. They had cause to rejoice earlier this month on June 26 when the Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Centre officially became a year old — not bad for a non-profit organization that doesn't get any government funding.

And, if you take a close look at the history of Lac La Biche and the failed attempts at operating a friendship centre there, I'm sure you'd agree the event is quite an accomplishment for the tiny group of volunteers.

But, none of that seemed to matter for acting executive director Lester Whitford. He was clearly disappointed with the poor number of confirmations they have received for the upcoming "Friends in Sport" summer games. Only four centres will be participating in the games and that includes Lac La Biche.

Other centres taking part in the event are from Edmonton, Fort McMurray and High Prairie. The numbers are way down from last year when teams from as far away as British Columbia and Saskatchewan participated in the annual event.

Whitford says many of the centres are claiming to be broke which is no surprise; the provincial government has been threatening to slash the funding of centres across the nation. The games will certainly suffer and be none the better for it. But, it is the youngsters who were thrilled and excited at last year's games who will suffer the most. Many of the programs at most friendship centres are funded by provincial dollars.

Whitford says they have been forced to cancel two events — the soccer and softball tourneys. But, he notes they will still be hosting a banquet (July 7) and track events. "It's a big disappointment, but we're still going to pull it off," he adds confidently.

The Friends in Sports summer games are being held along with the Metis Association's annual assembly this year. Sports events will be held at the J. Williams high school July 7 and 8. The Metis Association assembly will run from July 8 to 9 with most events taking place at the Lac La Biche mission, about 10 km west of town.

I hope everyone in Lac La Biche for the games and the Metis association assembly has a great time. I hear the association has some interesting cultural activities planned for the event. Now, let's travel to other parts of the province and see what our neighbors are up to.

WHITEFISH (Atikameg) LAKE: Here's some good news for Ernest Monias fans — the Native rock and country singer will be appearing in Whitefish July 15 and 16. "I've never played there before, but I'm looking forward to it," says the Winnipeg, Manitoba entertainer, who is planning to bring along his Shadows.

Ernest Monias and the Shadows will then be moving to LaRonde, Saskatchewan the following week.

A rumor that leaked into this column last week also said that the multi-talent and very friendly singer, guitarist and piano man, Alvis Grey, would be in Whitefish on the same date. Unlike Monias, this has not been officially confirmed but is likely the case. Grey was confident he would be joining the celebration which is taking place at his birthplace. Anyone with more information is welcome to give me a call (455-2700).

JANVIER: Chief Walter Janvier of the reserve with the same name — Janvier — says they had a great time at a talent show, attended recently by a number of guests from the neighboring communities of Conklin and Anzac.

The talent show was all part of the annual Treaty Days celebration on the Janvier reserve, located about 120 km south of Fort McMurray.

"Conklin almost took everything," notes Janvier, who must have recalled from our last visit with each other that I have some kinfolk in those parts.

But, if anyone deserves credit, it's the Janvier chief and council, who must have pulled the talent show or at least the community hall out of a hat. The hall was being renovated right up until the day of the talent show. "The workers finished it just in time," he explains, adding the hall will not be completely restored until mid-July. The hall was closed down only a short time earlier.

HIGH PRAIRIE: The friendship centre along with the Alberta Vocational Centre will be offering an emergency first aid course at the centre July 9. But, the centre's program development coordinator Dave Rumley says if you're interested, you better pack a lunch. "The course will last all day (9 to 6 p.m.)," he explains.

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Teen Girls Traditional		Teen Boys Traditional		Teen Boys Grass Dance 16 and Under		Girls (8 - 12) Fancy	
First	200.00	First	200.00	First	200.00	First	100.00
Second	100.00	Second	100.00	Second	100.00	Second	75.00
Third	75.00	Third	75.00	Third	75.00	Third	50.00
Total	375.00	Total	375.00	Total	375.00	Total	225.00
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Third	75.00	Third	100.00	Third	100.00		
Total	375.00	Total	700.00	Total	700.00		
Boys (8 - 12) Traditional		Men Fancy		Ladies Fancy			
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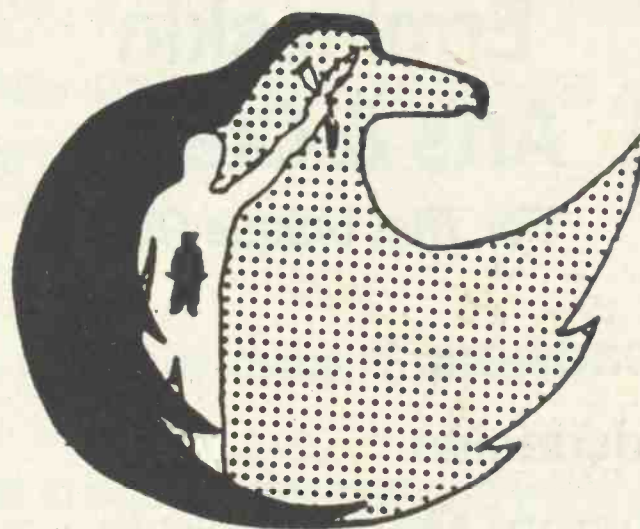
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GRASSROOTS

Treaty Days create largest stir in recent memory

BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent

FORT MCKAY, Alta.

Fort McKay recognized the signing of Treaty 8 in a three-day celebration June 24-26, but also combined the grand opening of Fort McKay's new \$850,000 multiplex on June 24.

The weekend festivities attracted supporters showing up from Fort Chipewyan, Fort McMurray, Anzac and Wabasca. On hand as well were a number of dignitaries including chiefs Rita Marten and Pat Marcel from Fort Chip, Chief Robert Cree

from Anzac, MP Jack Shields, MLA Norm Weiss, Fort McMurray's mayor Chuck Knight, and Northland School Division chairman Jeff Chalifoux and superintendent Brian Callaghan.

The gathering of about 300 people, said McKay Chief Jim Boucher, was one of the largest ever in the community for some years.

The weekend agenda included a powwow and tea dance, handgames, jigging contest, talent show, Dene Tha' Drummers who were a special treat for the unaccustomed, barbecue and

feasts, children's games and baseball.

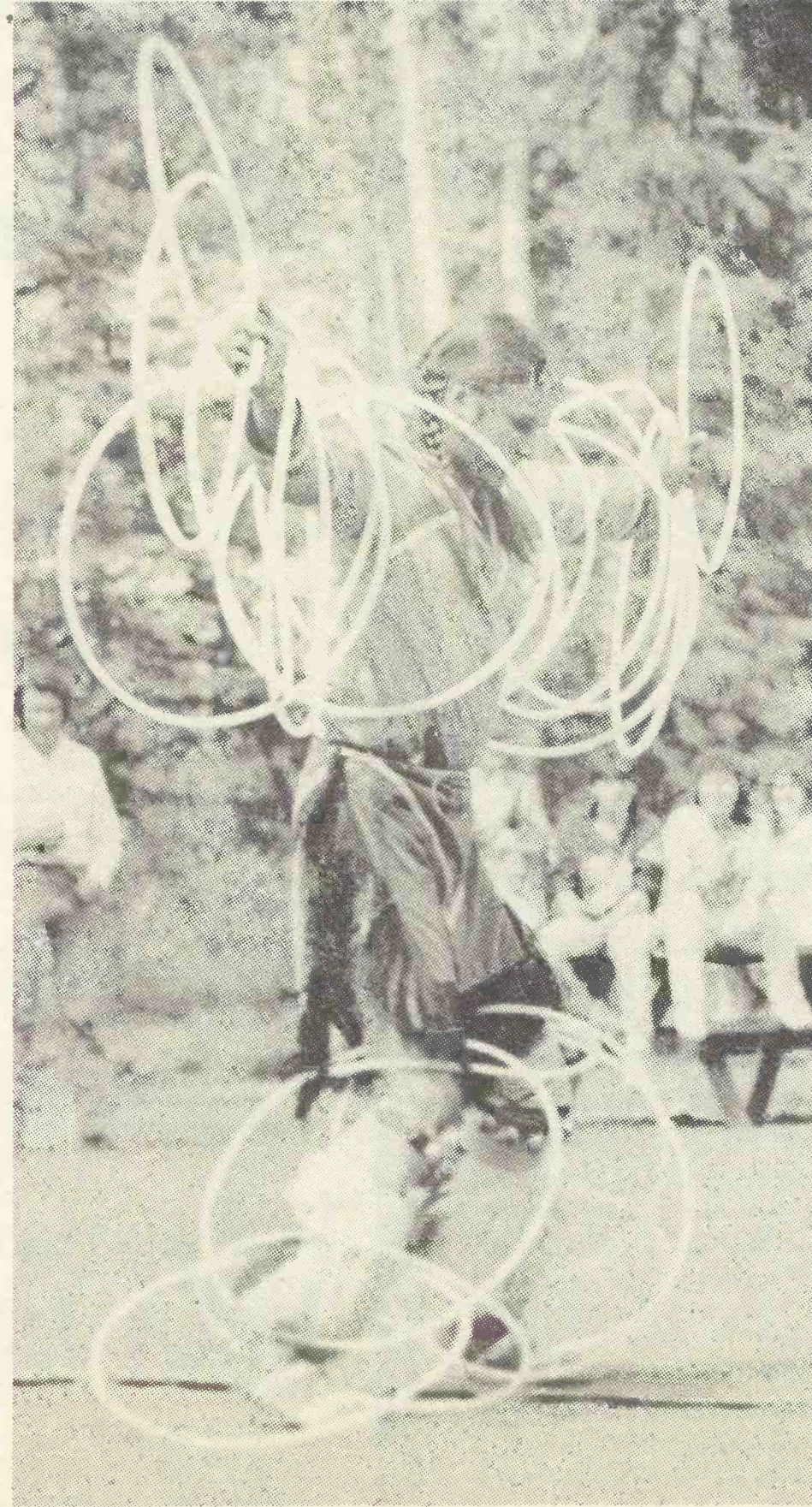
The emcee was George Tuccaro of Yellowknife who introduced the special guests and officials involved in the opening ceremonies and the ribbon-cutting for the multiplex.

In addressing the audience, MLA Weiss credited "the band's commitment and accomplishment in the development of this facility." The 10,260 square foot structure houses the band's administrative offices, among others, and a large hall.

Special recognition was extended to former chief Dorothy McDonald who had originally negotiated for and landed some tentative funding commitments for the multiplex. One of the major verbal commitments was \$442,000 from the Native Economic Development Program (NEDP).

The multiplex was named the Fr. Begin Community Centre after Fr. George Begin who now lives in Edmonton. His name had been proposed by Madeline Orr who said that Begin's presence for about 35 years in the community "has touched the lives of everyone."

However, several community members and some visitors expressed their dismay in the selection which, according to Chief Boucher, was done by the board for the multiplex. The critics, who asked not to be identified, confided to Windspeaker that their feelings have nothing to do with the fact that Begin is non-Native and a priest. They said they would have rather seen the complex named after one of their



Weekend highlight: Hoop dancer Jerome Youngchief

own people, perhaps a former hereditary chief. That way, they said, a role model situation would be evolved.

Aside from the \$442,000 from NEDP, additional funding for the complex came from Indian Affairs (\$100,000), Improvement District #18 (\$125,000), Indian Equity Foundation (\$50,000), provincial cultural/recreational grant (\$35,000), about \$48,000 worth of goods and services

from Syncrude Canada in McMurray, and the balance being put up by the band itself.

Chief Boucher estimates that the structure will likely be in full operation by late July with some space being allotted to the Metis, one to Alberta Environment and one to the Improvement District. The hall, he added, will provide the much needed space for bingo, weddings, dances, meetings, conferences and so forth.



72: Victoria McDonald

Some of the special events of the weekend included performances by hoop dancers Jerome Youngchief Sr. and Jr. from Kehewin, northern drumming and singing by several members of Assumption's Dene Tha' Drummers who had travelled about 600 miles, and exhibition dancing by the Fort McKay Traditional Dancers under the direction of Clara Wilson who has been instructing young boys and girls since February.

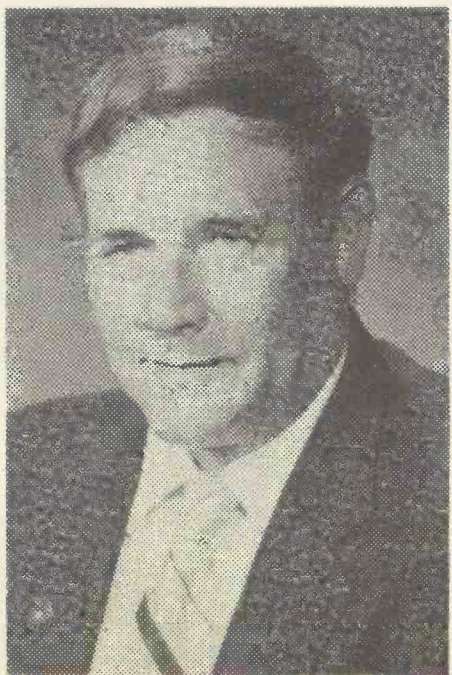
The jigging contest was won by Wilfred Boucher and Delores Torangeau while Francis Orr and Fr. Paul came first and second in the men's traditional dress contest. Among the tiny tots, Kelly McDonald, age four next month, won in the traditional. In the older categories Maureen Grandjamb and Sammy Howe, both nine, won the 7-12 age group and Rosita Boucher and Tracy Howe won the 13-17 year group.

Eugene Boucher's band played for the evening dance on Saturday and Fort McKay coffee mugs were sold for souvenir collectors.

Band administrators said they were very proud of the job done in organizing the events. They credit the several local people who are trainees in basic management through a Keyano College program and Rose Boucher, the Treaty Days coordinator. □

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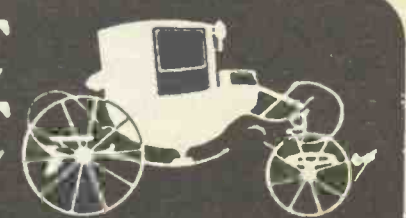
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GRASSROOTS

A historical look at the treaties

BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent

PROVINCIAL

Among Canada's Indian people, if there was ever a reason to have a special or close attachment to the Crown, it can be found in the treaties.

Each year, various bands throughout the country set aside one day of the year, usually in the month of June, to recognize and celebrate Treaty Day.

In the process, band members collect the grand sum of five dollars each. In the case of chiefs the amount is \$25 and for head men, it is \$10 each. While it may be true that five dollars or even \$25 does not go very far today, it's the significance of the gesture that is meaningful. Especially in an era when Indian rights are jeopardized or appear to be, the symbolism takes on still greater meaning.

It is a day when the federal government of Canada honors one of its obligations made over a hundred years ago, a time when it was party to the treaties on behalf of the sovereign



Treaty Day payout: Fort McKay

nation. It is also a day when federal officials visit the reserves to update band lists and dole out the amounts promised by treaty.

Between 1870 and 1877, seven treaties were signed. The last of these, Treaties 6 and 7, encompass southern and central Alberta respectively. The northern part of Alberta falls under Treaty 8 which was signed in 1899.

Although it was discontinued for many years, the government agents now also hand out several bullets each to hunters — another provision of the

treaties. The practice ground to a halt in different areas following the 1885 Northwest Resistance in what is today Saskatchewan and as a result of fewer and fewer Indians hunting for their livelihood.

The only other thing Indians receive on Treaty Day is something that costs nothing other than a bit of effort — a handshake. That happens when the treaty annuities are paid out. In some instances, the government representatives are accompanied by an RCMP officer from the nearest

detachment. The officer is usually dressed for the occasion in his or her scarlet tunic, dark brown riding boots and dark blue breeches.

When approached about the event Indians often remark that the occasion is the "rent" which white society pays for what was once Indian country and includes not only the five dollar annuities, but also free education, medicare and land.

Treaty Day usually involves any of a variety of happenings such as drumming and singing, traditional flag-raising, card games, hand games, craft sales and childrens activities.

In communities that have recently built some kind of new facility, the structure will generally be officially opened in conjunction with Treaty Day. The opportunity for band members and some visiting outsiders to come together is also part and parcel of this event setting the stage for the renewal of friends and acquaintances. □

Happy Canada Day to all.



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SPORTS & LEISURE

Rodeo sparks good response

BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent

BEAVER LAKE RESERVE

The annual Beaver Lake rodeo of June 25-26 never fails to attract quite a few Native cowboys, especially from Goodfish, Kikino and the Buffalo Lake Metis settlements. The rodeo which is open to all amateurs is contested by Natives and non-Natives alike.

The rodeo also coincided with a ball tournament and a fair that had a variety of children's rides. They even had pony rides for the young at heart who may have wanted to take their first plunge at saddle bronc riding.

The two-day event was sponsored by the Beaver Lake Indian band and the Wild Rose Rodeo Association which has a fairly extensive circuit now. Their territory extends from the eastern sectors comprising such communities as Fort McMurray and Goodfish, and into central and western communities like Athabasca, Smith, Edson, Sangudo and Mayerthorpe.

Wild Rose secretary Eleanor Brandon says the circuit will probably sponsor about 18 rodeos this season and now has a membership of close to 300 cowboys and cowgirls. It's been operating about four years but was previously under the title, Northeastern Amateur Cowboys' Rodeo Association for a couple of years she explained.

Stock at this year's rodeo was provided by Rob McDonald from the Buffalo Lake Metis settlement. His animals are from the well-known Vern Franklin



Riding on 'Tuff Enuf': Lonnie Bellerose, Driftpile

string and highly respected by contestants.

The overall standings of Wild Rode contestants are based on a point system rather than total money earned as is the case with many other associations, particularly the professional ones.

Native contestants fared pretty good this year taking two firsts and three second place finishes in the two top categories although Lonnie Bellerose from Driftpile managed to come a respectable third in bull riding, an event he had won the week before at the Kikino rodeo.

Other Native winners included: Arthur Peterson of Kikino who came first in wild horse race and saddle bronc riding. Harold Blyan from Buffalo Lake placed second in wild horse race and in bareback bronc riding while Robert Peterson came second in saddle bronc. □

RESULTS

Bull riding: Gary Ness, Dray-

ton Valley, 73; Wayne Brandon, Vega, 72; and Lonnie Bellerose, Driftpile, 66.

Bareback bronc: Ken Romeo, Mayerthorpe, 72; Harold Blyan, Buffalo Lake, 70; and David McDonald, Hylo, 70.

Calf Roping: Ronald Schmidt, Barrhead, 10.8; Warren Kakoske, Leduc, 12.7.

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Junior Barrels: Misty Ruggles, Lac La Biche, 18.74; Wanda Sissions, Fort McMurray, 22.52.

Ladies Barrels: Wanda Christianson, Camp Creek, 16.78; Wanda Austin, St. Lina, 17.09.

Saddle Bronc: Arthur Peterson, Kikino, 65; Robert Peterson, Kikino, 64.

Steer Wrestling: Glen Nash, Drayton Valley, 11.4; Ken Romeo, Mayerthorpe, 15.7.

Team Roping: Dennis Nyal/Danny Shank, 7.6; Merle Arthur/Vernon Swaren, Mayerthorpe & Whitecourt, 8.4.

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SPORTS & LEISURE

SPORTS
ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

Some of my worst and best memories come from the annual Treaty day band hall dance. This social occasion, exclusive to us, can catapult a 15-year-old boy into semi-adulthood while awakening the feelings and instincts of a six-year-old.

Girls were a problem. Well, not the girls, but the guys who were chasing the same girls I was. Notice I said girls — plural, as in two or three. That's part of the problem with young guys — like a cat chasing too many mice at once, chances are he'll starve.

Another problem with 15-year-old males is that they want to look tough while inside they feel like terrified children.

I remember it vividly. "Kim, so and so is on his way. He wants to fight." I wished that I could of slunk away, hid behind my uncle or something. But, all my friends and relatives were leaning on the fence beside me. And the girl I was supposed to be fighting for was standing in earshot. "Bring him on," I said, managing to keep the quiver out of my voice. And thank God for all the noise — it covered up the sound of my knocking knees.

Standing face to face we exchange fighting words, like two roosters in the chicken yard. Nonchalantly my enemy gives me a left jab in my chest. Nonchalantly I keep talking, as if I was bit by a mosquito. I was sore in my chest for about a month.

The only time the whole rez gets together for socializing and all I'm worried about is how am I going to save face.

But everything turned out okay. No fight, no girl, no heroics, but I still had my face.

Just last year I ran into my old arch enemy here in the city. You would of thought we were best friends — for some strange reason we were glad to see each other.

Looking back now I can see that he felt the same fear I did and deep down we both wanted to avoid a scrap. What a relief.

WABASCA/DESMARAIS: Hey buckaroos! That's the name of the team to beat in the Wabasca/Desmarais baseball league. The Buckaroos remain undefeated in the eight team league.

If you live in Wabasca, chances are you know someone playing in the league. Each team has a roster of nearly 20 players and with eight teams that's a lot of players for a community of about 2,000 people.

Russel Alook, CVC instructor by day, league organizer by night, says the league will go until the end of July, then the top four teams will play off for the championship.

Right now the closest contender to William Yellowknee's buckaroos are the Northern Lites. Other teams battling for the third and fourth spots are the Starlights, Rebels, Moonshiners, Bullets, W.D. Allstars and W.D. Spinners.

PEERLESS LAKE: Baseball season here is almost over says teacher Ken Hoekstra, organizer of the Peerless Lake community baseball league.

"We play a Peerless Lake form of baseball here." He explains that's a mix between slowpitch, fastball and softball styles.

It's easy to win a spot in the top three here since the league only has three teams — they are the Sluggers, Bears and Northland Blues.

Last year Andrew Orr's Bears won the annual Peerless Lake Cup while Oliver Okemow's Sluggers secured second.

This Wednesday night the league has their final playoffs, the world series of the bush country. "We have

to do it this Wednesday because the teachers are leaving for the summer," says Hoekstra.

A community volleyball league is in the works starting this September. Have a super summer, Peerless Lake.

LOUIS BULL: Fastball is far from dead here. The band hosted a men's and ladies' fastball tourney last June 18-19 that attracted eight teams on each side.

And if fastball is alive and well here, then it must be cookin' in B.C. I say that since B.C. teams won both the men's and ladies' events. On the ladies' side the Columbia Lake team grabbed the \$800 first place purse defeating Edmonton Bad Company who settled for second and \$500. The Niskree team snagged the \$300 third place prize while the Goodfish Bravettes were just out of the money. Other teams on hand were the Ermineskin Reds, Hobbema Hustlers, Alexis Thunderettes and Faust.

On the other ball diamond the men played for \$2,750 in prize money. The Columbia Lake Elks snared \$1,000 for their win over the Canoe Lake Comadores who went home with \$800. The Oteenow Eagles bagged \$600, edging out the Hobbema Indians who just made the money with their \$350 fourth place finish. Teams that bit the dust early were the Smallboy Jousts, host Louis Bull team, Buck Lake and the south's Falcons.

Edmonton pitcher Amy Houle won the ladies' MVP

while Columbia Lake's Peter Nicolos pitched himself the men's MVP title.

The tournament, called the Louis Bull Memorial, was the fourth of its kind. Bill Godin organized the men's side while Anne Frazer ran the ladies' event.

The next big sports happening in Louis Bull is the gold tourney July 9-10.

LAST LAUGH: This one's a true story. A daycare worker thought this story was so precious that she phoned a mother I know to tell her about it.

The scene is a city daycare centre. About a dozen pre-schoolers and the daycare worker are sitting in a circle having a chat over lunch — one Indian boy in the bunch.

"My mom made me beef sandwiches and beef comes from cows and cows come from God," boasts a little blonde girl. Then from that statement the discussion turns to the topic of God. The talk goes around the circle, each child getting in their two bits.

The daycare worker finally turns to the quiet Indian boy. "What do you think about what's been said?" Then with a determined and well-thought voice the boy proclaims: "God made the buffalo and Indians — and whitemen come from monkeys!"

Kids. Where do they get those ideas?

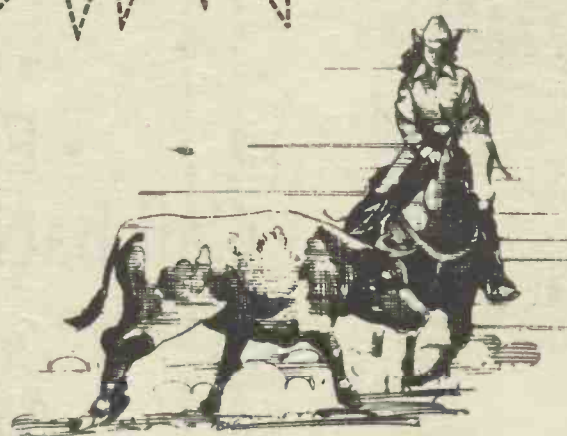
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Fort McKay champs for second year running

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BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent

FORT MCKAY, Alta.

Fort McKay was busier than a beehive June 25-26 weekend with its opening of the multiplex, Treaty Day celebrations and a ball tournament.

McKay's fifth annual slowpitch tournament drew eight teams — five from Fort McMurray, two from McKay and one from Anzac. With \$1,000 at stake and a 'keeper' trophy for the winner of the 'A' side, the games ran over two days.

Tournament organizer and local school principal, Rod Hyde, mentioned that the teams commented on how much they enjoyed themselves. Hyde also praised the participants for

their "competitiveness and good sportsmanship" throughout the tournament.

In general, the weather was very good except for the final game on the 'A' side which saw Fort McKay defeat the Stoney Mountain Rattlers from Anzac 5-3 in drizzling rain. The win was worth \$400 and the Rattlers got \$300 for second.

This is the second consecutive year that McKay has battled its way right through to the championship. The all-Native team, the fort McMurray Rowdies, put on a very fine performance but came up short to place in the standings.

Fort McMurray's Birchwood Excavating soundly thrashed the BF Goodtimers 20-4 to take first on



Safe at home: Rattler beats McDonald

the 'B' side which was worth \$200 to them and \$100 to the second place Goodtimers. Birchwood lost its initial match to Fort

McKay 8-6.

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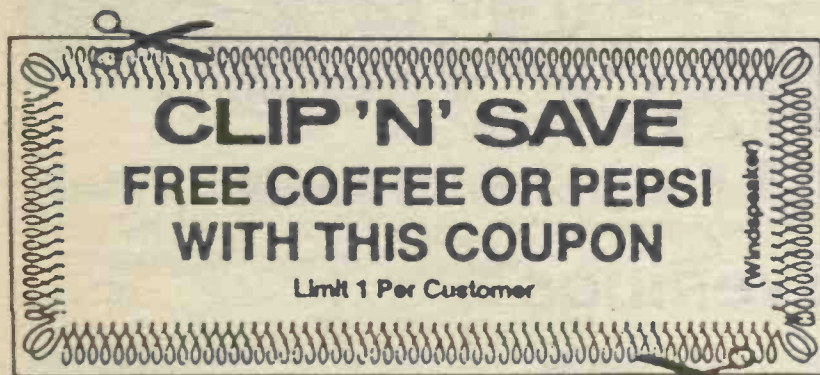
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SPORTS & LEISURE

*Tough ball game decided***Dream Boys wake up Eagles in final**

BY BEA LAWRENCE
Windspeaker Staff Writer

BEAVER LAKE

"Lac La Biche Dream Boys all-star third base Todd Thompson hit three inside-the-park-homers plus another home run over the fence all in a one game stretch over the Elizabeth Riels in a semi-final match," said Ken (KP) Pruden, spokesperson and organizer of last weekend's Beaver Lake fastball tournament. "The nine team tournament event was a success. Over 400 people were in attendance. There was also a fair size midway and dances were held nightly. Friday and Saturday," he added.

Lasso Golden Eagles, the men's winning fastball team from Lac La Biche emerged the tournament victors with their \$1,100 win with a score of 10-1 over the Dream Boys. The Dream Boys picked up \$800 for second place and third spot went to the Elizabeth Riels with their win of \$600.

The men's fastball teams were: Lasso Golden Eagles, Lac La Biche; Dream Boys, Lac La Biche; Elizabeth

Riell, Elizabeth Settlement; Lambert Mechanical Blues, Ft. McMurray; Highway 36 Raiders, Lac La Biche; Beaver Lake Falcons, Beaver Lake; Buffalo Lake Cougars, Buffalo Lake; Oteenow Eagles, Edmonton and one default team.

In the ladies fastball event, the Lac La Biche INN Whitecaps topped the rest with their win of \$800 while the Kikino Spartans placed second for \$500 and the Buffalo Lake Bruisers took third for \$300.

The ladies fastball teams were: Lac La Biche INN Whitecaps, Lac La Biche; Kikino Spartans, Kikino; Buffalo Lake Bruisers, Buffalo Lake; Beaver Lake Angels, Beaver Lake; Bad Company, Edmonton; Goodfish Lake Bravettes, Goodfish Lake; Silver Bullets, Goodfish Lake; One Plus One, Lac La Biche and one default team.

Trophy winner for the most valuable player in the ladies' division went to Val Durec and Ted Langford was named Best Coach in this division for the Lac La Biche INN Whitecaps team.

The men's Best Coach

trophy winner was Mel Whitford of the Dream Boys and third base all-star heroes for this team were Todd Thompson and Vince Pyakutch. The rest of the all-star trophy winners in the men's fastball event goes to: catcher, Tom Erasmus, right field, Craig Mackinaw and first baseman, Jim Nasham of the Lasso Golden Eagles; pitcher, Tony Iron and left field, Robert Levine of the Elizabeth Riels; short stop, Richard Young for the Buffalo Lake Cougars and centre field, Al Carr for the Lambert Mechanical Blues.

"A good time was had by all and the ball scores were all pretty close," said KP.



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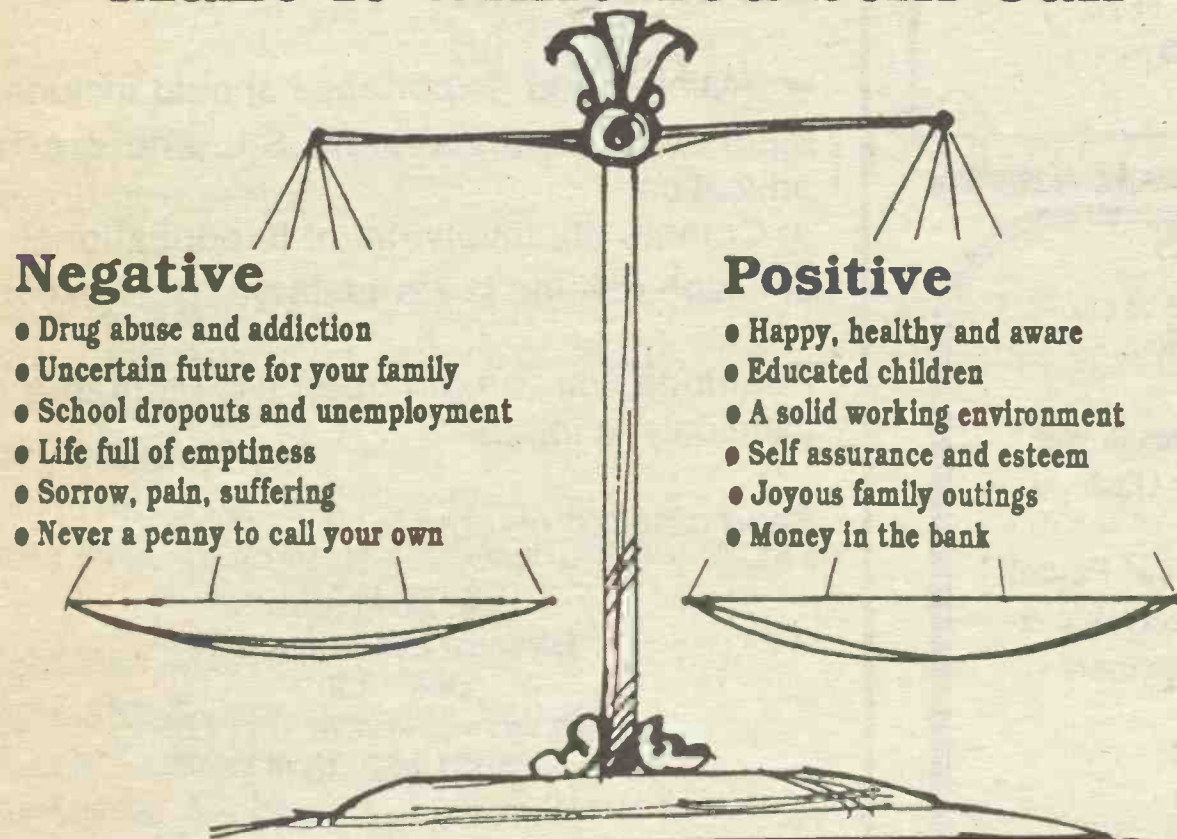
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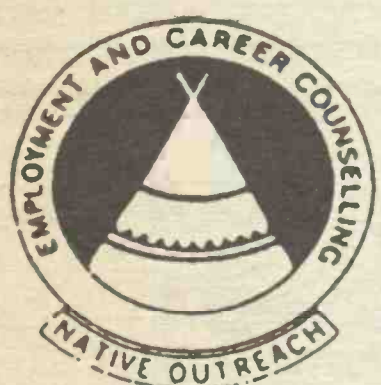
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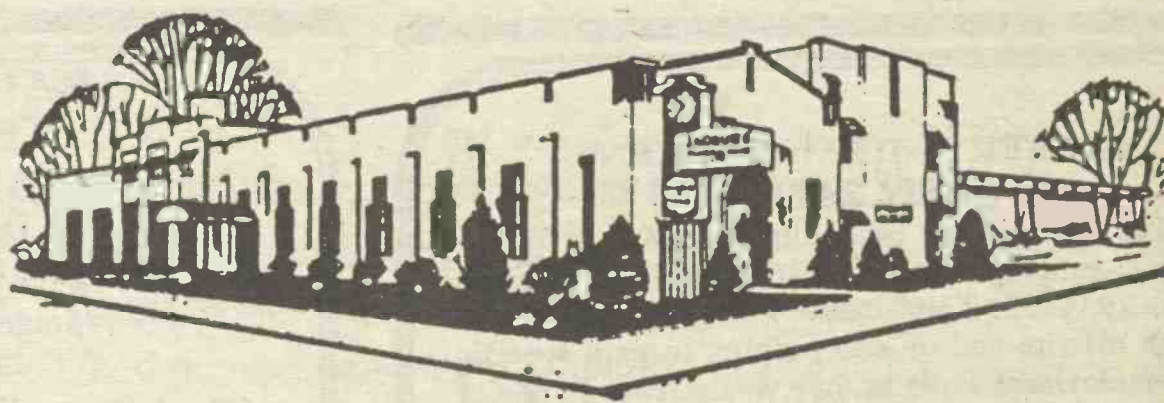
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The 22-year-old fourth year education student is gaining valuable work experience as a result of EIC's Native Internship Program (NIP). Part of

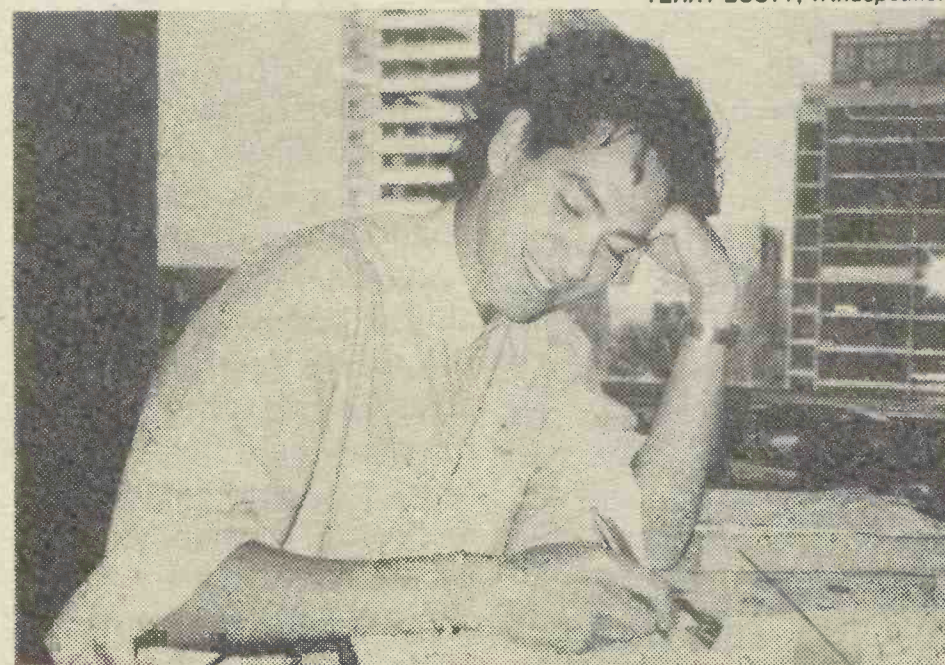
Challenge '88, NIP assists secondary and post-secondary aboriginal (Metis, status, non-status Indian or Inuit) students gain valuable summer work experience in a federal government office setting.

Robinson who was hired as an assistant to EIC's advisor on employment and training opportunities for Native people, says that working for CEIC is nothing like his past employment ventures, which included waiting on tables and teach-

ing tennis.

The Native and social studies student is using all of his research skills to identify the kind of employment opportunities that exist for the province's Native peoples and to determine whether jobs are located on or off the reserves. "I'm trying to provide the Canada Employment Centres with a snap shot of Native employment conditions in Alberta," he says.

Robinson, who aspires to be a constitutional lawyer, says the research experience is very challenging because he must spend much of his time cross-referencing and confirming statistics. But



NIP experience challenging: Harold Robinson

the most important part of the job he says is dealing with people behind the numbers, and that's what he enjoys most about work-

ing on the project. "It's a chance for me to apply my textbook studies of Native peoples to real life situations and gain practical

knowledge," he says.

Being Metis has influenced Robinson's outlook on life, but he says growing up in a middle class neighborhood in Edmonton never gave him the chance to experience the traditional Native ways. His biggest regret is never learning to speak Cree. "Elders are storehouses of knowledge of history that I won't be able to access myself because I don't speak the language."

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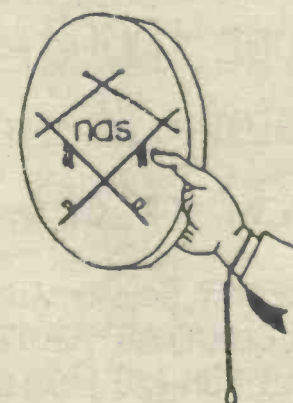
QUALIFICATIONS:

- Training and experience should include multi-cultural education, E.S.L. and special education
- Community involvement in educational decision making is mandatory.

Positions will remain open until suitable candidate is found.

Send detailed resume to:

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High Level, Alberta T0H 1Z0
(403) 759-3811



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BLACKFOOT INDIAN DAYS CELEBRATION '88

Blackfoot Centennial Rodeo Grounds

AUG. 5, 6, 7, 1988

Grand Entry: Daily 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

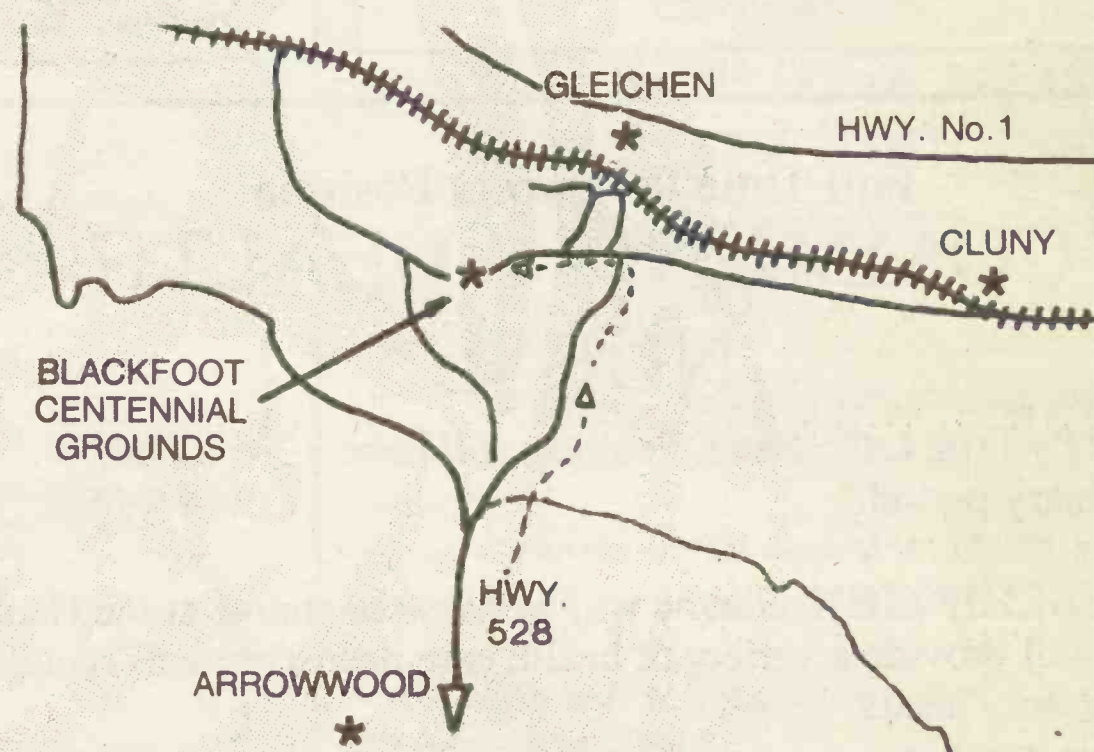
UNDER NEW COMMITTEE

Competition Categories

	1ST.	2ND.	3RD.	4TH
MEN'S TRADITIONAL (17 & up)	\$800	\$600	\$400	\$200
MEN'S GRASS (17 & up)	\$800	\$600	\$400	\$200
MEN'S FANCY (17 & up)	\$800	\$600	\$400	\$200
MEN'S CHICKEN DANCE .. (17 & up)	\$400	\$300	\$200	
LADIES' TRADITIONAL (17 & up)	\$800	\$600	\$400	\$200
LADIES' FANCY (17 & up)	\$800	\$600	\$400	\$200
BOY'S TRADITIONAL (14 to 17 yrs.)	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$ 50
BOY'S FANCY GRASS (14 to 17 yrs.)	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$ 50
GIRL'S TRADITIONAL (14 to 17 yrs.)	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$ 50
GIRL'S FANCY (14 to 17 yrs.)	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$ 50
BOY'S FANCY & GRASS ... (9 to 13 yrs.)	\$200	\$100	\$ 75	\$ 50
BOY'S TRADITIONAL (9 to 13 yrs.)	\$200	\$100	\$ 75	\$ 50
GIRL'S TRADITIONAL (9 to 13 yrs.)	\$200	\$100	\$ 75	\$ 50
GIRL'S FANCY (9 to 13 yrs.)	\$200	\$100	\$ 75	\$ 50
MEN'S TEAM	\$300	\$200	\$100	
LADIES' TEAM	\$300	\$200	\$100	

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Committee Giveaway & Memorial Giveaways
- Drummers to be paid
- Handgame Competition
- Jackpot Bingo on Location
(During afternoons)
- Mini-midway on Location
- Concession Booth
(Limited power hook-ups available)



For More Information Contact:

TERRY BEAR CHIEF (Administration) 734-3070/734-3833
FRED BREAKER (Pow-wow co-ordinator) 734-3804/734-3806
(During office hours Monday to Friday)

OR

LILA HEALY (Concessions) 734-3804/734-3806
CLARENCE (Agar) WOLFLEG (Security, PR) 734-3804/734-3806

OVERALL COMPETITION PRIZE MONEY \$16,400.00

- Strictly no alcohol/drugs allowed on location.
- Committee will not be responsible for any losses, damages or theft.
- In the event of inclement weather, pow-wow will move to the Blackfoot Recreation Arena near Gleichen, Alberta.
- August 4 — Mini Pow-Wow.