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Lawyer fears new amendment

By Lesley Crossingham

The proposed Kamloops Amendment to the Indian Act announced at the Native law conference in Vancouver is "going to make no difference at all," says a University of Saskatchewan law professor.

Speaking on the second day of the conference, Richard Bartlett said the amendment may help some bands in British Columbia where industrial parks and tourist attractions have already begun, but for the vast majority of Indian bands who have no economic base, there will be little change.

"The most effective way of getting an economic base is through income tax," he told delegates. Bartlett explained that according to the Canadian constitution, only the federal government has the power to collect income tax. Provincial governments can implement sales taxes and municipal governments only have the power to enforce property taxes.

"This amendment reinforces the fact that the government wants to ensure Indian nations only have municipal 'self-government' because bands will only be able to collect property taxes," he said.

However, Bartlett pointed out that Indian nations did not "surrender the power to tax in the treaties. But that unfortunately is not a proposition that Canadian courts accept."

The amendment does not address the real

problems facing most bands, and although many of these problems could be addressed through implementing income tax, any band bylaw must be approved by the minister, said Bartlett.

"The minister may or may not approve the bylaws. Bands encounter a faceless bureaucracy and the 'deadly-duo' of the Justice Department and the Department of Indian Affairs. I am sure I don't need to tell you that the decision is based on what is good for the government, not on what is good for the Indian people involved," he said.

"This is clearly a conflict of interest. The department of justice isn't interested in the bands, but in government protecting its position. There is no chance that income tax would be approved."

Bartlett is also concerned over the provision for an advisory board because although the minister said the board would contain some Indian board members, these people would be appointed by the minister.

"The advisory board is just that -- it advises the minister. It doesn't have any power. It becomes clear that the board's advice will go to the minister and whether he should approve a particular band bylaw."

Bartlett says he is concerned over the future of Indian nations because of such legislation as the Kamloops amendment.

"I am not enthralled with the DIA model of municipal government...the government is doing very well, especially in getting the word 'self-government' in the Sechelt Act," he said.

However, Bartlett predicts that "some kind of breakthrough" in Indian rights will be made this year either in Ontario or British Columbia.

"Ontario, because of its history of land rights...and B.C., the most belligerent...is the most notorious and it's because of this there may be the possibility of change."

Bartlett was speaking on the final day of a two-day conference on Native taxation and economic development held at the Justice Institute in Vancouver on the Aug. 31 weekend.



— Photo by Terry Lusty

BEAUVAL JAMBOREE

Edmonton's Lillian Souray and the Wildwood band, (picture above), were well received during the Labor Day weekend in Saskatchewan. The group was one of 15 which performed at Beauval's "Sipishk Jamboree 1987."

Now in its second year, the jamboree attracted about 6,000 people. It is similar to Manitoba's Beaver Dam Festival and the now-defunct Taber Jamboree.

The concert featured a number of Native recording artists such as Priscilla Morin from lac La Biche, Ernest Monias and The Shadows from Cross Lake, Manitoba and the Ed Gamblin Band from Norway House.

A cultural program was presented Thursday evening, Sept. 3. It included Knig Trapper demonstrations, powwow dancing, traditional Metis dances and a Round Dance.

A supper show hosted by ARTS director Ray Fox and featuring Priscilla Morin and the High Prairie

band, Tomahawk, entertained the crowds Friday evening followed by the talent show preliminaries with four adult and two junior categories advancing to the Sunday finals.

Canoe races were the morning highlight Saturday followed by a full afternoon and evening of music and songs by no less than a dozen bands. Coinciding with the entertainment was a 24 team ball tournament (co-ed slowpitch) and two \$5,000 bingo games held Saturday and Sunday. On both occasions, there were two winners of each of the \$5,000 one-game jackpots.

The jamboree, attended by people of all ages, proved to be the attraction for family types. Last year, it drew approximately 4,000 spectators. Organizers informed Windspeaker that the show will definitely run again next year. Their ultimate goal is to bring in some big name entertainers.

(Next week's issue of Windspeaker will provide more comprehensive coverage of the jamboree.)

Pope tour marred

Committee snubs Native press

By Lesley Crossingham

The planned papal tour scheduled for Fort Simpson Sept. 20 is being marred by the "racist" attitude of papal officials, says the editor of a Northwest Territories Native newspaper.

Joe Mecredi, editor of the McKenzie Times, says the papal committee "removed" him from a meeting scheduled to inform local media of the upcoming visit.

"There is no information coming out to the public. They (papal officials) are catering to the southern press. We are the only Native-owned newspaper in the NWT and they treat us in a secondary manner," complains Mecredi.

However, papal committee official Bernard Daily says Mecredi's allegations are "not true."

"It's really funny," he said. "We have no record of any telephone calls. We did send an information package, in fact we blanketed the whole area with information."

Mecredi wrote an editorial on the situation in a recent edition of the McKenzie Times saying the papal visit had been kept "top secret"

by "Mecca" (Ottawa).

In the editorial Mecredi said he was "told to leave and CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation) were allowed to stay."

Therefore the newspaper was unable to "provide news of the visit" to its readers. The details "remain only known to the papal committee," adds Mecredi.

Daily says he has read the editorial, but refused to comment other than to say Mecredi's allegations were not true.

Mecredi, however, says he is not at all surprised by Daily's denial, because he and his newspaper have been outspoken and critical of government policy.

"We don't receive government funding...we can't get a government grant because we are so controversial and we've always been that way," he added.

Mecredi's criticism doesn't end with the alleged papal non-cooperation; he is also angry over a tipi village which has been erected for the Pope's tour.

"Those tipis are Cree and even Blackfoot, they are not part of the Metis and Inuit tradition," he said.

Pope John Paul II will visit the community of Fort Simpson Sept. 20 to fulfill a promise to return when his scheduled visit was cancelled in 1984 due to poor weather conditions.

The Pope begins his tour of North America on Sept. 10 when he meets with President Reagan and Jewish leaders in Miami. He will also meet with American Indians Sept. 14 in Phenex before finishing his tour in Fort Simpson.

METIS ELECTIONS UPDATE

Counting continues this week for the final results of the Metis Association of Alberta general election. According to MAA officials, several ballot boxes were late arriving at the counting centre and the final vote will not be released until Sept. 14.

The unofficial count for the presidential election is Larry Desmeules with 1,070 over Jo-Ann Daniels with 943 votes. These figures will be updated with the final count in next week's edition of Windspeaker.

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Tribe takes control of reserve education

By Terry Lusty

Indian people are better qualified to form their own education system for their own children than government officials, says the regional director of Indian Affairs (DIAND).

Following a special signing ceremony at Fort Chipewyan Sept. 2, Dennis Wallace remarked, "we state openly and often that Indian people can better run education than we can."

The occasion was the signing of a tripartite education agreement designed to provide better educational services and opportunities for Fort Chip Indian students.

The document was signed by Cree Chief Rita Marten, Chipewyan Chief Archie Cyprien, Northland School Division (NSD) chairman Jeff Chalifoux and secretary-treasurer Fred DeKleine, Alberta Education's director of business schools Steve Cymbol, and Wallace, and was the high point of the ceremonies.

The signatories of the agreement view it as an "historic and unique occasion" in that it is the first of its kind in Alberta and, perhaps, Canada.

Prior to this agreement, Indian education was exclusively under the control of DIAND, but now the responsibility falls on a tripartite structure that includes the Fort Chipewyan Education Authority, NSD and Her Majesty The Queen, represented by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

The new education authority consists of the Chipewyan and Cree bands.

Virtually every speaker at the ceremonies heralded it as "a unique agreement" because it is the first pact to place education directly into the hands of the Indians in cooperation with the province and the federal government.

Wallace said there are similar agreements in other parts of Canada but those do not give control to the Indian governments.

Negotiations to achieve the agreement took close to



(l to r) DENNIS WALLACE, CHIEFS CYPRIEN and MARTEN

two years according to Chief Marten. Now, she added, "we should start moving in a unified manner to try and improve the quality of education for the betterment of the children." Native curriculum development is one of example of the tasks we should see to, she stated.

Chief Cyprien said the agreement gives the education authority "more control and involvement with the community school." It also guarantees a student career counsellor he added.

The agreement also establishes a new precedent for Indian education which is being pursued in other communities.

As a new trend aimed at improving said Dennis Wallace, indicating other communities that may follow the Fort Chip example are the St. Paul and Slave Lake areas, High Level, and some of the southern communities.

Wabasca-Desmarais is one community Wallace and NDS chairman Jeff Chalifoux feel very excited about. The atmosphere said Chalifoux "is a lot more positive and the

chief and myself are very optimistic that we can have something signed by the New Year," he commented.

In an interview, Cyprien said the authority, which has two appointed and two advisory members on the local school board, will "hire an education coordinator to implement and oversee the whole agreement."

Wallace stressed the importance of the agreement in terms of self-government. Not only does it address local control he said, "it permits them to put in a curriculum which is unique to the area" and allows for advisory services as well.

Improvements, such as the hiring of a liaison worker who would help bring the school and community families together was only one example said Wallace, adding that DIAND cannot fund the federal school system alone. However, because education funds will now come under band and community control, the control funds will now be a decision of the community rather than government he said.

"What we're talking about, said Wallace, "is changing a hundred years of history and, in many respects, we're doing it in the space of a few years now," he added.

There are, he said, those who oppose the concept and argue that it absolves DIAND from a Treaty responsibility in Indian education. Wallace assured Windspeaker "that the federal government does have responsibility for education for Indian people as a result of the constitution, Treaties and the Indian Act."

Assistant deputy minister of education Bill Duke said he, "sensed a new sense of cooperation and purpose which will improve education" in the community. Unlike Blue Quills and other reserve-based educational institutions, this one has involved direct negotiation and decision-making by the bands.

The signing of the tuition agreement was witnessed by students, community members and visitors in attendance and was followed by a steak dinner for dignitaries and invited guests at the new Fort Chipewyan Lodge.

IAA fears sales tax

By Lesley Crossingham

Fears that the Alberta government will introduce sales tax in the near future have forced the Indian Association of Alberta to conduct negotiations with the government to ensure a new provincial tax will not be levied against Treaty Indian people, says president

Gregg Smith.

In an interview after the University of British Columbia Native law conference, Smith said that through negotiations, the association hopes to ensure that "Indian people are treated fairly and that the treaties are upheld."

"We would hopefully like to implement a system

similar to the one operated by the Ontario government," said Smith. Ontario Indians carry a plastic identity card similar to a credit card and people producing this card do not pay any sales tax.

However, Smith says he is fearful that the Alberta government might take a leaf out of the B.C. government's book and not

recognize the Indian right to provincial sales tax exemption. Currently, only British Columbia and Newfoundland do not have any provision to disallow sales tax to Indian people.

"We are also conducting negotiations in the recent five cent gasoline tax," said Smith. "Our people should not be paying this tax," he added.

An Indian Association sponsored tax conference will be held in Calgary this fall," said Smith. "And we'll see these issues addressed fully," he said.

The two-day conference was held on the UBC campus and featured lawyers and tax experts from all parts of the country.

Youth conference set

The first Native youth conference will be held in conjunction with the winter Olympic games to be held in Calgary in February.

Approximately 55 Indian, Inuit and Metis teenagers from all parts of the country will attend the conference

coordinated by WINSports (Western Indian Native Sports) Association.

The program will be funded by the federal department of Health and Welfare through NADAP (Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse program).

Participants will be selected on athletic and scholastic ability and proven leadership skills.

The conference will be coordinated through OCO '88 (Olympiques Calgary Olympics) Native liaison, Sykes Powderface.

U of A Native student director appointed

By Christine Purvis

Dr. Reinhild Rodrigues, newly appointed director of Native Student Services at the University of Alberta began her job on August 17.

Rodrigues, 42, has a doctorate in anthropology. Although her specialization was in East Africa, she has worked extensively with Canadian Natives and remarks that "most theories apply across the world" and has found many applications

in her work for those theories.

Her most recent position was with Athabasca University where she was regional coordinator for the outreach program in northern Alberta. In this position, she worked at bringing the university onto the reserves by administering programs at the students' locale. Locations for this project include Blue Quills (St. Paul), the Sunrise Project (Slave Lake), the

Yellowhead Tribal Council and others.

Native Student Services, which is a separate entity from the Native Studies Program at the University of Alberta, looks after Native students by providing a variety of services. It serves as a central referral agency for Native students on campus. It also provides referrals and a location for the Native Student Club to meet.

A second purpose of

NSS is to provide outreach to Alberta Native communities. Doreen Richardson has the responsibility of visiting the communities to promote the University of Alberta and to provide academic counselling.

NSS also sponsors an introductory year on campus in cooperation with Athabasca University. The introductory year is designed for students who are not qualified to enter the University of Alberta as

regular or mature students. They are permitted to take one U of A course as unclassified students; Athabasca University will permit them to take an additional two courses to make up three courses which are required in order to be eligible for financial assistance as a full-time student.

Rodrigues is looking forward to her orientation period and her work at Native Student Services.



DR. RODRIGUES

Issues that may come up this year include possible cutbacks in the funding for students in the cooperative program due to Indian Affairs policy. It remains to be seen how many of the 21 students accepted into the program will receive funds under the new policy.

Appointment pinpoints government trend

By Jamie McDonell

The appointment of Bernard Valcourt as junior minister responsible for DIAND confirms a trend that has been growing for several months, say members of Aboriginal organizations in Ottawa.

Valcourt, already Minister of State for Small Business and Tourism, was appointed last week to the department responsibilities under senior minister Bill McKnight.

The appointment, while Valcourt is still small business minister, continues the government's trend towards commercializing the country's Aboriginal peoples, says a senior policy analyst with the Assembly of First Nations.

"Nothing's certain yet, but it would be logical to assume that his responsibilities will be extended to cover all the Native economic programs," said Ted Montour.

As small business minister, Valcourt was already responsible for the Native Economic Development Program.

He, along with McKnight and Employment and Immigration Minister Benoit Bouchard, were cited for duplicity by leaders of the AFN and the Native Council of Canada when a leaked briefing document showed that consultation on a new Aboriginal economic policy was a sham.

The document, leaked in early August, said the Cabinet would be deciding on the policy, before talks with Aboriginal leaders had even started.



FORMER CULTURE MINISTER DENNIS ANDERSON
...officially opens historic site

Historic site declared

By Donna Rea Murphy

LAC LA BICHE — One of Alberta's original historic sites, significant to Native people, was officially declared a provincial historic resource by Culture Minister Dennis Anderson Sept. 1.

The Lac La Biche Mission, located 10 miles southwest of the townsite on the south shore of the lake, was recognized as an important part of Alberta's heritage after careful examination of its history and significance to the development of the West.

The designation follows five years of lobbying by the Lac La Biche Historical Preservation Society to preserve this bit of local colour. During the ceremony, Anderson unveiled a plaque that details the Mission's mandate and contribution to the North.

The Notre Dame des Victoires mission was established in 1853 by Fr. Remas and formally consecrated a year later during a ceremony attended by Fr. Lacombe. It was one of several locations where the Roman Catholic Church began formal missionary work to the Canadian West in 1731.

The mission site moved six miles east of the original location the following year.

In addition to a role as a supply base it also served as a residential school for Native children and the episcopal seat of the Athabasca Diocese from 1877 to 1889.

The first building was constructed in 1856. That same year, Fr. Remas's original house was transported by raft to the new site and the two buildings formed the nucleus of the mission. In anticipation of the arrival of the Grey Nuns a third building was begun in 1858.

In 1862 the first sisters of the Order of the Sisters of Charity, or Grey Nuns, so called after the color of their habit, arrived. By 1864 they had forty day pupils in attendance. The numbers soon dwindled, however, when the children's parents wanted their return. Attendance rose again during the latter part of the year after Bishop Tache managed to persuade the Metis and Natives on the importance of a religious education. But the parents changed their minds again and took the students back again. At this point the Sisters changed their focus to orphans and otherwise homeless Native children.

The Lac La Biche Mission was the site of the first book published in Alberta in 1878 titled "Historic

Sainte en Montagnais" (The Holy Bible in Chipewyan.) Bishop Tache, one of the founding members, also played the role during the Riel Rebellion. After Riel's sentence had been passed, Tache personally interceded to Sir John A. MacDonald, Canada's first prime minister, to commute Riel's death sentence. He was unsuccessful.

During the course of the historic designation ceremony culture minister Anderson presented Historical Society president Tom Maccagno with a \$4,000 cheque for restoration purposes. During his speech, Anderson suggested the town of Lac La Biche should show their good faith in the project and match that figure.

Also in attendance were senior Sisters of Charity from the Grey Nun Centre of Edmonton, Bishop Raymond Roy and the Provincial Superior of the Oblates, Fr. Felix Vallee. Other dignitaries included the town's mayor and Sam Sinclair, former president of the Metis Association of Alberta.

A report is expected shortly that will identify the various options the Historical Society has for the restoration and preservation of the old building.

Symbol upsets priest

By Rocky Woodward

A recent advertisement in Windspeaker for a Lac St. Anne symbol containing holy water, has upset the director of the Lac St. Anne Pilgrimage, Father Jacques Johnson.

"Such an enterprise is an abuse of the faith of the people and a travesty of some sacred Church practices," said Father Johnson in a letter to Windspeaker.

The advertisement ran for two weeks in August under the heading "Vial of Luck, Lake Saint Anne Holy Water Inside." It requested readers send \$8.95 for one cross or \$24 for three. The crosses were said to contain holy water and part of the ad mentioned that the water was blessed by Father of Lac St. Anne.

"I would like to let your readers know that the Church and the Lake St. Anne Pilgrimage are not involved in this venture and that we were never consulted or asked about it," said Father Johnson.

The advertisement was first placed in Windspeaker Aug. 14 by Jim Lawrence who did not leave a phone number only a post office box number where money orders for the holy water could be sent. When Windspeaker did contact Lawrence by telephone, he stated he was a licensed company and that the symbol filled with holy water was patented in his name. However, after receiving a letter in the mail from Father Johnson he decided to cancel his advertisement. (The vial of luck ad was cancelled a week prior to Lawrence's telephone call by Windspeaker management.)

"I had it blessed and maybe because I never mentioned the Father's name is what got him (Father Johnson) mad. I'm going to talk with my lawyer because I don't know if he is going to lay charges against me or if he can," Lawrence said.

Father Johnson says that he only reacted because it "was wrong from

our point of view. I believe it's an ideological question and not a legal one."

"I am happy that he is pulling the ad and am grateful to him for understanding. I hold no grudge," said Father Johnson.

Father Johnson said he received many calls from concerned people who were very upset and who wanted to find out who was behind it.

"My feelings were that they thought the Church was behind it and this is not so."

Lawrence says he didn't see anything wrong with placing the ad in the newspaper. "Other people do it," he said adding that since the ad ran he has received no response for the holy water.

Father Johnson looks at all the telephone calls he received as "gratifying."

"When I started receiving them, I see that the faith of the people out there is pretty solid. They did not fall blindly, and it is nice to know."

Museum urged to 'lean' on gov't

By Dan Dibbelt

A quick end to the Lubicon dispute could be possible if OCO, and the Glenbow Museum board of directors used their economic and political clout to bring about negotiations, said Joan Ryan, a University of Calgary anthropologist.

"They could lean on the government and get this resolved in a week, but they're not interested, said Ryan at the monthly meeting of the Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee, Sept. 2.

Ryan, along with members of the Committee Against Racism, were at the meeting urging for support from the committee in helping the Lubicon issue become better understood.

"The average person doesn't know an Indian, doesn't know where they live and doesn't care," said Ryan. She also asked that the mayor take a more active part in the boycott situation.

"It's a difficult situation. He (Ralph Klein) doesn't want his parade rained on."

The committee did pass a motion recommending city council hear a presentation from Lubicon chief Bernard Ominiyak, his representative, or Ryan.

They also agreed to send a letter urging for quicker negotiations between federal and provincial levels of government. The letter,

expressing concern over the museum boycott, will be sent to Prime Minister Mulroney, Premier Getty, Indian Affairs and opposition leaders.

Lubicon talks still in limbo

The federal government will announce the new negotiator for the Lubicon Lake land claim within the next few weeks said Indian Affairs minister Bill McKnight in Vancouver, Aug. 31.

However, the replacement of Roger Tasse, who stepped down from his position last month is not preventing the negotiations.

"We will come to the table any time. We can

even use the Fulton report, but we cannot have any pre-conditions," said McKnight.

The Lubicon Lake claim has been in negotiation for almost 50 years and has recently come under the spotlight after Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominiyak announced a boycott of the Calgary winter Olympic games and the Glenbow museum's exhibition "The Spirit Sings."

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People

Keeping home fires burning

Mom cooks for hundreds

By Mark McCallum

Single parent mom Gusse Jackson entered the business world to keep her family from falling apart.

Jackson couldn't spend time at home because she worked as a cook in a northern bush camp before moving to Edmonton and starting her own catering business. For weeks at a time, she was separated from her two children, Melissa and John, who were left with a babysitter.

"It was lonely out in the bush, but I had to do it to support my family," she explained, adding she could only go home and see her children for two days after working three straight weeks in the camp.

Rising at 4 a.m. each morning to cook breakfast for about 300 hungry camp workers and often working until 11 p.m. was a strenuous job, she admits. But, Jackson says it gave her the incentive and experience to start her own business.

The 36-year old from Vilna, Alberta gets to spend more time with her children now because they work together as a "team."

"We're all 100 per cent shareholders in the business," she added.

Jackson takes pride in watching her children go to work in the kitchen. Her eldest, 17-year old Melissa, takes after her mother. "Sometimes she's a better cook than me," praised her mother.

Canning wildmeat and cutting vegetables properly, for example, are tricks of the trade Jackson passes on to her children.

Although a collection of nearly 25 cookbooks and a variety of secret family recipes are used as reference, Jackson still likes to experiment and try create unique and tasty dishes.

"We're guinea pigs here at home," she joked. "We try dishes on ourselves first ...and keep trying until we get it right."

But, the food they most often served is usually the more popular dishes from

a host of cultures, including Chinese, Mexican, Italian and, of course, Native traditional items.

The Jackson family often does all the work needed for the catering company, excepting help only on rare occasions. They have prepared meals for as many as 700 people and have filled happy tummies across western Canada.

After sampling their savory selection at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre, Native Outreach Executive Director Laurent Roy immediately hired them to cater an upcoming event for his organization.

Roy was impressed with the wide variety and quality of dishes and says, "They did a helva good job which impressed me."

Jackson hopes to get assistance from BANAC, which funds Native businesses. But, she's not worried because although the catering company is not financially secure yet, Jackson says the unity of her family is security enough.



(l to r) MELISSA, JOHN and GUSSE JACKSON
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The Council consists of ten members and is chaired by Bob Elliott, MLA for Grande Prairie.

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Youth workshop centers on awareness

By Diane Parenteau

BONNYVILLE — The 1st annual youth workshop held at the Bonnyville Indian and Metis Rehabilitation Centre (BIMRC) August 28-30, was as uni-

que in design as each of the teenagers who attended.

Spearheaded by BIMRC director, Oliver Soop, the three day workshop that started Aug. 28, provided an awareness and exposure program in an interest-

ing informal fashion.

Young people from Fishing Lake, Elizabeth, Frog Lake, St. Paul, Saddle Lake and Cold Lake First Nations, were randomly separated into smaller groups and introduced to topics such

as sexual abuse, culture, suicide, drugs, the young offenders act and Native Children Guardians program.

"Youth should be made aware of the alcohol and drug abuse programs," said

Soop. "And become familiar with different agencies."

The sessions offer more than a teacher/student relationship. Each participant was encouraged to become involved and share their feelings and concerns.

"What we're trying to do is get them participating. When you're involved you're interested and feel good about it," said Soop.

The hour long information segments were balanced with a Friday evening dance, Saturday night talent show, and the first ever Bonnyville Rehabilitation Centre princess pageant.

The entertainment was well received and the princess pageant attracted 10 young women. The final decision on the pageant winner was based on the response to a relay of questions touching on knowledge about the rehab centre, individual feelings about drugs and alcohol and cultural awareness.

Sixteen year old Irene Desjarlais from the Elizabeth Settlement was crowned the Bonnyville Indian and Metis princess for 1987/88. Casandra Collins from Elizabeth was 1st runner up and Dale Springchief from Cold Lake was 2nd runner up.

Counsellor Rick Parenteau was pleased with the weekend turnout.

"I like to see a lot of dif-

ferent people in here for a couple of days." Although he was satisfied with the student participation, Parenteau would like to see more parental and community involvement.

"Parents complain about

Faith confirmed at Blackfoot meet

By Dan Dibbelt

They came to be healed. They came to be saved. They came to be baptized. And some, just came to listen. But they came to the seventh annual evangelists convention on the Blackfoot reserve in numbers reaching 300 that packed the tent every night of the 11 day event.

"It has been a real success," said Blackfoot pastor Rupert Bull Bear. "We've had seven conventions so far and I think this has been the best yet."

The convention started Aug. 21. Evangelists Bentley and Liz Bone of Oneway opened each day with a morning bible teaching. Each afternoon featured a music ministry with the likes of Joanne Cash Yates, The Native Revival Church Band, and Daniel and the Dreamers.

"It was a real group effort to get this off the ground," said Joe Medicine Shiels,

who offered his residence for the convention. The location of the convention and the actual planning of the meeting have spiritual origins.

"Several years ago, before I was a christian,

little to work with," said Bull Bear. "We didn't even have chairs of the first day of the meeting. But the community really worked together on this."

The organizing of the meet fell into the hands of

said Bull Bear. "That was back in '65. One day I ended up in what I thought was the worst place, but it ended up being the best." It was a church in Canmore. Bull Bear says he accepted Jesus, went on to witnessing and finally became a pastor in 1982.

Joe Medicine Shield had a similar experience. "I had an alcohol problem," said Medicine Shield. "But I accepted Jesus and I owe my sobriety to that."

For the organizers, the meet was a chance for them to relive their entrance into christianity.

"Many people who have come to the meeting and have been saved," said Bull Bear. "We've also had faith healers who have helped many people."

Camp evenings began at 7:30 p.m. with gospel businessmen giving testimonials. Witnessing and sharing followed and then preachers closed off the evenings with a sermon.

'I was a drunk, a bum... one day I ended up in what was the worst place, but it ended up being the best.'

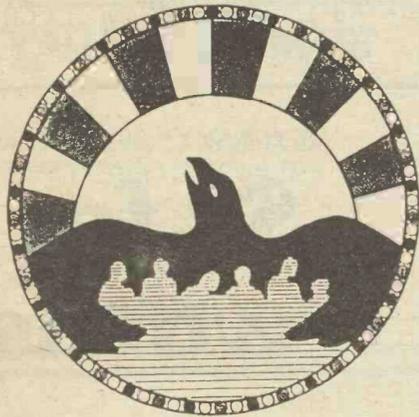
Rupert (Bull Bear) was on the hill over there and he had a vision," explained Medicine Shield pointing to the hills surrounding his residence. "Then about two years ago, I had a dream. I saw a tent right here and a meeting taking place."

And the meeting itself grew into a large event with an original budget of only \$20. "We really had very

Joe Medicine Shield, Rupert Bull Bear, Thurman Little Light and Roy Little Chief.

From arranging the different evangelists, to getting a tent, to advertising to the people, the organizers credit God and Jesus for their success. And for a couple of the organizers they also credit God and Jesus for their lives.

"I was a drunk, a bum,"



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Opinion

Severance pay unnecessary

Dear Editor:

In reference to the article on "Feud over severance splits assembly" in the Aug. 21 edition of Windspeaker, I was appalled that the delegates would even entertain such an absurd resolution to pay \$25,000 in severance pay to Sam Sinclair. I was further shocked to read that Mr. Sinclair requested four months of severance pay. Wasn't the \$50,000 per year recognition enough (plus expenses, I assume)? And aren't you people aware that when you voluntarily resign a position, as Mr. Sinclair has, that no severance pay is required?

My understanding about severance pay is that it is paid when an employee is fired without just cause. In this case, I don't feel that it should even be considered. If Mr. Sinclair's main objective was to raise the president's (his) salary to \$50,000 per year (plus expenses), then indeed he did accomplish something during his reign. Keep in mind those who put him there. He said he didn't have any "legal time off." And what does this mean? If he didn't get any holidays, then, using the \$50,000 per

year as a figure, for arguments sake only, at the very most he would be entitled to \$16,000 in holiday pay based on \$400,000 for eight years at 4%. These figures have been used to indicate the maximum benefit only. I don't have accurate figures but presumably it would be less. The \$15,000 honorarium given should be more than adequate.

'... Mr. Sinclair's primary concern is for himself when it comes to Metis money.'

Mr. Sinclair said that this was the first time a president had been put under this amount of pressure. Wasn't the \$50,000 per year compensation enough? In accepting the position, he must surely have been aware that there would be

pressures. Don't ask for extra compensation when the money should be used to help some of the Metis people who don't even have water or sewer -- not just one Metis person who has that and more. By requesting four months severance pay, it clearly shows that Mr. Sinclair's primary concern is for himself when it comes to Metis money. So, wake up, members. Are we so naive that we can't see the obvious? How many Metis people have had the opportunity to enjoy a "working holiday" to Australia, New Zealand, Europe and Peru? And I wonder just how much Mr. Sinclair has spent on expenses for travel?

And to address his statement of, "I deserve consideration and I have no job to go to," please keep in mind the consideration that should rightly be given to the Metis people in need. It was his choice not to compete for the president's position again and his pay was adequate consideration.

As to "no job to go to," the \$15,000 honorarium is equal to approximately three and a half months of salary at \$50,000 per year so this should give him considerable time to find another job, such as the \$40,000 one he said he left eight years ago.

I sincerely question the amendment to the resolution stating that if funds were available the president (Mr. Sinclair) should receive \$25,000, six months pay. I don't feel that it should be a question of whether funds were available. Use those funds to better the living conditions of the Metis people in need. I must admit I am thoroughly disgusted that so much time is wasted in debating such an absurd request. It certainly makes one wonder what kind of people we are voting to represent us, doesn't it? Am I the only one who feels this way? If so, then I rest my case.

**Yours truly,
Rose Pelkey
Whitcourt**

Vial is abuse of faith

Dear Editor:

For the past weeks an ad to sell a "vial of luck, Lake Saint Anne Holy Water inside" has been appearing in your paper.

I would like to let your readers know that the Church and the Lake St. Anne Pilgrimage are not involved in this venture, that we were never consulted or asked anything about it.

We also feel that such an enterprise is an abuse of the faith of the people and a travesty of some sacred Church practices. "Good luck," "good fortune" are the stuff that magic and superstition are made of. And these are the real enemy condemned by God's first commandment. Holy water is to remind us of our baptism in which we have died to everything unholy (such as magic and superstition) in order to live the power of the resurrec-

tion, Christ's victory over death.

Real Christianity demands that we not put our trust and security in "good luck" charms, but in the person of Jesus Christ and in living out His teachings, and the very demanding ten commandments.

I'm very saddened, Ms. Editor, that some people will use a very rich symbol of the Church, making of it an object of superstition in order to make a fast buck. I trust the people will not fall for this cheap commercialization.

I would also add, Ms. Editor, that I fail to see how the carrying of an ad that is offensive to so many people can enhance the otherwise excellent quality of your paper.

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All interested parties of the public are invited to observe, and to gain an understanding of their Board operations.

A question and answer period will be provided for the public as an agenda item.

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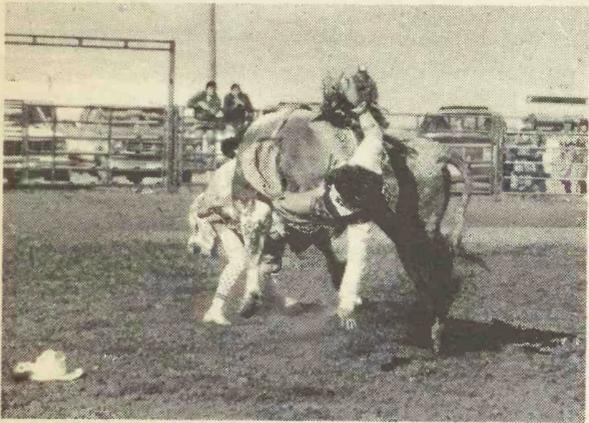
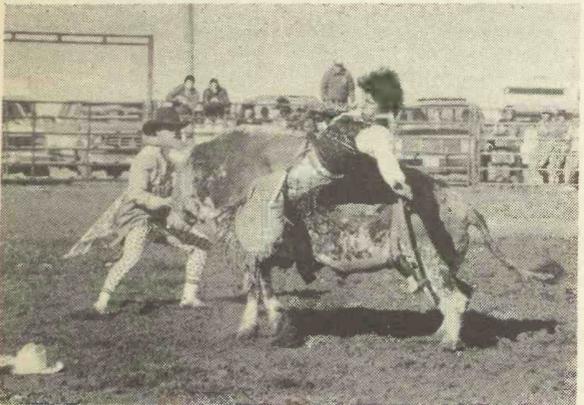
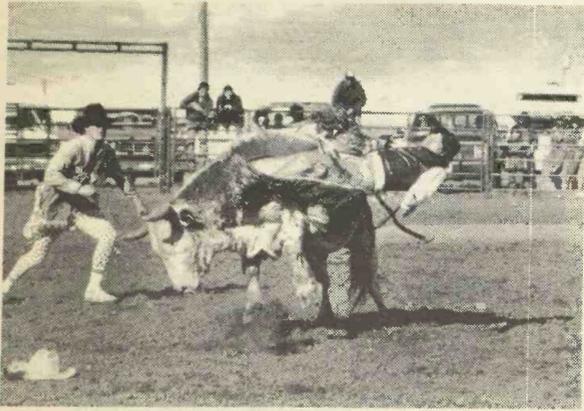
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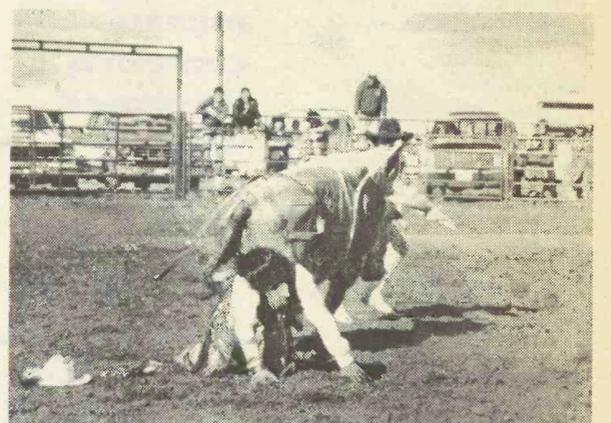
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TREVOR PARENTEAU — of Paddle Prairie, didn't last to the horn as Son of Sam got the best of him at the Louis Bull Annual Labor Day Rodeo.

That's a lotta' bull



Labor Day tourney draws 19 teams

By Margaret Desjarlais

GRANDE CACHE — A double knockout slowpitch tournament was held here during the Labor Day weekend.

The tournament saw a total of 19 teams, five Native, participating says Bill Berge, organizer and pitcher of the hosting team, Boarder Thrusters.

The tournament "was very successful -- this is the first time we had 19 teams entered in three years." Twenty-one teams entered originally, but were down to 19 because of a fire in Hinton.

The Grande Cache Trappers came away the "A" champs. The victory earned them \$900, trophies and medallions. The Horse Lake Raiders, the "A" runner up winners, won \$700 in prize money, trophies and medallions. The third in "A" winners

were a Hinton team, L & W, the Sturgeon Lake Wongs captured the consolation of \$250 and the consolation runner up winners were the Grande Cache Predators.

Many of the participating teams said they were set back by the rules and regulations of the tournament. The rules; five and five, alternating batters and a walk rule were totally new to the concerned teams.

"The walk rule just came out," says Berge. "What it meant was an intentional walk. It turned out to be where a man just stood there (waiting for a walk). The next batter (a woman) will also walk which meant two runners at one time.

"It was my fault and the umpires. It was a bad rule, let's face it."

As a result of the complaints Berge stresses, "there will be no more walk



BEATRICE BADGER — coach of the Grande Prairie Friendship Centre Falcons has something to smile about -- her team (background) was winning this game against Grande Cache Thrusters.

rule" in future tournaments.

Berge expects approximately 24-32 participating teams next year. The

Thrusters hold two tournaments a year -- one during the May long weekend and the other during the Labor

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The "Most Sportsmanlike Team" trophy went to the Alexander team.

A dance and social was held on Saturday night at the Alpine Hotel, co-sponsors of the event.

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Medal cleanup at Toronto

By Lesley Crossingham

MARLBORO — Two Alberta athletes walked away with medals at the judo tournament in Toronto recently, but what is unusual is that one was the student and the other the coach.

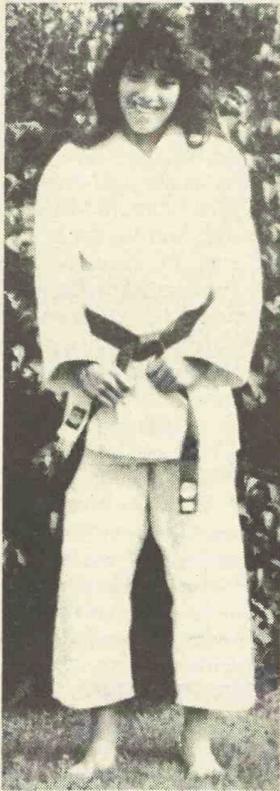
Nadine Belcourt, 15, and Frank Perich were both awarded medals, Nadine the bronze in juvenile women's sparring category and Frank a silver in the Masters 40 to 45 years sparring class.

The tournament, held August 21-23 which saw more than 550 competitors from all over North America, was the largest ever held in Canada, so Nadine and Frank are particularly proud to have done so well.

"It was a good tourney," said Perich. "Nadine did well."

Currently Nadine has a brown belt, but she was up against both black and brown belts in the tournament, her first season in juvenile competition.

However, this young Metis girl from Marlboro has been successful in other competitions. She took a bronze medal in the Canada Games recently and now looks to gaining more experience at the high international level.



NADINE BELCOURT
...judo champ

Nadine may also be travelling to Japan to train with Japanese judo masters says Perich, however no confirmation of the plans has been made yet.

But Nadine says she definitely wants to participate in the 1992 Olympic Games and Perich says he feels confident she can do it.

Young people are in control

By Lesley Crossingham

EDSON — Walk into the Edson Friendship Centre on any Sunday afternoon and you are likely to be surrounded by dozens of young people participating in the weekly youth program meeting.

The centre has about 30 young people ranging from age 6 to 19 in its youth club which meets every week and conducts regularly scheduled meetings.

"There is a president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary, just like any other society," says youth coordinator Ed Thompson. "It's the end of their election term right now so the young folks will be meeting

the end of this month to elect a new executive."

The youth club was formed about three years ago when Thompson and other volunteers at the centre noticed many young people were bored. A club was set up with a small group of youngsters who participated in games and other activities.

"Soon the kids decided they wanted to take over and they did," says Thompson. "Now they decide what activities are going to take place and they organize it. We just lend some help and provide expertise."

This year the group participated in many activities not only of benefit

themselves, but also to the community. Thompson is particularly proud of a drive to cut the grass of the seniors in the area and their more recent "adopt a grandparent" scheme where the young people "adopted" an elderly person who was hospitalized and received few visitors.

"They would go and see the old person and take them gifts," he said.

The youngsters also participate in a variety of sporting activities, including floor hockey, volleyball, and a slowpitch baseball team. This year they are hoping to start an ice hockey team.

"We always keep busy," says Thompson. "Last year

we all went on a camping trip which included survival in the outdoors."

The young folk are also encouraged to maintain their culture and their Native roots. Last year two delegates were sent to the Batoche celebration and reported back to their club.

"Most of the kids are Metis and we often invite speakers and special guests to talk on their culture," says Thompson.

With the new school year just underway, a membership drive will be undertaken. The club is also planning to raise funds for its activities through bottle drives, car washes and helping the centre in its bingos.

Hive of activity at HNWS

By Lesley Crossingham

HINTON — A hive of activity, ranging from AA meetings to Cree language lessons can be found any night of the week at the Hinton Native Women's Society.

Hinton does not have a friendship centre so the society, which was incorporated in 1983 and has its own building, often

provides the services usually offered by friendship centres -- but without the funding.

"We don't receive any funding from the government," says treasurer Yvonne Oshanyk. "We just rely on any army of dedicated volunteers, including myself." All Society events are made possible by dedicated volunteers, she adds.

The Society was formed in 1973 and was part of the Alberta Native Women's Association (ANWA) until they broke away in 1983. Now their centre provides a drop in service and, through the use of Canadian Job Strategy grants, has provided three jobs for local people.

Now the society is busily organizing a massive fund raising campaign which will

include bingos and raffles to help fund such programs as the children's playgroup, the Narcotics Anonymous group, seniors lunches, as well as the many social evenings planned for the winter months.

"We sure keep busy," says Oshanyk. "But we have to thank the many ladies who volunteer here. We couldn't do it without them."

Playschool keeps moms and kids busy

By Lesley Crossingham

MARLBORO — The Marlboro kindergarten and playschool has just begun its school year and is more popular than ever, says president Jackie Plante.

The school began just over four years ago when Plante and other mothers in

the area realized there was no daycare or playschool facility in Marlboro.

"My little guy was too small to be taken all the way into Edson just to play with other kids. We realized we needed something here," she says.

Plante and husband

Russell both began to gather funds and then lobby government. Eventually they received a grant from the Alberta government for \$5,000 to start up. They are now fully funded. Subsequently, Plante and other concerned parents then formed a society of which Plante is now

president and "janitor."

"We have one full-time staff person," she says. "But we rely on volunteer help to clean the centre and that's usually me," she laughs.

The kindergarten has five children enrolled this year and the playschool has

between eight to 10. However, Plante says she would like to see the facility moved to a more permanent building as the building they use is also a community hall.

"Every time there is a dance or something, I have to move everything and get

the toys out of the way," she says. "It really gets hectic."

But Plante is optimistic and says the community really supports the little school.

"There really is a need for this kind of thing. And we just want to grow bigger."



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DROPPIN IN

By Rocky Woodward

Hi! School has started! Can anyone in my age bracket remember their first day of school? Anyone under 29 that is. I do. I cried a lot. But it sure was nice to get brand new clothes to wear.

I had diamond designed socks, I think they were brown, brown pants with a sharp looking crease running down them, and a cute little sweater, and I cried a lot. I don't remember if it was because I was going to school for the first time or if it was because I was wearing new clothes for the first time...funny new clothes.

It was so bad all the kids my age lined up in the school hall and when I arrived they hollered at me..."Look there comes the cute little kid with the funny clothes." In those days we didn't have smart sayings like, "gross man!" or "awesome." They just stood there and hollered..."what awful clothes!"

Remember before hair cream came into style? When I was a kid there was no such thing, so I wet my hair down with water. In winter it used to freeze but I sure looked cool. I wonder sometimes if that is where they got the idea for hair cream.

When hair cream did come along, one tube wasn't

good enough for a week! And remember pointed shoes! My feet hurt so bad and even today one of my big toes rests on top of what used to be its partner...the toe next to it, because of those great looking pointed shoes.

Remember those baggy blue jeans with the red loop of cloth on the leg? I used to carry my toy gun in there to school.

Remember taking your lunch to school in a lard pail! The part I hated was at lunch time and I would pull out my bannock, dried fish that granny made and a quart full of water, while other kids had milk, real bread and cookies. Small wonder me and Edward Abby became such good negotiators at such a tender age. We became so good at it this one time the school bully stole my bannock so me and Edward negotiated him.

Yes how I remember those first school days, parents hollering to keep our clothes clean. It's not easy to keep one pair of good clothes clean when you wear them one week at a time right? Great times gone but not forgotten.

It's weird but today as I watch my two boys leaving for school it's almost the same way that it was for me back then...except my boys carry their bannock...dried fish and quart full of water in a brand new store bought lunch pail.

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Bernadette Lamay reminds everyone that church services are held every Sunday at 11 a.m.

Also a DRUM MASS is held the last Sunday of each month and for those of you yet to visit the Pastoral Centre it is located on 10829-105 Avenue.

I will make it Bernadette, and I remind you that although I don't see you very often, I do appreciate your friendship and...any prayers you send my way.

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Did you know that Leonard Gauthier who just won a seat on the executive board of the MAA will be a Christopher leader? It's true. I knew Leonard was a community man.

DROPPING IN: Because of my very busy schedule with NATIVE NASHVILLE NORTH I have had no real opportunity to phone communities...but we'll get back on track once work is complete.

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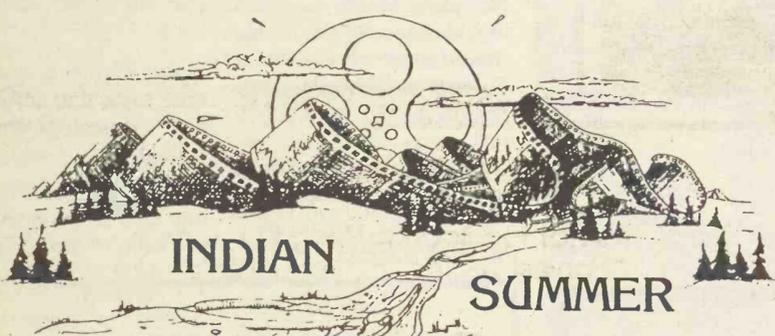


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Pack. In this workshop, the students studied career planning, communication skills, goal setting, and many other personal development skills. As well, each student worked in two different work experiences at local business' in Slave Lake. The students picked which areas would be of interest to them and the experiences picked ranged from working in a beauty salon to working under a mechanic to find out just what it is that they do. This is the first graduating class of this program in Slave Lake.

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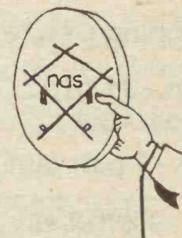
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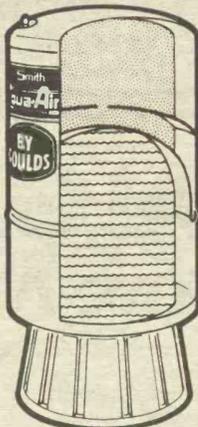
CORRECTION

In the Windspeaker August 21, 1987 issue, Page 13, the Alberta Vocational Centre, Grouard ad -- the heading read Addictions Resource Worker Program -- this was our error, the AVC Grouard does not have this program anymore. We wish to apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused to our readers and AVC Grouard.

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**SPORTS
ROUNDUP**

**By Margaret
Desjarlais**

Hi there! It looks like the baseball season isn't exactly over with all the tournament results coming in every week. Sports fanatics like us would probably play year round if we had huge indoor arenas similar to B.C. Place "Pillow Dome" in Vancouver.

Speaking about physical skills, how athletic are you? I found out recently that I'm not up to par myself. My family and I spent the Labor Day weekend in Jasper and decided to try the tramway, Jasper's peak attraction. It was fine going up -- a bit nerve-wracking although the speed is only eight metres per second. The restaurant and gift shops are situated 1,304 metres up

the mountain. Tourists can walk the rest of the way to the highest peak which is another 974 metres. It looked easy, so we all decided to challenge the climb. About a third of the way, my sister Lorrain and I, who were a huffin' and puffin' by then, decided to rest. We made it half way after about seven stops. The rest of the crew sure made it look easy without having to rest -- except to check (looking over cliffs) to see if we were still coming. The half way point was all we could handle. I'm telling you, it's not easy. So if you're ever in beautiful Jasper try this once in a lifetime experience and let me know how you made out. **WARNING:** Take a warm jacket -- it's like winter up there.

On with sports.

sports can bring.

GIFT LAKE: The fastball league playoffs in High Prairie are finally over, says Leonard Flett. The Playboys captured the championship title over the Gift Lake Sluggers winning 4-1 in the best of seven series. The best pitcher award went to Donald Laderoute and best shortstop went to Thomas Cunningham both from the Sluggers team.

The Sluggers have to be commended for the work and effort they've put in throughout the fastball league season and playoffs. After all, the home-town favourites, Playboys of High Prairie, are one of the best teams in northern Alberta. Congratulations Sluggers!

The Whitefish Steelers entered the slowpitch tournament held in Sucker Creek over the Labor Day weekend. They placed third in the ladies division winning \$175. The best shortstop award went to Veronica Grey. "Everytime she goes to play she wins a trophy, says Leonard Flett. Congratulations Veronica!

ALEXANDER: The Alexander baseball team also entered the Labor Day slowpitch tourney held in Grande Cache.

"We came in fifth and won a trophy," said coach Ernie Arcand. He added his team lost because of the rules and regulations. "We weren't prepared at all -- no one told us about the rules."

Ernie's team won two games and lost two. They won the first game beating out the sponsoring team, Boarder Thrusters, 14-11. The second game was a loss to Edson Stowaways, 11-4. They whopped the Edmonton team, Mordier, in the third game, 19-7 and in return lost the fourth to Horse Lake, 19-8.

The Alexander team also won the "Most Sportsmanlike Team" trophy, said Ernie proudly. Keep up the team work!

Ernie concluded the baseball season is over for his team and will be into hockey shortly.

'Til next week. Have a nice day!

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**Playboys capture title over
Sluggers in fastball playoffs**

GRANDE PRAIRIE: The Friendship Centre teams, Falcons and Phantoms, entered the slowpitch tournament in Grande Cache over the Labor Day weekend and lost, said Mark Calliou, recreation director. According to Mark, both teams have never played five and five (five men and five women to a team). The tournament's rules and regulations were a whole new experience for both teams.

"I heard you were there and I didn't see you. You also gave everyone a cap except me," said Mark. I tried to save you one Mark, but they went like hot cakes. Like I said next time you're in town drop in and I'll sell you all the caps you want. Just kidding!

Mark also said, "Bea (Beatrice Badger, coach for Falcons) stayed away from the fence all weekend," referring to the Grande Cache tournament. Apparently, they were at a baseball tourney in Sexsmith recently -- a board was missing from the fence and Bea got stuck in it. She couldn't move but after about 15 deep breaths she finally broke loose, said Mark with a laugh. You didn't mention anything to me Bea (at the tournament). Oh well, we all have our most embarrassing moments. The fun and laughter that

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Veteran wrangler passes on trade

By Mark McCallum

The high flying 10th annual Louis Bull Labor Day Weekend Rodeo in Hobbema stirred up a lot more than dust over the long weekend. This year there was an eagerness in young cowboys to compete and be called the best.

For the oil rich reserve located about 40 miles south of Edmonton, the frenzied activity of the rodeo is a remedy many veteran wranglers feel their youthful counterparts could use.

Hobbema rodeo veteran of 20 years Todd Buffalo explained: "What a lot of these young kids are lacking is the drive. The oil royalties are a good thing, but they get too much, too easy around here. And, the rodeo arenas just don't work like that...When you get up on a bucking horse, he doesn't know if you're

putting your 100 per cent in or not. You have to give it your all or you'll end up on your back."

Hobbema's Four Nations reserve recognized this problem in 1977 and started the Hobbema Rodeo Circuit, to develop young cowboys.

President Kenny (K.J.) Louis, a former Indian Rodeo Cowboy Association (IRCA) champ who retired from the sport after 14 years, says the circuit has successfully produced professional cowboys such as IRCA steer wrestling finalist Marvin Yellowbird and more recently 14-year old Roddie Baptiste Jr., the Canadian Finals Rodeo boys' steer riding champion for two years running.

"The older pros help the younger cowboys develop," added Louis. Buffalo, a 36-year old cowboy who has won numerous all-around belt buckles in the Hobbema circuit, owns a ranch on the

reserve and holds his own rodeo (the Buffalo Ranch Rodeo). He has an open invitation for young cowboys to join him in practice.

Buffalo compares the cowboys of today and yesterday by saying "they have more opportunities now. Back when I started, it took at least a couple of years to learn the right techniques. But, today they can go through rodeo schools and learn it all in three or four days. They learn the fundamentals from championship cowboys.

"The older boys went to 'the school of hard knocks,'" says Buffalo, who earned his "knocks" in 1983, suffering a near fatal accident in the arena. He broke his back back steer wrestling, separating his lower vertebrae.

He also pointed out that the current rodeo scene has improved because there's more Native rodeos now than the half dozen that were scattered across the country 20 years ago. This year Hobbema alone will hold nearly 30 rodeos,

People



TODD BUFFALO JR. and DAD

including 10 regular season and four playoff rodeos indoors at the Panee Memorial Agriplex and Diamond 5 facilities.

"The younger folks have an easier trail. And, hell! They don't just drive to rodeos; they fly...rodeo is getting to be a real business," said Buffalo. But, he admitted it's still unusual to find a cowboy who can "feed his family and rodeo full time."

He estimates that about

two cowboys at an average rodeo actually make a living. The rest of them are "weekend cowboys, who have regular jobs during the week."

Buffalo operates his ranch and contracts livestock when he's not team roping with his brother Benji Buffalo at a rodeo. He's also an auctioneer and part-time rodeo announcer, a career he plans to pursue when his

wrangling days come to an end.

But, for now, Buffalo is content to be a "weekend cowboy." He can stay close to the action that has been a big part of his life. He even met barrel racing champ Sandy Buffalo his wife at a rodeo. "And, we've even got steer riders to prove it," joked Buffalo as he smiled proudly at championship material Todd Jr., the youngest of his four children.

RESULTS

Here are the Louis Bull Labor Day Weekend Rodeo results where more than \$34,000 in cash prizes, a Wylee mini-stick trailer, saddles and belt buckles were awarded:

- Saddle Bronc — 1st, Kim Coliflower, \$1,001, 67 pts.; 2nd Codie Wildman, \$765, 65 pts.
- Bare Back — Kenton Randle, \$1,120, 74 pts.; Lenard Louis, \$864, 76 pts.
- Bull Riding — Gary Houle, \$1,356, 84 pts.; Perry Baptiste, Benji Buffalo, & Dwayne Johnson (tie), \$718, 74 pts.
- Junior Steer Riding — Roddie Baptiste, \$436, 81 pts.; Greg Louis, \$333, 69 pts.
- Calf Roping — Terry Rider, \$1,615, 11.04; Lawrence Crawler, \$1,235, 12.36.
- Steer Wrestling — Benji Buffalo, \$1,130, 3.90; Melton Louis, \$864, 3.92.
- Team Roping, Benji Buffalo & Dennis Sampson, \$3,223, 7.67; Melvin Potts & Charles Starr, \$2,566, 9.69.
- Ladies Barrel — Carmon Houle, \$1,356, 15.12; Betty Highelk, \$1,037, 15.71.
- Junior Barrel — Renatta Cattleman, \$387, 16.49; Denise Swampy, \$296, 16.66.

*All around cowboy went to Benji Buffalo who had a total of 220 points.

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Dates and Registration

The seminar will be conducted in Red Deer Sept. 23, 24 and 25 for a cost of \$275. The cost includes course materials but not accommodation or meals. The course will be held at the Great West Inn in Red Deer, David Thompson Room at 9 a.m. The Red Deer Native Friendship Centre will be using resource people from RPM Planning Associates.

Registration must be completed by Sept. 18. Please contact the Friendship Centre at (403) 340-0020 for any further information.

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Powwow attracts crowds

By Dan Dibbelt

Crowds of up to 5,000 filled the Good Stoney Rodeo Arena at the 5th Annual Labor Day Classic Sept. 4, 5 and 6 on the Good Stoney reserve west of Calgary.

Performing to appreciate crowds, more than 500 dancers from all over western Canada and the

northwestern United States showed off their costumes and dancing. Special categories included a Jingle Dress Trophy dance, Men's and Ladies' Buckskin and Men and Ladies' Team Dancing.

There was also a drum contest with more than 20 entrants.

American hosts for the

powwow were the Red Nation tribe of North Dakota, and Dakota Hotain of Manitoba were the Canadian hosts.

Teresa Snow, of the Good Stoney reserve, was crowned the 1987/88 Nakoda Princess, Lorna Hunter, who stepped down from the title, performed an honor dance.

POWWOW RESULTS

Men's Traditional (40 Years & Over) — Walter Bull, Little Pine, Sask.

Men's Traditional (18-30) — Kevin Haywane, Central Uda, Sask.

Men's Fancy (18 Years & Over) — Tony Brown, Ronan, Mont.

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Delegates to discuss diverse culture

By Colin Smith

Increased awareness of the diversity of Native cultures is the goal of an intertribal symposium in Peace River September 15 and 16.

At the symposium, to be held at the Sagitawa Friendship Centre, representatives from the Woodland Cree, Slavey, Plains Cree and Blood tribes and the Metis will give presentations describing their group's culture.

The presentations will be given on the first day of the symposium, following a keynote address by Dr. Olive Dickson of the University of Alberta Department of History.

The address is entitled 'World's Apart: Natives in Relation to Europeans in Northwestern Alberta since first contact.'

Education, community, family, language, dress, music and dance, art, health, rites, rituals and

spirituality are among the topics to be addressed in each presentation.

Several speakers are scheduled to make presentations on various Indian tribes and the Metis. Speakers include: Henry Laboucane on Woodland Cree; Warren Danais on Slave, Donna Hunter on Plains Cree, and Joyce or Rufus Goodstriker on Blood. Terry Lusty will make a presentation on the Metis people.

The second day of the symposium will open with a prayer, before going on to a panel discussion on the past, present and future of the four tribes and the Metis.

A traditional feast and entertainment by Winston Wuttunee will conclude the symposium.

Sagitawa Friendship Centre executive director Judy Norstrom said the symposium was organized in response to a lack of awareness of tribal cultural

differences among non-Natives working with Native people.

"White people only see Native people as Native people -- they don't see the uniqueness of tribe and nation," Norstrom said.

The symposium provides a setting where the tribal and Metis representatives can compare and contrast those cultures, and will expand the ethno-cultural information base of both Native and non-Native people, she said.

Norstrom also hopes that the meeting will lead to a greater emphasis on culture and increase in pride, with a resulting decrease in destructive behavior.

In addition, she noted that the symposium reflects the friendship centre's working philosophy of integration through interaction.

The first day of the symposium is essentially a professional development

day, but the second will be more of a Native gathering day, with a change in timing, flow and momentum, Norstrom said. Cost of the symposium is \$40 for both days, \$25 for the first day only, and \$20 for the second day only. A certified cheque or money order must accompany registrations, which are limited to 40 people.

A 'mini-film festival' will be running concurrently with the symposium next door at St. Paul's United Church. Videos to be shown include: The Moving Circle; A New Dawn; Something to Celebrate; Where We've Been, Where We're Going; The Only Gift; and I Am An Indian. Also to be shown are Loyalties, The Circle Will Be Complete, Walpole Island People, Mystic Warrior, and Lubicon Lake.

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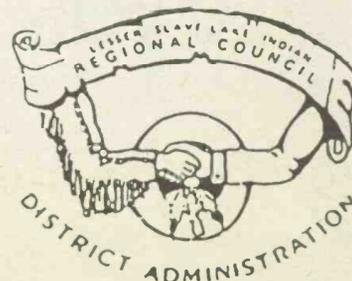
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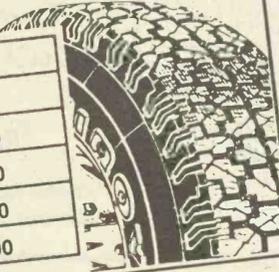
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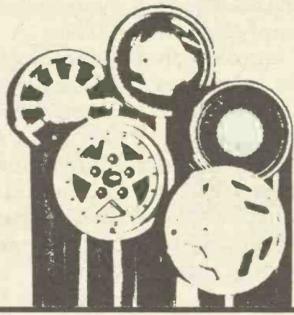
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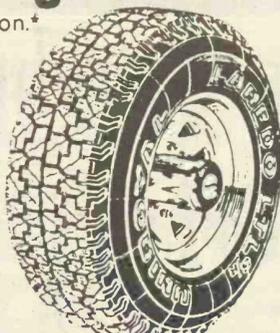
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