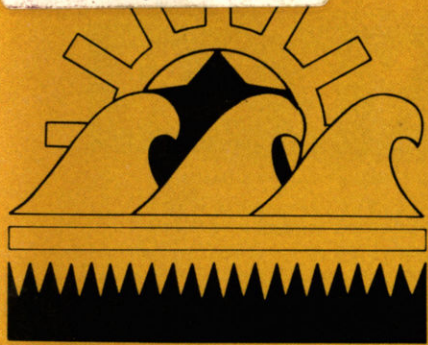


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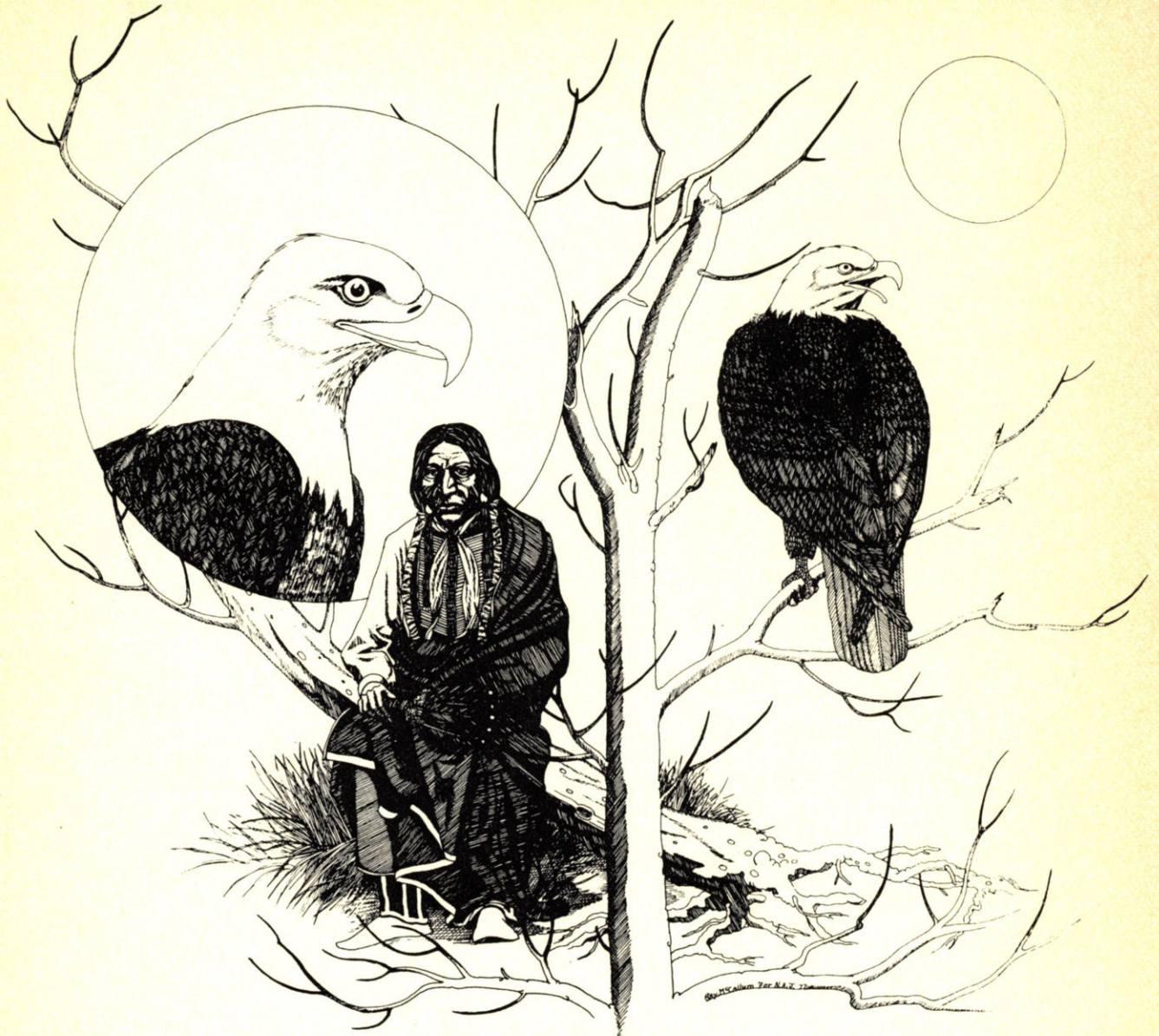
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FEBRUARY MIKISE WE PESIM EAGLE MOON

Mikisiw is the Plains Cree word for golden eagle. This is the month when eagles swoop down on rabbits for food. The Indian hunters trapped the golden eagle, using rabbit meat for bait. The tail feathers and wings are taken for ceremonial clothes such as the feather bonnets, bustles and many decorations you may see at an Indian celebration. It was during the long winter months that stories and legends were told as entertainment for all. Stories such as those in the 'Cree Legends' always contained a moral or a lesson. The Elders of some areas still carry on this tradition and will tell stories only in the winter months. The return of spring is the hopeful sign. Warm spells occur in February. Long ago, Indian families of the Plains hunted the buffalo for food. These warm spells allowed runners to be sent from the camp to see if buffalo were nearby. If they were, then men were sent to build a pound into which the buffalo could be driven. The camp moved to a new wooded area to be near their source of food.



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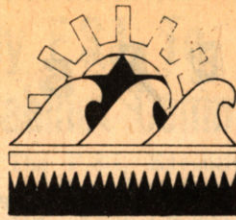
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Uranium Development Concern

Dear Editor and Staff:

I have always read your *Saskatchewan Indian* with a great deal of interest for it tells me of events that had taken place and events coming up. I have just read your January edition. I enjoyed it, except for one part which teed me off and that was the ad for Amok Ltd. How many times can I count on my fingers of listening to the radio or reading papers including the editions of the *Saskatchewan Indian* as to the stand that native people of our province have taken regarding Uranium exploration in our province. Yet you have the gall to print the ad for Amok in your paper. That to me does not show a very clear stand on what you or your paper is doing. I feel a bit weary of the idea and sincerity of this paper.

Thank You
Joe Charles.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Chiefs in both Meadow Lake and Prince Albert Districts have agreed to become involved in resource development in this province.

We neither take a pro nor anti development stand as we fully realize that these developments will go ahead without our involvement. We therefore see this as a chance for our people to gain an increase standard of living through active participation in resource development.

Young Athlete Wants Involvement

DEAR EDITOR—

I am writing in regards to the lack of participation concerning sports on Red Pheasant Reserve. I myself am not from that band, but I am usually there whenever I'm not in P.A. I have seen alot of the younger people on Red Pheasant who excel in most of the sports, but are unable to show because they don't have a Recreation Director there, who want to make Red Pheasant competative in sports like softball, soccer, volleyball, basketball etc. Most of the guys and girls have to go play for some other reserve so they can play. I have tried to change reserves so that I may be of assistance because my interests in sports are the kind which if

I were able to, Red Pheasant would be in the *Saskatchewan Indian* more than once or twice a year as it is now. I hope the people in Red Pheasant especially the Chief and council do something in the interests of the younger generation. You will notice most of the guys on Red Pheasant are on Fine Option, but if they had more recreation programs it would be alot different. If they the Recreation Director don't know how to get more programs going, I am sure the reserves that are successful in creating programs for example Sweetgrass, would be more than happy to give a helping hand. So I hope somebody from Red Pheasant Band Council reads this and gets on the ball. Summer is only a Spring away you know.

Mario Russell Bird
Box 580
P.A. Sask.

Prisoner Self-Help Group

Dear Member;

In the past, you have probably wondered (on occasion) how the Native Brotherhood in the Saskatchewan penitentiary was doing. By this letter we hope to enlighten you and at the same time, reassure you, that, we are progressing along at a determined pace in our endeavors.

1979 found us in strong spirits. Some of us will be leaving this year, while, some of us go on to attain more spiritual growth and pride in whatever way feasible. This is meant to say, that, YOU as a member of our organization helps us maintain the concept of our motto which reads; To Know, To Help, and To Understand.

Native Brotherhood groups began in the 1950's, from the Stony Mountain Prison at Manitoba. The Saskatchewan pen. Brotherhood organization became a REGISTERED group in March of 1976. According to old files of the Brotherhood, the group was founded on February 21st, 1964. This was with the help of the original sponsor, Mr. Malcolm Norris. To this day, the Native Brotherhood Society in the Sask. Pen. has continously reached out to be a self-help group and this has been met with feasible success over the years. This then, is our objectives

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and continued concern.

Last summer and Fall saw the established formation of the SACRED CIRCLE in the yard by the brothers in this place. We mention this for the sake of letting you know that our Traditional beliefs are foremost in our everyday lives even inside prison.

Many brothers have gone through the Executive slate and experienced the aspects of organizational skills. The members observe many happenings from which they too obtain a form of learning; And this is good!

As of this date our executive body now consists of the following;

President Allen Stonechild, Vice-president Billy Brass, Secretary Curtis Littlelent, Treasurer Clarence Johns, Sargent at arms Perry Campbell, Councillor Dennis Albert (Sports Coordinator), Councillor Josh Manitopyes (Education Supervisor), Council l o r Gabe Wolfe (Pow Wow Chief), Councillor Stewart Stonechild (Public Relations).

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A few of our objectives with this slate consist of the following; 1. To further communication ties with our elders and traditions through Cultural Awareness evenings every Monday; 2. To endeavor to establish available courses through the Saskatoon Cultural College; 3. To place COMMUNICATION as a must in all objectives; 4. To formulate credibility and constructive recognition of the N.B.H.S. and constitution; 5. To reach out for beneficial aspects from workshops and Socials; 6. To re-activate programs for the betterment of inside members; 7. To Inform steady membership of what we are doing; 8. To re-inforce Diplomacy in our purpose and objectives.

Above are a few of our guidelines we will endeavor to work upon. They are not necessarily endorsed by a consensus, but, we are always open to suggestions by anyone.

One of the things we would like to see happen is an established and steady flow of NATIVE NEWS-PAPERS, PERIODICALS coming to us inside. We read these and distribute them amongst ourselves.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you our 'new' Native Programs co-ordinator; He hails from local P.A. here and is a life-time member of A.A. with 29 years of sobriety. He is a Metis and is involved and very familiar with Politics in the Native scene. On January 2nd he officially began his role inside the walls of P.A.; Counselling etc.; His name is Gordon Hourie.

We are always asked about procedures to getting in here as a guest to one of our meetings. This prison policy involves alot of red tape, but basically, your name, age, SIN, and proper I.D. are required in advance; about a week to two weeks in advance. Your purpose is also a definite point considered; If you are on an individual's visiting list, you won't be allowed to attend any meetings or Socials. Further information on this can be obtained by writing to us here and we will follow up your inquiry.

In conclusion, we trust you will be better informed as to what we are currently doing;

May the Great Spirit watch over all of you!

In the Spirit of Our Ancestors
Billy Brass,
Vice President, N.B.H.S.

Presentation Made By F.S.I. To Cabinet Committee

The F.S.I. Executive along with other elected leaders met with the Saskatchewan Cabinet Committee at the Legislative Building on February 14, 1979.

Ministers attending the meeting were Premier Allan Blakeney; Municipal Affairs Minister, Gordon MacMurchy; Attorney General Roy Romanow; Labour Minister Gordon Snyder; Minister of Revenue; Wes Robbins; Minister of Finance, Walter Smishek; Minister of Health, Ed Tchorzewski; Minister of Renewable Resources, Matsalla and Ted Bowerman, Minister of the Environment.

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indians made a number of presentations. Sol Sanderson, 1st. Vice-President, spoke on Resource Revenue sharing; Provincial Liaison Unit; Canada's Policy on Indians; Policing; Indian government and Municipal government. Another area of major concern is Land, which includes entitlements, surrenders, Sipanok Lease, road surrenders and reserve access

road. Both Sol and Fred Martell, Meadow Lake District Rep. expressed their concerns on the environmental problems caused by the Cold Lake Project.

Other presentations made were on taxation by 3rd Vice President, Cliff Starr; Gas Tax by Chief Ken Sparvier; Indian Health by Executive Secretary, Doug Cuthand and FSI funding by Executive Treasurer, Tony Cote.

The presentations stressed on the Resource Sharing and legal jurisdictional arguments on Indian claims. Sol Sanderson based his arguments, for a claim of a percentage of resource revenue, under the Treaties. He said, "under the Treaties, we did not surrender our rights to renewable and non renewable resources and certainly look forward for a piece of the action."

Although some of the issues discussed dealt with the Federal government, the Province is also affected. Future meetings were arranged with committees formed to act on the issues brought forward. Regular meetings such as this will also continue on an ongoing basis with position papers prepared by the FSI to further support the issues which affect the Province directly. **WAYNE AHENAKEW.**

Chief McNab Chosen For Background And Commitment. . .



Chief Hilliard McNab of the Gordon Band is the field representative for the Treaty Indian Liaison Unit as of January 2, 1979. This unit has been in operation for some time now under the administration of the Honourable Gordon MacMurchy, Minister of Municipal Affairs. Hilliard is the first Indian to hold a position under this unit.

Chief McNab reports to Mr. Norman Bell, Executive Director, who in turn

reports directly to Mr. MacMurchy.

This unit acts as a liaison with treaty Indians, and also researchs Indian concerns relative to provincial departments and agencies. It is also involved in the development of policy in respect to delivery of provincial services to Indians ABIDING by the provision that such services do not infringe upon the treaties.

Norman Bell said, "Chief McNab is a very important asset to the unit". Hilliard has vast experience in working with provincial agencies and is also a member of the Human Rights Commission. His work with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians and as chief of his band for many years can be beneficial to anyone. "We feel fortunate to have him on staff." said Norman Bell.

Hilliard can be reached at the Gordon Band office or at the Wynyard Treaty Indian Liaison Unit office. His area covers the whole province up to the Dept. of Northern Sask. boundaries. **-LYLA LAVALLEE**

EDITORIAL

Indian People Must Be Economically Independent

Economic independence is a goal that at times seem farther and farther away, but in reality could lie within our grasp in the near future.

A generation or two ago we were self sufficient but the changing farming economy, population pressures and the anti-development policies of the department of Indian Affairs all contributed to the failure of the Indian economy to grow and mature.

The spirit and intent of our treaties called for a social and economic plan that would allow us to develop in the Indian way but with the ability to become a participating member of Confederation. Instead the government sent ahead and built a cradle to the grave welfare state that sapped our strength and independence.

The only way out the department left us was to move off the reserve and lose our ties with our past. And that was no answer.

Like the song says, you can't win you can't break even and you can't get out of the game.

This province is now in the verge of a resource boom the likes of which won't happen again. We have a chance to benefit and we must move to establish ourselves.

In Alberta the Indian Nation did not fully participate in the oil boom that has been underway now for 25 years.

The Bands only received royalty payments which Indian Affairs kept in trust at 5 percent or the current bank rate of interest. Clearly our Trustee has failed us.

In the future we see Sask. Indian opportunities in the following areas:

Uranium Mining and Milling: In addition to the jobs provided directly by mining companies there will be a number of subcontracts in the area of construction, trucking, commuter aircraft, food catering and security services, to name a few.

Road Construction: A number of access roads will be built into the Athabasca limestone area in the north west of the province. There will be a number of contracts in areas such as, gravel hauling, land clearing, civil engineering, bridge building and ongoing maintenance.

Tourism: With increased access to the northern lakes, whole new areas will be open to tourist development.

Heavy Oil: In the Lloydminster - North Battleford area a number of refineries and extraction plants will be built. The construction and ongoing operation will employ a considerable number of people.

These are only a few of the possible opportunities that exist. This month the Chiefs Policy Conference will deal with the issue of economic development. If we are to survive as an independent nation then we must become economically independent. If we don't, we can only expect to sink deeper and deeper into the welfare trap and see the eventual end of our Indian Nation.

O & M Budget Allocation For Qu'Appelle Reserves

Funding in the amount of \$13,745,100 have been allocated to the Touchwood-File Hills-Qu'Appelle district for the '79/80 fiscal year for the operations and maintenance programs. Total budget for the region was \$78,382,000, to be split with the other districts and agency.

Out of this budget, the social development has almost \$4,000,000; which includes social assistance, child care,

adult care, and rehabilitation. Second in line is education in federal schools with \$3,660,700. This item has bussing, student residences, school committees, and curriculum enrichment. The third highest item was education in non-federal schools with \$2,807,900 which covers mostly tuition costs for children attending town schools. These items are classified as non-discretionary items—and in government terms — they are a must!

Next down the line was post secondary schools with \$1,273,000—which includes student allowances and tuition in any university, vocational, and adult education schools. The remaining programs are economic and employment

development with \$146,500 for salaries of DIAND, band government; \$838,600 for core funds and salaries, community infrastructure; \$561,700 for roads and bridges, community services, reserves and trusts; \$26,800 covers salaries of DIAND and program administration and \$460,200 covering only salaries and expenses of district staff.

Allocations for capital for the '79/80 would be available at the next meeting as this would be decided at the program managers meeting to be held on Feb. 20 and 21.

The chiefs gave their support to the family worker program. Along with the district rep., the chiefs will meet with Dr. Anderson about further fund-

ing. This was a district project and for the bands who used this program it is working closely with the welfare administrator program.

The master agreement for the funding of programs from the department was rejected as most bands believed it should be a two-sided agreement with the department putting in their share of commitments.

Henry Delorme spoke regarding the New Dawn Centre, which is funded by National Health and Welfare and the Department of Indian Affairs in Ottawa. This centre is for treaty Indians only. It is presently run by a board of directors with only one Indian representative and two Indian employees.

Saskatchewan Power Corporation representatives were in attendance and informed the chiefs that rates were the same on reserves as in any other community.

—LYLA LAVALLEE

Second Meeting Of Saskatchewan Indian Veterans Association

The Saskatchewan Indian Veterans from around the Touchwood File Hills Qu'Appelle district met for the second time. The meeting was held at the Standing Buffalo band office near Fort Qu'Appelle on Sunday Feb. 4.

Since this group has an executive council with Howard Anderson as president, monthly meetings are being planned. Henry Langan from the Cote Band is acting as a liaison between the other district veterans across the province. He informed the group that plans are in the making for a general assembly of the Indian war veterans of Saskatchewan sometime in March or April, but no definite plans have been made. He also informed them to think about what the objectives of such an association would be. He thought the unity of Canada, the constitution, and the treaties could be the top priorities along with other issues.

It was agreed by the group that the association be named "The Saskatchewan Indian Veterans Association" and not "The Saskatchewan Native Association" as it was called at the first meeting. They felt it would be more beneficial to everyone because Indians do have treaties and are identified under the Indian Act.

To be recognized as one of this group, a membership fee of ten dollars has to be paid. This membership in-

cludes veterans of wars, peace corps, special constables, militia, and Korean war veterans.

They will be having associate members, who will pay the same fees as the regular veterans. The powers of the associate members will be discussed at a later meeting in regards to voting and holding office.

The ladies were given the go-ahead in forming a ladies auxiliary, who in turn could become members of the association. As everyone knows, the ladies are the backbone of every organization.

Many members paid their fees at this meeting and it is hoped that each veteran would contact others in their surrounding communities who have not been informed of this organization. Mr. Langan informed the group that other districts have been in contact and it appears that North Battleford and Meadow Lake will unite with Saskatoon and Prince Albert.

The next meeting for this group will be held at the Marieval student residence on March 4. The Yorkton area people will be invited to this meeting and maybe plans to unite will come about at this meeting.

—LYLA LAVALLEE

First Meeting Held For Indian Resorts In Saskatchewan

WYNYARD - The first meeting of Indian resort developments was held at Wynyard last week. As most of the resorts are in very advanced situations, development funding from the D.I.A.N.D. has now stopped.

Members from across the province were in attendance with representation from resorts such as Chitek Lake, Makwa Lake, White Bear, Kinookimaw, and Last Oak Resorts. Chairman for the day were Chief Hilliard McNab, Gordons Band and Chief Ken Sparvier, Cowesses Band.

Mr. Bill Pillipow from Wynyard is the legal advisor who has worked closely with most developments since they began some years ago.

Most of these resorts have started to develop their lake shores in the last few years. It seemed that at the beginning of these resorts, the main objective of each resort was to create employment for band members. Now it seems that the objective is to generate profits as well as creating ongoing employment.

Some problems which arose for the Indian resorts was their competition with provincial parks. White Bear resort, one of the oldest in the province, have had their land leased for over 40 years, and have a provincial park across the road. The provincial government puts money into development of resorts but the federal dept. of Indian Affairs will not do this for Indians. Yet they are our trustee.

A professional type of advertising program is required whether it be by radio, T.V. or brochures. These resorts are known locally but not province-wide or nationally. A commitment to this effect was given by the Dept. of Indian Affairs.

Some resorts have had their land leased many years and have never charged fees for improvements over the years.

The delegates discussed a variety of policies, problems and services common to all resort developments on which common policy could be developed such as leasing, development funding, appraisals, service changes and advisory services. Leasing policy, for example, should always include a "front end" charge which the resort could levy and then use for ongoing development.

Appraisals for these lands should be done by one company for all the resorts, then each resort would have some idea of the value of the land. This would be useful in assessing the lease charges for cottage owners.

It was felt that a Central association should be formed from the group. With this committee, each resort would have better communication and understanding of each development, and they would have a stronger voice. A committee was set up with one member and an alternate from each resort along with Sol Sanderson. They plan to meet with Mr. Walter Keyes, head of economic development at D.I.A.N.D. in Regina on Feb. 23/79 to discuss the funding and other problems that each resort are encountering, and to give some direction to him as to developing Indian resort businesses.

Mr. Pillipow felt it was the responsibility of the DIAND to fund development for Indian people so they could become self sufficient.

The evening ended with a banquet and Sol Sanderson explaining the land surrender issue.

—LYLA LAVALLEE



SOL SANDERSON
... First Vice-President
Federation of Saskatchewan Indians

Indian Gov't. Must Be Protected — "Sanderson"

"Canada must recognize that the RCMP has as much duty to protect the Indian foundations of confederation as it has to protect the non-Indian foundations," Sanderson stated.

Sanderson was commenting on the content of an FSI submission to the MacDonald Royal Commission investigating alleged wrong-doings by the R.C.M.P.

To achieve this; the FSI will be putting forward several recommendations, including:

- An Indian Security Committee, in the RCMP Security Service, headed by an Indian.
- Indian Government participation in the policy, administrative and Operational decisions of the Security Service as such decisions relate to Indians.
- Greater use of Indian Special Constables in Indian Security work.
- Establishment of the offices of Indian Government Commissioner and Office of Indian Rights Protection and a definition of their relationship with the Indian Security Service.

The FSI has submitted a brief to the commission and will make a formal appearance before the Commission in Ottawa in the spring.

"Over 100 years ago, the Crown recognized the sovereign power of Indian nations to make Treaties under International law," Sanderson contended.

"It was recognized that the agreements being negotiated were alliances between nations for the mutual benefit of both", he said.

"They were not articles of surrender nor were they the terms of military occupation. They were Treaty alliances, establishing the Protectorate status of Indian nations within Confederation," he claimed.

"Today's Indian Band Governments, individually and collectively, are the inheritors and constituents of the Tribal sovereignty and jurisdiction on which the Treaties were based," Sanderson said.

"Without the shared access to land and resources which the Treaties grant, there could be no Canadian nation and the Canadian government would have no more legitimacy than the government of Ian Smith in Rhodesia," Sanderson contended.

Sanderson claimed that one of the underlying principles of the Treaties was that the RNWMP (later RCMP) was to serve and protect both the Indian and Canadian Governments who were parties to the Treaties.

He quoted from former Lieutenant Archibald's statements, made at the time of Treaty-making, which confirmed that Indian chiefs and Councilors "should be strongly impressed with the belief that they are officers of the Crown...recognized by both Whites and Indians."

"It is clear, from the historical documentation," Sanderson said, "that as far as Indians and Indian lands are concerned Chiefs, Councillors and elected leaders of legitimate, representative Indian organizations have rights and privileges equivalent to those of Ministers of the Crown."

"That is what Archibald was talking about. That is the basis of the Treaties and that must form the basis of our relationship with the RCMP," he contended.

Sanderson charged that once the Treaties had been signed officials employed by the Canadian government began a series of efforts designed to undermine, subvert and abrogate the Treaties by administrative action.

"Those activities continue to the present day," he contended, "and, because Indians have resisted, because we continue to resist the subversion of legally-binding guarantees entered into between the Canadian nation and ours, we are branded a threat to national security."

"We have been subjected to fraud, deceit, coercion, inducement, infiltrations, surveillance, unexplained illegal entries and other actions all intended to subvert the legal, moral and sacred guarantees made in the Treaties," the First Vice-President claimed.

Sanderson said the Treaties call for the naming of an Indian Government Commissioner and Office of Indian Rights Protection, responsible to Parliament, to oversee the fulfillment of the Treaty guarantees.

"This has never been done," he stated, "and instead civil servants have been permitted broad discretionary powers which they have used to influence Indian domestic affairs and internal politics," Sanderson said.

Sanderson, who has also been Chief of James Smith Reserve for six years, charged that "the one consistent policy of a series of Canadian governments since Confederation has been to separate Indian people from Indian resources and Indian rights."

He said that this practice has most recently been demonstrated in what he termed an "industrial-conspiracy" involving senior government officials and multi-national corporations in the development and implementation of a continental energy policy.

"The intent of the Treaties was that the RCMP would protect us from this kind of subversion of our rights, whether the subversion was perpetrated by individuals or by the government," he said.

"Instead, the government appears to have used the force, particularly the Security Service, as one of the tools in the process of eliminating the very rights they are obligated to protect," Sanderson said.

"Our loyalty to the Crown and Confederation is unwavering," he said, "but, because our loyalty to our Treaties and to our special place in Confederation is just as unwavering, we are treated with suspicion."

Sanderson, who was himself a policeman on the Prince Albert City Police force for 5½ years said that "This nation must recognize that its geographic and economic foundation is an Indian foundation."

"Without the land and resources which we contributed to the making of Canada, the cultural, linguistic, social and political foundations of the country have little international credibility and even less legal and moral force," he said.

"The FSI will continue to press, through legal and legitimate means, for full recognition of the real nature of the Indian place in the Canadian Confederation," Sanderson said.

"What we expect from the brief that we are presenting to the MacDonald Commission is that the RCMP will be permitted to fulfill its mandate under the Treaties as well as its mandate under Canadian legislation," he concluded.



TAPWE

BY

DOUG CUTHAND

There comes a time in this business when you become co-opted. The attacker becomes part of the institution. Over the years I have seen a number of examples and felt the sting myself.

You know you're getting out of touch when:

- You have lunch with a senior bureaucrat and find yourself comparing the gas mileage of his Merc Marquis with your Chrysler Cordoba.
- You go to the reserve and complain bitterly about the conditions of the roads and vow to find out whose responsible only to find that its you.
- You figure you're really getting down to the grass roots when you visit an Indian Affairs District office.
- You go to a district chiefs meeting when a department official gets severely taken to task and you feel sorry for him.
- You sit in the first class section of a Boeing 727 reading an anti-poverty report.
- You find out that after years of criticizing the departments inadequate housing policies that your own home is now worth \$75,000.
- You go to a meeting where all the consultants and department personnel are dressed like a bunch of hippies and longshoremen and you are wearing a pin-striped three piece suit.
- You begin to feel that the so-and-so who writes this column is too hard on the department.

This year Indian Affairs Economic development program has a budget of \$8,000,000 and a staff of 40. The sum total of their accomplishments this year was the creation of 200 jobs.

We estimate that to create a level of employment on Indian reserves equal to the rest of the province we will need 10,000 new jobs. At the rate Indian affairs is going they will need a budget of \$400,000,000 and a staff of 2,000 to accomplish this.

From the rumour mill. Art Kroeger will be leaving as Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs but it is not known yet where he will be transferred. One possibility is that he will receive an ambassador posting. Emil Korchinski, the regional director of operations is looking for another job. Dr. Black, the assistant Deputy Minister in charge of medical services may be moved to another department and a possible successor is Dr. Brett the present acting Director General of Medical services.

One of our former F.S.I. staff, Phil Parr is now employed by Centrads. When he worked for us he was all for shutting the place down, now he has been heard to say that it isn't such a bad place.

Indian Affairs is still paying the rent on their old office space in the centennial towers in Ottawa in spite of the fact that they have been across the river in Hull for close to a year. Just how much longer they plan to continue paying and how much its costing us in Indian money isn't known. I know that *The Saskatchewan Indian* is widely read in Ottawa so if one of you clerks out there can give me the information, I'll gladly receive it. No questions asked.

The Indian Affairs Program has been under attack by the Auditor Generals department and the annual report always describes a few horror stories of department misspending. In response the department is undertaking extensive evaluation of most of its programs.

A partial budget of 1.8 million has been set aside to hire consultants and evaluators. There is a distressing lack of Indians in the list and it appears as if the evaluation will not centre around the program delivery but rather the cost effectiveness and how they can tighten up.

Anyway it looks as if once again our best interests come second.

Winning the West. Have you noticed how quiet its been lately? There seems to be a virtual love affair going on between the Indians and regional office. Our new Regional Director Owen Anderson has quite handily difussed the resentment that existed before he took over.

But very little has really happened. The Indian leadership told him that he had a weak staff and a number of them would have to go as soon as possible. But apart from moving Bill Reese out of Saskatoon, little else has changed.

There are a number of planning sessions and evaluations taking place but these have long term effects and nothing appears to be changing in the short run.

Sometimes I long for the good old days of Jim Wright and Joe Leask. They may have been incompetent but we always knew what they were up to.

Over the years different names have been applied to the same thing. The purpose of this is to give the appearance of forward motion and improvement.

Remember when we used to get "relief"? Later on it became known as "welfare" and more recently, "social assistance". The latest name for it is "income support".

But it still remains the old hand-out program delivered by the same people to the same people.

The more things change the more they remain the same.

I didn't even know he was sick. Henry Langan recently checked with the Department of Veterans Affairs to see a copy of his file only to discover that he was listed in the Dead Files.

"I never bothered them before so they must have thought I was dead", he said.

Lately Henry has been busy organizing the Saskatchewan Indian Veterans Association which will be a branch society of the FSI. A general assembly of veterans will be called for March 23 & 24 so if you have an interest in this area please attend.



DOUG CUTHAND

*... Executive Secretary
Federation of Saskatchewan Indians*



MONIQUE BEGIN

*... Minister
National Health and Welfare*

GOV'T. TAKES STEP FAVOURABLE TO INDIAN POSITION ON HEALTH CARE

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indians has reacted favorably to the six month moratorium on Health Care Guidelines as announced by the Minister of National Health & Welfare, Monique Begin January 24th. Representatives for all the Canadian Indian organizations met with the Minister and her officials in Ottawa.

In her statement to the Indian leaders, Ms. Begin stated that she would allow for a six month moratorium during which time a committee of all the organizations and members of her department would develop new guidelines acceptable to both.

She also stated that she could not decide on issues of Indian rights since this was the responsibility of the Minister of Indian Affairs.

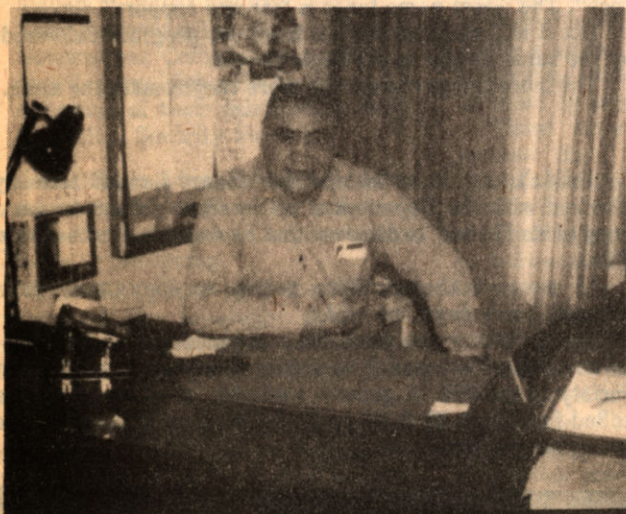
Doug Cuthand, Executive Secretary of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians and the executive member with the health portfolio stated that the call for a six month moratorium was a positive step and showed a willingness on the part of the Minister to listen to the Indian leadership.

"The next six months will require us to present our case to the government and get recognition of Indian rights to Health care."

Ms. Begin was invited by the Saskatchewan delegation at the meeting, to attend the Saskatchewan All Chiefs policy conference February 26, 27 and 28 in Regina.

So far there has been no response from her office.

A.A. Program Director Strengthened By Life Experience



Charlie Ewenin, is the director of the Rehabilitation Centre at Sandy Bay near Pelican Narrows Saskatchewan 350 miles north east of Prince Albert.

Prior to coming to Sandy Bay, Charlie had worked as Councillor for the alcohol program at Regina and Saskatoon Centres.

Charlie Ewenin, is a member of the Poorman's Reserve but has spent most of his time out of the reserve and had to deal with the problem of Alcohol himself.

His duties consist of lectures each day for a total of four weeks. Besides being the senior councillor, Charlie has other duties to perform such as attending meetings.

Social Services pays a per-diem for the patients to the centre.

The A.A. program is very active in Sandy Bay and the people are really interested in this program. Charlie's good work performance for the alcohol program gave him this job opportunity as Director.

Other staff members for the centre include; Vivian Bear, Secretary; Helena Bear, Counsellor; and the cook Angelic Ray. At the present time there are 12 people at the Centre.

—FLORENCE POORMAN.



LA RONGE DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE WORKERS

Left to right: Jonas Ratt, counsellor; Brenda Keewatin, cook; Isobel Keewatin, co-ordinator.

Keewatin Accepts Challenge Of Co-ordinating Drug & Alcohol Abuse Program

Mrs. Isobel Keewatin is the co-ordinator of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program in La Ronge. Mrs. Keewatin who started this job in October 1978 said the people of La Ronge are very warm and friendly.

Co-workers are Rev. Charles Halkett who is a field worker; Jonas Ratt, as a counsellor; and Debbie Keewatin as the cook for the centre. Mrs. Keewatin has been involved with the native alcohol program for many years.

Nine years ago she started as a field-worker for the Regina Centre and then worked her way up as a counsellor and than as an administrator.

In the past she has taken every opportunity to take classes whenever possible. She trained in Calgary under the Neechee Training program. This was very intensive training which lasted 10 hours a day for a total of 10 days. Mrs. Keewatin went on a similar training at the Saulteaux Centre in Kam-sack last year.

Training staff for different centres has Isobel on the constant move. On Jan. 8, Mrs. Keewatin will be one of the provincial co-ordinators taking a management course at Ft. Qu'Appelle.

Mrs. Isobel Keewatin said that long before she started with the program she wondered how she could help people with the alcohol problem. "Aside from providing the abstainer with a sense of security, the individual has to be given a chance to be responsible for himself which will ease tension and create motivation," Mrs. Keewatin said.

A new site is still being built some 30 miles from La Ronge which is for some new growth for the community. The main building is complete but the cabins which house the patients is still in the making. All construction is made of logs from the area by the members of the band. The band members that are employed here have the confidence and determination to make this site the most dynamic centre when completed.

Mrs. Keewatin operates from a comfortable three-bedroom house supplied by the chief and council of La Ronge.

Setting up various activities for the young people of the reserve is another area where Mrs. Keewatin plans to do some work. The length of her stay at La Ronge will depend on the progress of the program. A program like this one becomes a necessity for all involved, since alcohol is the root of ill health and crime in any area of the province.

Mrs. Isobel Keewatin's husband Ted is employed with the Alcohol Commission in Regina where the couple make their home. Ted is keeping the home fires burning while his wife is co-ordinating this program.

—FLORENCE POORMAN



Indian Leaders Form Committee To Combat Alcohol

NORTH BATTLEFORD — The North Battleford district chiefs, comprising of 10 Indian leaders recently formed a committee. The committee is to research and provide all-encompassing approach to programming in the area of alcohol and drug abuse problems encountered by Indian people in the district.



STEVE POOYAK
...heads committee

Its research and development of the alcohol program was funded with a \$9,000 grant for three months by the National Native Alcohol Program in Ottawa.

The committee is headed by Steve Pooyak, who was instrumental in setting up the Indian Health Centre. Other committee members include Chief Andrew Paddy, Chief Ernest Kah, Floyd Pooyak, Jim Dalgleish and Herman Buglar. Marcella Wuttunee was appointed to its secretarial position.

The project will serve approximately 6,700 Indian people.

Its objectives are listed as such: (1) It is the objective of the project to detail existing programs provided at present in the area of alcoholism, by reviewing various agencies' programs (2) Recommend new programs which the committee feels would benefit the Indian people (3) Establish a system whereby existing and future programming could operate in a co-ordinated and more comprehensive manner and thereby better serve the needs of those with alcohol or drug problems (4) To recommend and structure problems through the new Indian Health Centre (5) To assist various reserves in programming within the area of alcohol and drug abuse programs (6) To act, assist, recommend and initiate a comprehensive district approach to the entire area of alcohol programming amongst Indian people within the district (7) To become involved more actively with other agencies and groups who are involved in alcohol programming.

—ARCHIE KING

Linden-Town

Sylvia McNab, who is from the Gordons Band recently returned from Guyana. She was on a Canadian Crossroads International Program. Sylvia, a second year student with the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College will be submitting four articles to "The Saskatchewan Indian". Following is her third article:

When I first heard about Linden Guyana, the picture in my mind of a hot dusty mining town was not too inviting. The only consoling thought was that a mining town would have lots of single young men and therefore would surely have a laundromat. When I arrived I found it was hot, yes, and dusty; floors swept several times a day always yielded a fine white dust that floated from the aluminum plant. But sadly there was no laundromat. But people liked the idea when I explained it to them as there are very few automatic washers in Guyana and all summer I had to do my laundry by hand.

In Linden most people are employed by Guymine, either to work in the mines, in the bauxite plant, or the aluminum plant. Bauxite is used to make aluminum. And you know how we use aluminum, right from aluminum foil and pots and pans in our kitchen to higher technology. Big ships come down the deep Demerara River every day and carry the bauxite from the bauxite plant or the more refined alumina from the aluminum plant to all parts of the world, but especially to Canada. However there is very little aluminum products in Guyana.

Linden has a population of 50,000. The side of the river that I lived on is called Mackenzie and the other side is Wismar, together they are called Linden. In the daytime the center of activity is the markets. These are like our shopping malls. The markets contain all kinds of stalls and shops that sell everything from vegetables, to clothes, to live chickens, ducks and crabs. Most shops take a siesta from about 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. because that is the hottest part of the day and most people take a nap at this time.

People carry umbrellas for both sun and rain. In the tropics a rain can come and go in 15 minutes but it is bound to rain every day.

An evenings entertainment in Linden would be to take in a basketball game. Guymine vs the Limers. The Limers are those that don't work, they just hang around the court and play basketball. There are also exciting football (soccer) games. Cricket and field hockey are also popular.

At night the discos open. The discos don't necessarily play disco, they play a lot of Reggae music.

On weekends, house parties are popular. These are not the sit-down drinking parties that seem to rule the day in Saskatchewan. Invitations are sent out and everyone goes to drink, dance and eat.

One particular party I remember was a qua-qua party. These are held before a wedding. Of course there is a lot of jovial conversation and drinking at the parties. The music is provided by the guests. It re-



SYLVIA L. MCNAB

minded me of African music as everyone danced a certain step around one person in the middle. This person would chant a line of a song he would make up and the others dancing around him would repeat it. It was hilarious! I cannot repeat any of the songs as they were dirty, meant to shock the bride-to-be.

I worked at two day-care centers. One was in Mackenzie, just down the street from where I lived and the other was across the river in Wismar. Just crossing the river every day by ferry-boat was exciting. The centers, run by the Mayor and Town Council provided day-care facilities for a total of 120 children. Although I had never worked with children before, I found the experience quite fulfilling.

The people were very friendly. They were all very anxious to get out of the country, and many people asked me to send for them after I got back to Canada. One little girl asked me, "Do you have to fight for rice in Canada?" There are big line-ups at the stores for products that are in short supply, such as cooking oil, butter, and detergent. Of course if you are really desperate, these products are sometimes available on the black-market at two maybe three times the cost.

English is the language. However it is spoken with such an accent that at first I could hardly understand. A lot of people speak Creole which is even more broken English.

There are few cars on the streets of Linden. At 32,000.00 Guyanese dollars you can imagine why. And no down-payment and installment buying. Straight cold cash. Because of the price of cars, bicycles are popular. One often sees men carrying their wives or girlfriends around, riding on the handle-bars of their bikes. But most people walk since the weather is always beautiful.

I could go on and on about Linden, Guyana as I really had a wonderful time there. If you want to hear more about Guyana, pick a pen-pal or visit the country yourself. Guyana has all the sights and sounds of the Caribbean but is not yet over-crowded with tourists. I realize the Jonestown suicides and mass-murder has been bad publicity for Guyana even though there were no Guyanese involved. Jonestown contained only American citizens. As one Guyanese said recently in a letter to me, he didn't even know there was such a place called Jonestown in his country.

Just as every country has a bad side, so does it have its good.

Many people I met asked about pen-pals. I hope some of you will take the initiative and write to someone in Guyana and therefore bridge the gaps between people of the world.

Cedril Ivan Belle, 17B Half Mile Wismar, Linden, Guyana, South America. Ivan, 23, works for Guymine. He enjoys reading writing, cricket and football.

Ann Riley, 162 Banyaballi St., Retrieve, Linden, Guyana, South America. Ann, 19, is a beautiful young woman who teaches nursery school. Her hobbies are modern dancing, listening to music and exchanging photographs.

Ryan Sealy, 228 North Road, Silvertown, Wismar, Linden, Guyana, South America. Ryan also works for Guymine. He is 23, born on Christmas Day.

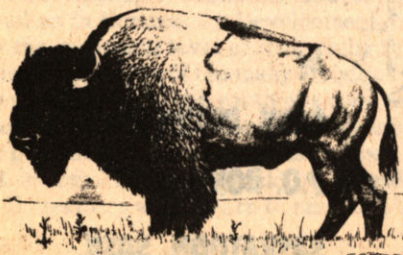
Sunita Williamson, Ithaca Village, Lot 3 West Bank Berbice, Guyana South America. Sunita, whose nickname is Babes is a very nice young woman. Aged about 19 years, she is very friendly.

Also, for anyone interested in having a Guyanese coming to Canada to visit, or to work for them, this lady is interested. To meet her one must send an invitation along with a bank statement proving you can take care of her while she is in the country, as Guyanese cannot take money out of their country. She has written me a letter stating she has her passport and other necessary papers, all she needs is an invitation. Anyone who is interested, please write to her first.

Sandra Murray
98 Silvertown, Wismar
Linden, Guyana
South America



NEXT MONTH: THE RASTA-MEN.



Career Opportunities in CORRECTIONS

The Department of Social Services, Corrections Branch will be conducting Corrections Officer in-service training courses on a regular basis in the coming months and invites enquiries from interested persons.

Special training positions have been created to provide new employees with a sound entrance base for a career in corrections. Following recruitment the Corrections Officers are provided with approximately four months of training including both classroom study and on-the-job instruction in one of the two major Provincial Correctional Centres accommodating male offenders. On successful completion of the training, appointments are made to permanent positions within one of the two centres. Preference will be given to applicants who are prepared to accept a position in either Regina or Prince Albert. Transfer to Saskatoon when the new Correctional Centre opens in approximately 2 years is also a possibility.

Candidates will be selected on the basis of responsible work record and ability to work effectively with people in a custodial setting. Preference will be given to those having a Grade 12 education. Experience in working with people of various cultures is an asset.

Salary: \$13,272 - \$16,248

For further information please contact Mrs. B. Trout, Personnel Officer, Department of Social Services, 1920 Broad Street, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3V6. Phone 565-3600.

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Cree Syllabics

KEY TO THE CREE SYLLABIC SYSTEM.

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 " = h before a vowel.
 " = a soft guttural h when before a consonant.

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FARM TALK

with
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Youth programming is an important part of any community or human development program. One of the youth programs receiving consideration in Saskatchewan and around the world is the 4-H program.

4-H is a world wide youth organization. The name 4-H is derived from the first letter of the words Head, Heart, Hands and Health, which are given special prominence in the 4-H pledge.

I Pledge

My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service,
My Health to better living,
for my club, my community
and my country.

There are over 13,000 4-H members in Saskatchewan. These members are distributed among over 600 clubs with headquarters at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

There are over 70,000 4-H members in Canada. These members are distributed among over 5,000 clubs. The Canadian headquarters is in Ottawa.

4-H clubs are found in many countries of the world, and having 4-H members exchange visits among these countries is one of the many exciting features of the 4-H program. 4-H members also exchange visits within each country.

Membership is open to any boy or girl who have reached their 10th birthday by January 1, of the year in which the club Achievement Day is held, and who do not reach their 21st birthday during that same year. Younger members are allowed to participate under special circumstances.

There must be at least 6 members before a club can be formed. Each club requires one or more Club Leaders, depending on circumstances and the size of the club. Most clubs are sponsored by a local adult organization. A Club Executive is elected from the 4-H members. This executive includes a ; 1. President, 2. Vice-President, 3. Secretary, 4. Treasurer, and 5. Other officers as are considered necessary.

Each member undertakes a project. Projects include participation in a wide variety of activities. These activities include; garden clubs, calf clubs, light horse clubs, grain clubs, swine clubs, photography clubs, cooking clubs, sewing clubs, craft clubs and various other preferences. In fact, it is possible for a club to select any reasonable activity of their choice.

Regular club meetings are held, usually every month. Additions and deletions to the Club membership can be made until three months prior to the Achievement Day. Each member must exhibit his project work at an Achievement Day. A representative of the University Extension Division will evaluate each member's work.

4-H members participate in programs at the; 1. Club, 2. District, 3. Provincial, 4. National, and 5. International levels as well as in Community Development Projects, depending on the scope and level of their clubs activities.

4-H Garden Clubs is one of the many activities which could be of interest and value to the youth of a community. These clubs can be organized in the winter. Each member would be required to plant at least six vegetables and two flowers in a garden plot in May. The plots would be judged during the summer. 4-H members would learn to care for the garden as

a business proposition, learn to judge project classes, and display samples of their garden produce at a fall Achievement Day. Excess produce could be used in their homes or sold for their own gain or profit.

4-H club work is designed to develop 4-H members so that they become effective and responsible members of society. Members should;

1. Develop a responsibility toward the conservation of natural resources.
2. Acquire a positive attitude toward learning and develop the ability to make intelligent decisions.
3. Develop physically through healthful living and active recreation.
4. Enlarge their horizons by participating in new experiences.
5. Acquire a responsible attitude toward community service.
6. Learn to work effectively in groups.
7. Increase their knowledge and skills.

Conservation of natural resources, or protection of the environment should be everyones first priority. Without fertile soils, pure air, adequate fresh water and productive resources; life on this planet would cease to exist.

Other priorities which 4-H activity should emphasize are;

1. Health
2. Education
3. Business
4. Irrepressible Confidence

Individual health is important if optimum performance is to be achieved. Three important essentials for achieving a strong, healthy body are; 1. Food, 2. Exercise, and 3. Rest.

No one disputes the fact that the better the food we eat, the better we perform in everything we do. Everyone should eat and drink the best foods possible.

No one disputes the fact that with adequate and proper exercise we are capable of attacking everything with more vigor and more enthusiasm, and performance is accelerated. Everyone should be in good physical condition.

No one disputes the fact that when individuals do not receive their proper rest, performance is not up to par.

Youth should be encouraged, or even inspired, to build their health.

Youth should be aware that memory and logic can be improved through concentration and practice. Their continued improvement in these areas of development will be reflected in their school activities and educational advancement. In many cases youth can achieve whatever educational standards they desire.

Youth should be aware that they are capable of understanding business operations at an early age. Each individual is a business. Food, exercise, rest, memory, logic, confidence and other important criteria are important factors in individual success. Like any business, when any of these operational factors break down performance suffers. The family, athletic teams, the community and the Government are all forms of business. Youth should be encouraged to; study all areas of business performance, and practice applying their own logic and reason to determining possible solutions to difficult problems.

Youth are influenced to; 1. Improve their physical and mental well being, 2. Become interested in business operations at an early age will obtain an irrepressible confidence in their ability to achieve, and will be in a preferred position to lead the country in the years to come.

Youth programming is important. The future of the country depends upon it.

BAND FARMS:

Blessing or Boondoggle

A thousand acres of grain waving in the breeze; three hundred cows grazing contentedly; a Band using its own land, providing employment, revenues, pride...these are the promises. Band Farms are indeed promoted by some as the economic salvation of some Reserves. This article proposes to examine Band Farms, particularly those in the Touchwood-File Hills-Fort Qu'Appelle District, as seen through the eyes of an Ag. Rep. who has worked for them.

At some point in time, and each in his own way, Chiefs Alec Bellegarde, Harvey Desjarlais, Irvin Starr and Art Walker sat down with their councillors and spoke about an idea that had been forming in their minds; a Farm, owned and operated by the Band, for the benefit of the entire Band. Talks ensued, with the Ag. Rep. office and with the funding agencies, DREE, SIAP and Manpower. There was lots of criticism and wrangling back and forth. Proposals were submitted and rejected. Discussions became acrimonious. Proposals were trimmed down, tightened up and the applicants sharpened their arguments.

Eventually things fell into place. The Little Black Bear Band Farm, under the capable management of Chief Alec Bellegarde, operates some 3300 cultivated acres plus a 40-cow beef herd. His is the oldest operating Band Farm in the District, and perhaps the most successful one. Last year they planted 750 acres and have some 2200 acres of clean land ready to go for this year. They also negotiated a major loan through the Regina branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia for half the costs of a new line of machinery. Little Black Bear is a small Reserve, and most of the men living on the Reserve work for the Band Farm. Tractors are frequently seen parked in front of the Band Office and inside, one hears a lot of talk about rapeseed prices and grain storage problems. Chief-Manager Bellegarde is definite about wanting to expand the operation, increase revenue and diversify.

The Star Blanket Band Farm commenced in 1976 under the management of Gerry Starr. They started with a small herd of some 65 cows, rode out the period of bad prices, and made some good deals early in 1978 to expand their herd just before cow prices started going through the roof. They



A FEEDLOT ON THE STARBLANKET RESERVE.

now operate a 300-cow herd and are slowly diversifying into grain production as well. They planted 250 acres of wheat in 1978 and will be cultivating some 2000 acres in 1981, when land that has been leased to Off-Reserve farmers comes back into the hands of the Band. The Star Blanket haying crew is proud of the effort they made last summer, putting up some 40,000 bales of hay to carry the herd through the winter.

The Okanese Band under Chief Art Walker has just hired a contractor to clear a section of bush. This will mark the beginning of the Okanese Band Farm. The Band will get to try out their machinery and men this year. They have contracted to do the work-downs on the land after the bulldozers finish clearing the bush. Okanese will also be taking over a large chunk of land that was under long-term lease to off-Reserve farmers. Chief Walker and Councillors John Dumont and Ernest and Remie Tuckanow have been active in the planning process and are anxious now to test their farming and management skills once the Farm is in operation.

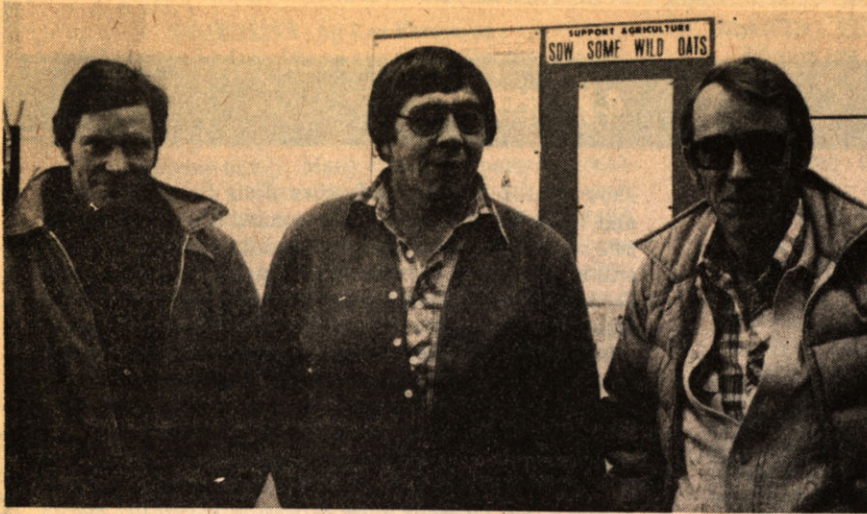
Muskowekwan Reserve recently came into possession of 6200 acres of pasture land that had been part of the PFRA Touchwood Pasture. Chief Harvey Desjarlais made a major decision: rather than re-leasing, this land was to come back to the Band to be used by the Band. Again after several submissions and heated discussions, funding was obtained and as of this writing sheds and fences are up and some 60 head of cows are being wintered. The



BAND FARM WORKER LAYS ON SOME WINTER FODDER.

Muskowekwan Band counts only two farmers, so there was no one to draw on for the job of Farm Manager. In view of this, the Band made a realistic decision: hire an outside manager for the critical first year and assign him the duty of preparing an Indian trainee. Accordingly, they selected Peter Breti of Lestock as Manager and Johnny Wolfe of Muskowekwan as Manager-Trainee.

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Saskatchewan Indian Agricultural Employees

Left to right: Martin Ferguson, Loans Officer, Ft. Qu'Appelle Office; Gilbert F. Bellegarde, Extension Worker, Ft. Qu'Appelle Office; Wil Davies, Manager of SIAP Program, Regina.

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So those are the success stories. There are other stories, not so pleasant, of failed Band Farms. Running through the case histories of these, one finds that the failures were due mainly to *poor management and over-financing*. Other factors may enter in, such as over-employment, crop failure and poor product prices. The two major funding agencies, Sask. Indian Agriculture Program and the Dept. of Regional Economic Expansion (Special ARDA) have become much more critical of submissions for Band Farm funding. Band Farms and individual Indian farmers are competing for the same funding dollars. The funding agencies must weigh the Band Farm request in the light of what the same amount of money might do for several individual farmers. It is frequently a tough decision to make. Obtaining outside funding, as the Little Black Bear and Star Blanket Farms have, is easing the problem somewhat.

Some Reserves in the District see Band Farms as a solution to the land revenue problem. There has been a great deal of land leased to outside farmers in the District. On some Reserves outside leases account for half of all the cultivated land, but the revenues from these leases allow the Band to provide social programs and employment for their members. Many individual Reserve farmers would like to take over this land as the leases come up for renewal, but they are unwilling to pay a crop share in order to use the land. Quite rightly they consider free access to Band land as a right. So a potential solution to this land-versus-revenue problem is to

create a Band Farm on the leased land as the leases expire.

When good, tough Indian management is in place, along with sound farming practices and lots of plain hard work, Band Farms are a positive and exciting asset. Certainly they represent a return to the true Indian spirit of working together and sharing the wealth of the land with all the people of the Band.

PINAY RE-ELECTED

Chief Ed Pinay was re-elected for another term on the Peepeekisis band council, winning by six votes.

His only opponent was Norman Keewatin who received 53 votes.

This band had staggered elections and elections for nine councillors took place on February 9. Results of this election will be in the next issue. —LYLA LAVALLEE



CHIEF SPEAKS OUT



Chief Gordon Oakes, leader of the Nikaneeet Band's, main concern is the land entitlement issue.

The total acreage of this reserve is 3,040 acres at the present time. The final decision of Nikaneeet band's land entitlement is not yet settled. In 1913, 1,440 acres was set aside for this band. In 1958 another 1,600 acres was set aside for benefit of the Maple Creek Indians.

Treaty payments were only paid in 1975 for the first time since 1883. These payments were from the date of birth for each member of the band.

The acreage that is outstanding for this band is 51,744 acres. Band members and the F.S.I. have this information compiled after many months of research.

This land issue does not appear to have been answered. The Chief addressed this subject to Dr. Anderson last fall and no answer has been received. At this meeting Chief Oakes brought along with him two gentlemen who are willing to sell their land to the band. The band is willing to accept this land even though it does not settle their entitlement.

He has received letters of recommendations from the Sask. Wildlife Mayor of Maple Creek, and other organizations supporting them in their land entitlement. With this land base, the band could be more self supporting and it would employ some members of the band.

For a better relationship with the local people, the band have located their office at the Community Drop Inn Centre in Maple Creek. Other offices from the community are located at the same address.



4-H REPORT

RESERVE RAMBLINGS

Yorkton District

Kahkewistahaw 4-H Club has started up a new 4-H Crafts project and a 4-H Light Horse Project. Each group had about 11 members each out to their first meeting. Carole Lavallee is leading the Crafts project. Sandy and Greg Frick are helping with the Light Horse members. Interest has been shown for a Light Horse 4-H Club at *Key Reserve*. Recreation Director, Allan O'Soup and Indian Extension Worker, George Tourangeau showed a film on horses to a group of interested boys and girls. Several youth and some ladies of *White Bear Reserve* had a second meeting in January to discuss forming a 4-H Club. Rose Ewack, Della Ewack and Bev McArthur are interested in helping to form a group.

Qu'Appelle District

Lebret Residence School has 145 boys and girls registered! Their 4-H projects include Beading and Crocheting led by Lorraine Yuzicapi and Irene Poitras. The Macrame group has Mrs. McDougal volunteering. Don Gayton, Ag. Rep. on Indian Reserves, is helping out with Mechanics and some Agricultural Project. Colleen Blow, Program Director at the School, is the General 4-H Leader.

Saskatoon District

Nut Lake and *Chagoness* people are interested in getting 4-H started. Because of staff conflicts and weather, it has been difficult to set up a meeting. It appears that a meeting to discuss 4-H will be set up soon.

Meadow Lake District

Patuanak continues as a model for good school-community relations. A few of the teachers and several volunteer adults in the community are helping with their 4-H Club. Music, woodcarving, macrame, gymnastics, wallhangings, copper tooling, splithide vest making, knitting, sewing, typing, small motor repair and woodwork are all projects that the club is working upon. Their Achievement Day is scheduled for early March. *Dillon* is also an active 4-H area. 4-H general leader Ray Menaigre reports that about 100 children and seven other adults are involved in the program. R.C.M.P. officer Greg Noolchoos has nearly completed a firearm safety program. The volunteers from the school and community (and their projects) are: Murray Baliaho (woodwork), Susan McDonald (Mexican culture), Mary Ann Benjamin and Marie Noolchoos (Indian Crafts), Couronne Billette (knitting), Harry Catarat (Mechanics) and Ray Menaigre (film). The Dillon club continues with Wednesday meetings. Their Achievement Day is planned for May. *Joseph Bighead* - Here's a club which is having fun, providing a service to their community and raising funds - all at the same time! The 35 members and volunteer 4-H leader Sylvia Lepin

show rented full-length feature films (eg. 'True Grit' and 'Let's Do It Again') at the community center every two weeks. With reasonable admission prices they are still able to clear \$50 and toss in a door prize as well. Joseph Bighead are starting their third year as a beef club. Ranch manager, Pierre George, has the 4-H calves separate from others. After their regular meeting on March 4, the members will have the opportunity to begin leading their calves.

[Editors note - the members are interested in traveling to another reserve. If any other 4-H club or reserve group is interested in hosting the Joseph Bighead 4-H-er's and possibly even returning the visit, please contact Chief Ernest Sundown, Joseph Bighead Band, Pierceland, Sask., or Mrs. Sylvia Lepin, 4-H Leader, Pierceland, Sask.]

Prince Albert District

The *Timber Bay* 4-H Club is underway! General leader Al Ducharme says that about 55 youth and over 8 adults are involved in 4-H there. To date they have raised over \$100 through a Walt Disney film night (with popcorn!) and a community skating night (hot chocolate and hot dogs too!) A bake sale and raffle are planned. Leaders (and their projects) are: Ed Beatty and Al Ducharme (firearm safety), Jenny Rensberry (leatherwork), Debbie Nigh (candle making), Caroline Lavallee (beading), Bobo Sleem (knitting), and Edna Bell and Lorna Ducharme (cooking). *Shoal Lake* reports that the Golden Arrow 4-H Club has about 40 members in 3 different projects. The firearm safety project led by Dale Kaldor involves 15 youth. A local R.C.M.P. officer was invited by the club to discuss the new gun laws. A project in constructing model rockets is being led by Bruce Sanderson. Jean Sanderson is helping in the crafts project. So far, the members have done some beading. A 4-H garden project is a possibility for spring. The club will possibly hold their 4-H Achievement Day in May. *Montreal Lake* reports that their youth club had an interesting raffle at Christmas time. Marlene Bird told the 4-H office that some one dollar bills were pinned to a small Christmas tree and tickets were sold on it. Another fund raising idea!

North Battleford District

The *Little Pine* 4-H Girls Club celebrated their Valentine's Day Meeting with a dancing party and a special lunch. Of the 16 girls involved, they have elected the following executive: President - Waverly Wahogin, Vice President - Eileen Frank, Sec-Tres. - Jeannie Pewap, and Reporter - Debbie Kennedy. Volunteers are Shirley Frank, leader and Myrtle Bear, assistant leader. At a previous meeting in January, Harold Greyeyes, Extension Worker; Les Ferguson, 4-H Office; and the 4-H Puppets joined the girls for their 4-H meeting.

INDIAN 4-H CAMP

August 21st - 26th are the dates of the 1979 Camp. Please mark those dates on your calendar. Registration forms will be available in June.

COMMENT - by Les Ferguson

How often we take Moms and Dads for granted. As youth workers, 4-H leaders, coaches, teachers and those of us who claim to "work with kids", we often forget about the parents when we put our act together.

This happens easily. Many times the parents aren't seen. Sometimes adults who work with youth are seen as "babysitters". (No, you are not likely to see Mom and Dad if they have that image of you.) Other situations find parents working. Perhaps the Mom is out volunteering her own time. Possibly the Dad is away at a meeting. Leisure time is a precious thing - perhaps the Mom and Dad are simply home breathing a sigh of relief.

Involving Moms and Dads in 4-H Programs is a good thing.

Collecting together a team of adults is likely going to give the 4-H youth a better program than if you were to go it alone. If you are ill, there is someone to take over. If you decide that you have volunteered long enough, there are others to take your place and continue your meaningful work. Societies including the ancient Greeks and early Indians stood on this philosophy of "united we stand, divided we fall."

You say, "O.K. wise guy". Good idea but how do I get all those wonderful parents involved - to ease my blood pressure, to heal my ulcer and to relieve my aching legs. When I ask 'em they always say "No".

To be sure, getting the help of parents may not be easy. Some will probably have their Book of Reasons to quote from.

However, one thing is on your side. That child is the blood, sweat and tears of that parent. That Mom or Dad is likely to be concerned for the care and welfare of his/her child during 4-H program time. Usually, parents like to know where their kids are and what they are doing.

If that's the case, find out what the parent is interested in. Maybe someone can type (that gets you off the hook on those 4-H registration forms). Perhaps one of your 4-H youth has a guitar player for a Mom or Dad. Music is a super addition to a 4-H meeting!

Once you have found interest areas, ask that Mom or Dad to help with *one little thing, just once* for a *short time*. If that's all that happens everyone still wins. As freedom is given to other people, you become more free yourself.

"Bunk", you say. "Its easier to do it myself." "Besides, old 'Whatchacallit' and 'Mrs. Whatszit' don't know nuttin to help me as a 4-H leader." By the way, my head hurts a little . . . do you have an Aspirin on yah?

FIRE PREVENTION

Fire prevention in the home is something *everyone* should think about. Keeping matches and lighters away from small children is important. The smoke detectors that are now in many stores give a loud BEEP if excess smoke is in the room. They are easily installed with two screws - a good investment for about \$20.00.

CAMP COUNSELLORS

Both Junior and Senior Camp Counsellors will be required for the August Camp. If you are interested, please fill out the following and send to the Indian 4-H Office, Extension Division, University of Saskatchewan, SASKATOON, Sask. S7N 0W0.

GRANTS - YEAR OF THE CHILD

Monies are available to groups, agencies, communities and individuals to encourage understanding of children. Priority will be given to projects with lasting benefits. The projects could be based on:

- promoting communication between children and adults
- developing recognition of mutual respect
- recognizing the rights of children in society
- seeing the needs of handicapped children and providing services for them
- informing our communities on the conditions and needs of children in other countries

More details and application forms can be obtained from:

SCIYC Secretariat
314 - 220 3rd. Ave. South
SASKATOON, Sask.
S7K 1M1
Phone: 244-0655

JAPAN STUDY

Les Ferguson, 4-H Co-ordinator on Reserves, has received notice that his application to Rotary International has been accepted for a 6 week study in Japan. Les will be away from the 4-H office from March 14th - April 26th. While in Japan Les will be a part of a team of 6 from central Canada. He hopes to study the various aspects of Japanese life: family, education, agriculture, their extensive industry, religion, sports, history, culture, and of course - youth development programs. (Yes, they do have 4-H there too!) While Les is away our new Program Assistant, Deb Hauer will be able to help you with your questions, correspondence, material orders etc. After Les' return, he is most willing to travel to your reserve with a presentation on Japan.

NEW(!) 4-H START UP GRANT

Two changes have now taken place in the guidelines for the grant. One, the maximum amount a club can receive is \$100.00 (The previous amount was \$50.00). The grant is to be used for the purchase of project materials or otherwise to get started. Two, the grant is available to a club once each year. (Formally it was granted one time only.) If your 4-H club or reserve has any questions about how the grant might apply to your situation, please contact the Indian 4-H office.

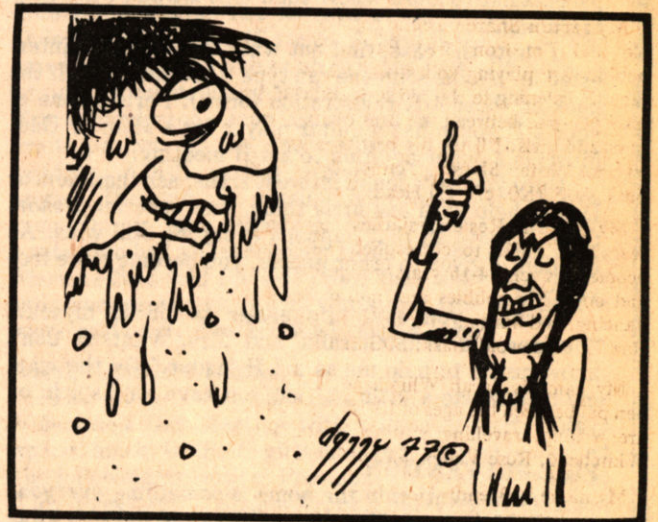
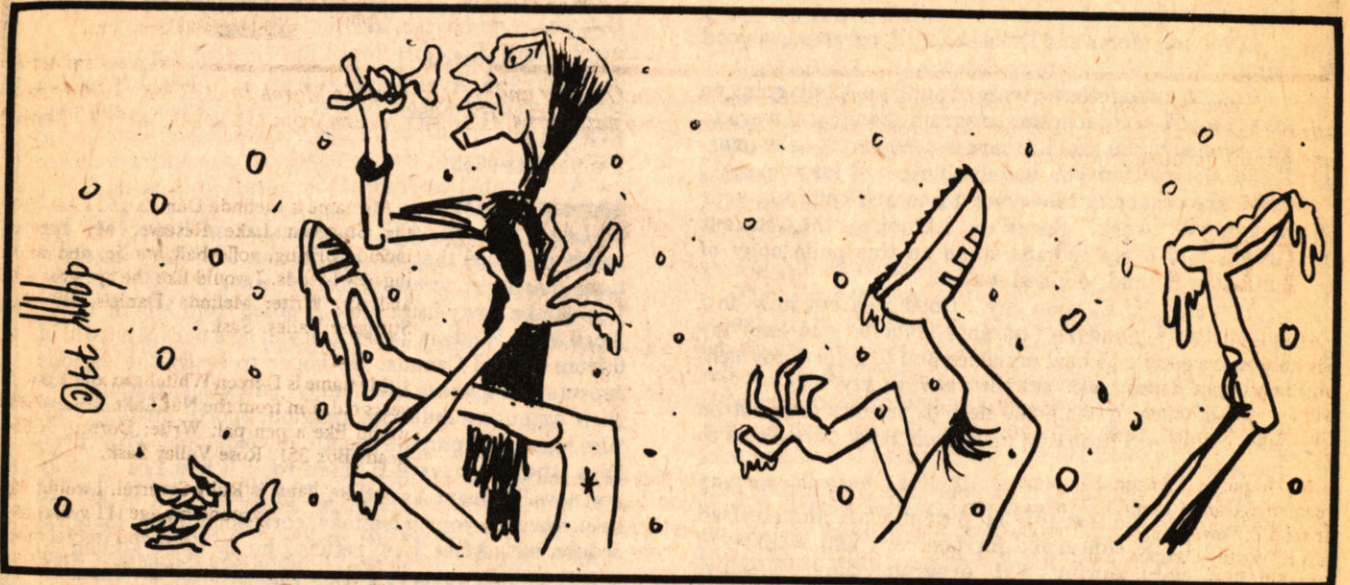
CURLING

An invitation is extended to Indian 4-H Clubs in the north-west to curl in the North-West 4-H Regional Bonspiel. This is a fun day for 4-H members in that area. Curling starts at 9:00 A.M. on April 1 at the North Battleford Curling Rink. This is a good opportunity for reserve clubs to get involved with an off-reserve 4-H event. If your 4-H club may be interested, please contact either:

Indian 4-H Office
Extension Division
University of Saskatchewan
SASKATOON, Sask.
S7N 0W0.
Mrs. Kay Hauer
4-H Regional Representative
4816 - 49th Ave.
LLOYDMINSTER, Sask.
S9V 0T4.

YATTH DENE

A long time ago, the people of northern Saskatchewan were starving and beginning to die because winter would not go away. For two years the moose, deer and caribou did not grow new horns as they always did in the spring and the ducks and geese did not return from the south. Ice on the lakes and rivers grew thicker and thicker. In their attempts to make holes from which to fish, the people would heat rocks and throw them on the ice but it would still not melt. Something had to be done quickly or all of the people would die.



Finally, in desperation, one man decided to go to Fond Du Lac to try to snare partridges which he heard were very numerous in that area. After dividing the meagre food supplies with his family, he set out across the ice and snow. Several days later, he met a very strange-looking man who was all frosty and white. Behind this person trailed a storm of snow. Immediately the hunter realized that this creature was Yatth Dene, the Snowman. No wonder winter wouldn't go away! Yatth Dene was staying in Saskatchewan all year around.

Thinking very quickly, the hunter decided that he must fool Yatth Dene into going back up north for the summer.

"What are you doing here?" he shouted to the Snowman. "Don't you realize that the people up north are killing your children while you spend your time here?"

Yatth Dene, remembering his children whom he had left in the north, immediately fled in that direction to see them again.



Since that time Yatth Dene comes to Saskatchewan only in October and leaves again in March to visit his children who stay in the north. Every summer the moose, deer and caribou grow new horns, the birds return from the south, and the people are happy because they have plenty of food.

PEN PALS

Hi! I would like to hear from girls or boys. My hobbies are going to pow wows and listening to music and dancing and writing letters. I will answer all letters. Write; Iona Sangwais, Gen. Del. Grenfell, Sask. SOG 2B0.

My name is Carmen Sangwais. I am 16 years of age and I would like to hear from boys around my own age. I am from Sakimay Reserve. Write; Carmen Sangwais, Box 1003, Grenfell, Sask. SOG 2B0.

My name is Sharon Young and I'm 15 years old and I'm from Red Earth, Sask. My hobbies are playing volleyball, soccer, dancing and listening to the radio. I would like to have pen pals between the ages of 15-17 both boys and girls. I'll try my best to answer all letters. Write; Sharon Young, Red Earth, Sask. SOE 1K0. c/o Eli Head.

My name is Rosie Desjarlais and I'm 14 years old. I like to correspond with young people between 14-16 years of age both girls and boys. My hobbies are; music, baseball, dancing, and hunting. Write; Rosie Desjarlais Box 72, Edenwold, Sask. SOG 1K0.

My name is Sarah Whitehead. I'd like a pen pal between the ages of 13-15. My hobbies are; writing, travelling, visiting. Write; Sarah Whitehead, Rose Valley, Sask. Gen. Del.

My name is Brenda Machiskinic, I want a pen pal between the ages of 13-15. Write; Brenda Machiskinic, Rose Valley, Sask. Gen. Del.

My name is Frances Rockthunder and I'm from Piapot Reserve. I am 15 years old. I would like to correspond with young people any age. My hobbies include music, dancing, and sports. My address is Frances Rockthunder, Box 10, Craven, Sask. SOG 0W0.

My name is Sonya Fineday and I'm 11 years old. My interests are listening to records, swimming, reading and dancing. Write; Sonya Fineday, Box 130, Gallivan, Sask. SOM 0X0.



My name is Wendy Satkiewicz and I am in the 5th grade. I would like to know if you could send me any information about your tribe because I am studying Indians in school. I would also like a pen pal. Write; Wendy T. Satkiewicz, 327 Talcottville R.D. Vernon C.T., 06066.

I would like a pen pal between the ages of 14-16 (guys and gals) I am 14. My interests are: skating, skiing, volleyball, baseball, basketball and going to pow wows. Write; Angie Ponace, 4221 - 3rd Ave. North, Regina, Saskatchewan. S4R 0W9.

My name is Brian Campbell and I would like to hear from girls around my age. I'm 16 years old. I am interested in sports, music, and riding horses. Write; Brian Campbell, Box 617, Regina, Sask. S4P 3A6.

Hello, My name is Bernadette Thomas. I am 12 years old and would like a pen pal between 12-14. I enjoy playing volleyball and other sports and I like horseback riding. I like communicating and meeting new people. Write; Bernadette Thomas, c/o P. Myo, Cochin, Sask. SOM 0L0.

Hello! My name is Wanda Elaine Sangwais. I would like to hear from girls and boys my own age. I am 12 years old. My hobbies are reading and writing letters. Write; Wanda E. Sangwais, Box 1003, Grenfell, Sask. SOG 2B0.

My name is Marion Still. I would like to hear from boy pen-pals. My hobbies are writing letters, and going to pow wows. Write; Marion D. Still, Box 265, Broadview, Sask. SOG 0K0.

My name is Melinda Daniels and I am from the Sturgeon Lake Reserve. My hobbies include writing, volleyball, music, and making new friends. I would like the age group 14 and up. Write; Melinda Daniels, Box 26, Sturgeon Valley, Sask.

My name is Doreen Whitehead and I am 11 years old. I'm from the Nut Lake Reserve and would like a pen pal. Write; Doreen Whitehead, Box 351, Rose Valley Sask.

Hi! my name is Ruby Squirrel. I would like to have pen pals around my age (11 years) and I am interested in music and some other things. Write; Ruby Squirrel, Chagoness, Sask. SOE 0M0.

Dianne Sammy is 11 years old and would like to hear from girls and boys any age. Her hobbies include, skiing, skating and sliding. Write; Diane Sammy, Box 99, Grayson, Sask. SOA 1E0.

Holly Delorme is 12 years old and would like to hear from boys and girls from 12-15, her hobbies are skiing, skating and music. Write; Holly Delorme, Box 376, Broadveiw, Sask. SOG 0K0.

Shelly Alexson is 13 years old and would like to hear from boys and girls any age. Her hobbies are skiing, jogging and skating. Write; Shelly Alexson, Box 1064, Grenfell, Sask. SOG 2B0.

Tina Delorme is 12 years old and would like to hear from girls and boys 12-14 her hobbies are; skiing, skating, swimming and listening to rock music. Write; Tina Delorme, Box 99, Grayson, Sask. SOA 1E0.

Hi! My name is Lisa Rockthunder and I'm from the Piapot reserve. I'm 10 years old and I would like to correspond with anyone between the ages of 9-11. My hobbies are; Dancing, singing, sliding and sports. Write; Lisa Rockthunder, Box 10, Craven, Sask. SOG 0N0.

My name is Gail Rockthunder. I'm 13 years of age and would like to correspond with anyone between the ages of 12-14. I'm from the Piapot Reserve. My hobbies include; Dancing and outdoor sports. Write; Gail Rockthunder, Box 10, Craven, Sask. SOG 0W0.

STUDENT ASSOC. HOLDS ELECTIONS

Shirley Gamble was elected President and Margaret Laroque as the Vice-President during elections held for the United Native Student Association of the University of Saskatchewan. President's position was left vacant by the resignation of Crystal Tootoosis, who is now the reporter for Saskatoon District. The elections were held by secret ballot.

Shirley Gamble, who is from Beardy's reserve, is a first year student with the Indian Teachers' Education Program.

When asked what direction she would like the U.N.S.A. to take, Shirley commented that all the Indian and Metis students attending the Saskatoon Campus should poll ideas together. Shirley would like to see better communication between the Indian and Metis students in all areas concerning problems with their programs. "We are all as one and should remain in close contact with each other." "I thank everyone for the position that was given to me and only one thing I will emphasize is that we work



SHIRLEY GAMBLE
... president

together," the newly elected President said.

Margaret Laroque the Vice-President, comes from the Waterhen reserve and is a second year student with the Indian Social Workers Program.

Margaret said she won't guarantee anything, but "I'll see what I can do regarding the E-12 guidelines which is something we have to work out now. I'm coming into the U.N.S.A. with some understanding of the guidelines."



MARGARET LAROQUE
... vice-president

Margaret said, quite a bit of work was done by the previous executive of the U.N.S.A. She said, Education is guaranteed under the Treaty rights and should be carried out as such. "We have to make students aware of the E-12 policy and how they effect us as Indian students. The students have to voice their own concerns and make their own recommendations. We all have to start working and thinking together," Margaret concluded.

—CRYSTAL TOOTOOSIS.

Indian Studies 100 Class Held At Pelican Narrows

A ten day Indian Studies (100) class was held at the Mistanoyew Lodge, in Pelican Narrows for the Prince Albert Indian Guidance Councillors from Jan. 22 to 31/79.

Dr. Doug Elias, was the instructor for this class of 21 participants. There were 12 education councillors from the Prince Albert area and nine teacher trainees from Pelican Narrows school.

Louise Ahenakew, the field-worker for this project has the task of organizing these classes. Since the cut-back of funding, the program has had no coordinator but these field-workers struggle to keep this established program in existence. Edwin Tootoosis, North Battleford field worker is the other participant carrying out the duties for the Indian Guidance Council-

lors. These two field-workers of the province take advice from Ms. Ida Wasacase, Director of the Indian Federated College in Regina.

Two Saskatoon area Indian Guidance Councillors took part in this class. Attending were Irene Scott and Delvina Kewistep, Saskatoon District; Cornelia Ballantyne, Roy Morin, and George Michele from Peter Ballantyne Band; Weldon Whitehead, Red Earth; Noel Young, and Rayne Young from Shoal Lake; Mary Ann Kkailther Wollaston Lake; Henry Naytowhow, and Ed Henderson, Education co-ordinator, for Montreal Lake reserve and John Henderson from Little Red River.

These Indian Guidance Councillors and Teacher-trainees are making Education more relevant to the Indian student. Off-Campus studies have progressed in the northern areas for those who chose this career and do not have to leave home.

These classes have to continue with

the objective of establishing a degree in the Teachers careers.

Louise Ahenakew, is now preparing for the next ongoing Education program. —FLORENCE POORMAN

Indian And Metis Lawyers On Increase

The number of graduate lawyers of Indian or Metis ancestry in Canada has increased dramatically since 1973 when the University of Saskatchewan introduced its annual summer program of legal studies for native people. Then, there were only four qualified native lawyers in the entire country. Today, 31 have received law degrees and 10 more are expected to graduate next spring from law schools across Canada. Most of these completed the summer program in Saskatoon, which is administered by the University's Native Law Centre. [Canadian Scene]

news from

Federated College

The 2nd Annual Cultural Day will be held on March 16, 1979 at the University of Regina. This event is being co-sponsored by the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College and the Student Union of the University of Regina.

An organizing committee has been struck and is at work putting together another interesting and informative Cultural Day.

The organizing committee has adopted the United Nations theme of the "Year of the Child." Guest speakers and displays will all be directed towards the Indian child. Other events

will include a noon day buffet serving traditionally prepared Indian food, Indian dancing, art display and tours of the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College.

Children, students, teachers, grandparents are all encouraged to attend.

OTHER NEWS

The Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Social Committee organized a ski trip for any interested University Indian students at the Regina campus. The ski trip was held February 9th, 10th, and 11th at the Last Oak Ski Resort near Broadview. Approximately

twenty-five students attended the trip.

In order to make the ski trip possible, the Social Committee started various fund raising activities. A Potluck Supper, bottle drive, raffles and hockey pools were implemented to raise money.

The Potluck Supper was held at the Regina Friendship Centre on February 3, 1979. Both staff and students were invited to attend.

The University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan Indian Post Secondary students held a meeting with Dr. Owen Anderson, Regional Director, Indian Affairs, and the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians Executive on February 5, 1979 at 2:00 P.M. at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College, University of Regina.

The main focus of the discussion was the Federal Government policy - E-12 Guidelines on Indian Post Secondary Education. This meeting was organized as a result of Post Secondary workshops held at both campuses, National Indian Brotherhood Conferences and Saskatchewan Chiefs Conferences. A more comprehensive report will appear in the next issue.

THE BIRCHBARK SPEAKS "WASKWEYAHTIK - PIKISKWEW"

ALL INDIAN AUTHORS CONFERENCE
March 30 & 31, 1979
Saskatchewan Hotel
Regina, Saskatchewan

The aim of this conference to bring together Indian authors, book publishers and the general public in order to share the experiences of all people interested in this field. A further objective of the conference is to find out why the authors wrote their books. It is also intended that the authors will serve as role models for the younger generation and stimulate public awareness of Indian authors. The conference will also provide information from publishers into ways and means of getting one's works published.

Feature participants in this conference include: Maria Campbell, *Halfbreed*; George Clutesi, *Potlatch*; Bruce Seally, *Indians Without Tips*; Basil Johnston, *Ojibway Heritage*; George Manuel, *The Fourth World*.

(Pre-Registration Form) WASKWEYAHTIK PIKISKWEW (The Birch Bark Speaks)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

Send to: Saskatchewan Indian Federated College,
C4,
University of Regina,
REGINA, Saskatchewan.

Conference \$10.00
Banquet \$10.00
Conference and Banquet \$15.00

Lebret Hosts 3-Day Indian Gov't. Workshop

A three day workshop involving chiefs, band councillors, and band staff from the Touchwood File Hills Qu'ppelle District was held recently at the Lebret Indian school on Indian Government.

Approximately 150 people attended this workshop including resource people. A number of chiefs served as resource people as well.

Group discussions during the first two days were centered on Canada's policies on Indians, the Indian Act, the BNA Act, Indian Government, Indian Govt. Constitution, and formalizing Indian Govt. On the last day, discussions were held on health, education, economics, drug/alcohol, and Indian probation. Government is threatening our treaty rights by constantly pushing guidelines and policies at the Indian people and issues like this have to be addressed so we can understand what is happening.

All meals were served by the school. They were certainly good.

More workshops like this will be happening at the band level where the band members can get more information as to what Indian government is all about.

—LYLA LAVALLEE

Students Receive First Aid Certificates From Indian Health

MOOSOMIN — Certificates were presented to 21 grade eight and nine students from Moosmin Jr. High School after completing a six-week emergency first aid course. The course was offered and conducted by Indian Health Services of National Health and Welfare.

Conducting the classes were Mrs. L. Charabin, Indian Health; Ed Foster, Indian Health; Lucy Favel, zone advisor; Mrs. Crowhurst, field nurse; Melvina Thomas and Josephine Gopher, community health representatives.

The students were subjected to two hour sessions each school day to complete the first aid course which involved lectures, films, and practical experience.

The first aid course offered to the students was the standard course offered by St. John Ambulance. The certificates were provided through Indian Health Services in North Battleford.

—ARCHIE KING

Lebret School Board Sees New Faces

Nine board members were elected to serve on the Lebret Indian Residential School Board during elections held on Sunday, Feb. 4.

Elected for a four-year term were: Sidney Buffalo (Daystar), Pauline Pelly (Cote), Doug Starr (Starblanket), Harold Benjoe (Muscowpetung), Lynn O'Soup (Key), and Maryann Walker from Okanese. Sidney Buffalo had served previously as a board member.

Re-elected to a two-year term was Mary Ann Lavallee. She had been on the school board since it first started. Also elected to a one year term were Allan Bellegarde from Little Black Bear and Vincent Worme from the Poorman Band.

Continuing their term in office are Henry Musqua from Keeseekoose, Art Obey (Piapot), Louie Whiteman (Standing Buffalo), and Bill T. McNab (Gordons). The board members that were elected will officially take office on April 1.

Each band in the Touchwood-File Hills-Qu'Appelle and Yorkton districts were asked to submit a delegate's name to represent their band.

—LYLA LAVALLEE



STUDENT FIRST AID GRADUATES

WORKING AGREEMENT FOR OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES University of Regina - Saskatchewan Indian Federated College

Saskatchewan Indian Community College

Procedures

1. The Band Councils, in consultation with the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College and the Saskatchewan Indian Community College, assess the student needs in their community.
2. The Saskatchewan Indian Community College makes an official request for classes from the University of Regina via the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College, with copies to the Department of Extension.
3. When both the need for a class and the availability of an instructor are reasonably certain, the class is established so that students may register in it. All off-campus classes must be established through the Extra Session Credit Division, Department of Extension, University of Regina.
4. The Saskatchewan Indian Federated College, in consultation with the Band Councils, will make recommendations regarding instructors for off-campus classes. When faculty members are recommended to instruct off-campus classes, no further approval is required. However, when sessional lecturers or University faculty as overload are recommended, mutual agreement between the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College and the University of Regina must be obtained using the Department of Extension as a vehicle for administering the approval process. Final approval for appointment is authorized by the Vice-President. The approval process for appointing sessional lecturers requires a letter of recommendation from the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College together with a letter from the appropriate faculty, along with a current sessional lecturer information (S.L.I.) form or curriculum vitae.
5. The above will put in place the following:
 - a) The students will identify with the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College and University of Regina.
 - b) Either the University of Regina or the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College will employ the instructor, subject to procedure (4) above.
 - c) The Saskatchewan Indian Community College will pay the University of Regina for 15 tuitions regardless of class size when the University of Regina is employing the class instructor.
 - d) The Saskatchewan Indian Community College will be responsible for instructors travel cost.

Deadline for Spring and Summer Session is March 15, 1979.

Spring Session Dates: May 1 - June 16, 1979.

Summer Session Dates: July 4 - August 18, 1979.

It is important that requests be made before March 15, 1979 so that the above procedures can be put into place.

Students Workshop On E-12 Guidelines

The Saskatchewan students formed a committee in effort to "educate our students and ourselves regarding the E-12 guidelines."

A workshop on these guidelines was held on January 12, 1979 at the Indian Federated College with the Regina students. At the workshop information kits were handed to each student. The

kits contained a questionnaire, E-12 Circular, E.V.T.A. form, Indian Government, Indian Control of Indian Education, 2 Presentations, Will Sinclair letter, manpower manual, Deanna Greyeyes (income tax incident).

The workshop leaders were Doug Starr, Colin Rope, Blair Pascal, Laura Wasacase and Myra Hart.

The objectives of the workshop was;
1. Educate and inform students on any aspect on post secondary education.
2. Formulate recommendations to the

assembly. 3. Involvement of F.S.I. to have them take over their responsibilities of political issues.

In the morning the group leaders went over the questionnaire and E-12 Circular with the students. In the afternoon the group had a question and answer period which led to discussions and recommendations. Presentations from workshops were made to the general assembly.

On January 19, 1979 a similar workshop was held at the University of Saskatchewan Room 1004, Education Building.

Tutorial Counsellor

Instructor in the Indian Teacher Education Program
College of Education
University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

The Indian Teacher Education Program is a 4 year Bachelor of Education Program in the College of Education in which 50-75 Indian and Metis students are enrolled. There are four people on the staff of the Program.

Duties:

1. To assist in the teaching of non-credit classes in the Orientation session and/or credit classes in the program of studies.
2. To give tutorial assistance to individuals and/or groups of students in specific areas of study.
3. To assist students in the transition to city and university life; among other things this involves taking an active role in planning, organizing, and participating in social and recreational activities.
4. To assist in program and personal counselling.
5. To assist in the supervision of student teaching.
6. To assist in the recruitment and selection of students.
7. To assist with public relations work with Indian bands; metis communities; Indian and Metis organizations; and various provincial and federal government agencies.
8. Other duties specified by the director of the program.

Necessary qualifications:

1. Teaching experience at the elementary level.
2. a university degree - preferably a master's degree or higher.
3. an understanding to communicate and relate well with Indian and Metis people involved in the education process.

Other desirable skills for the position:

1. a wealth of experience and skills in teaching Indian students.
2. Ability to teach Indian Studies classes.
3. Ability to speak an Indian language.
4. Ability to teach non-credit courses in English and/or courses in one or more areas of the Education program.

Salary:

It is presently under review and is dependent on qualifications. A successful candidate can expect a salary in the range of \$20,000.00 a year.

Send applications to: Dr. Kenn Whyte
Director of Indian Teacher Education Program
College of Education, Room 3024
University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0W0.

Application deadline - March 30th, 1979.

Federation of Sask. Indians

Sask. Indian Community College

PRINCIPAL

The Saskatchewan Indian Community College Board requires a Principal. The Principal will be the Chief Executive Officer of the Board responsible for the implementation of policies.

Under the general direction of the Board, the Principal will work in close contact with the Chiefs and Councils in Saskatchewan in identifying community education needs and resources so that effective action may be taken by the Board wherever possible to implement programs designed to meet the needs of the Band; the Principal will provide a channel of communication between the Bands and the Board, and between Government Departments and the Board, to ensure a free flow of information and to ensure access to knowledge about services that are available so that various programs approved by the Board may be implemented.

The successful candidate will have extensive responsible experience in the area of community education; experience in working with, and appreciation for Indian people; an ability to develop with the Chief and Council an education plan that integrates with the overall development strategy of the Band; and an ability to speak and Indian language would be an asset.

Salary to be negotiated.

Address applications, including telephone number, to The Chairman, Saskatchewan Indian Community College, P.O. Box 3085, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7K 3S9 by March 15, 1979.



PRESENT COMMUNITY COLLEGE STAFF

Back Row Left to Right: **Morris McLeod** Field co-ordinator, P.A., **Roy Goodwill** Trades Training Co-ordinator, **Barry Warsylewicz** Adult Basic Ed. Co-ordinator, **Albert Musqua** Field Co-ordinator Yorkton, **Vern Bachiu** Skill Developer Apprenticeship Programs. Second Row: **Vince Bellegarde** University Programs Co-ordinator, **Mary Ann Walker** Field Co-ordinator Touchwood - File Hills - Qu'Appelle, **Starlet Pitz** Inventory Control Clerk, **Eva Thomas** Field Co-ordinator Meadow Lake, **Marcella Perry** Assistant "abe" Co-ordinator, **Bonnie Anderson** Secretary, **Josalyn Arcand** Acc. Clerk, **Joan Scott** Accountant. Front Row: **Sam Hardlotte** Field Co-ordinator P.A., **Oliver Cameron** Info. Officer, **Tony Sparvier** Principal, **Osborne Turner** Skill Co-ordinator, **Gary Atimoyoo** Sec. Treasurer. Missing Are: **Henry Sutherland** Asst. Skill Co-ordinator, **George PeeAce**, Director - Field Services, **Joe Quewezance** Field Co-ordinator Saskatoon, **Ruth Daniels** Asst. Principal - Program Administrator, **Alma King** Field Co-ordinator North Battleford.

SASKATCHEWAN INDIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Story by Oliver Cameron

Over the past several years, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has become more and more a minor source of funding for Indian Adult Education. Funding was gradually being transferred from the Department of Indian Affairs through Canada Manpower to Provincial control. The province would not deliver accredited Adult Education programs on reserves, nor would they fund the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural College as an agent for delivering programs. During this period, very little Manpower dollars were spent for Indian Adult Education.

Up to this point, the Indian was excluded from any meaningful participation in terms of identifying adult training needs on their own Reservations. In short, the training pro-

grams that were delivered previously on Indian Reserves were totally inconsistent with the actual needs and aspirations of the Indian people.

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indians then began the process of securing an agreement with the Province of Saskatchewan for the establishment of an Indian Community College. The socio-economic data we provided accurately reflected the educational, social and economic circumstances of Saskatchewan Indians. As a result of the data findings, the Saskatchewan Indian Community College was established on March 1, 1976, with the broad mandate to provide all Indian Bands in Saskatchewan with the opportunity to establish a Community Education program based on the social

and economic needs of their Band Members. The College then became the primary delivery agent for all adult level courses in the 131 Indian communities in Saskatchewan.

Since the conception of the Community College, approximately 10,000 Indian adults have received some form of training from the Indian Community College. Of course, many of the same people that took training in the first year had enrolled for different training in subsequent years. Still, compared to previous years, this figure is astronomical! Follow-ups are done with students and the various programs they were involved with. A good number of them have secured steady employment, and those not employed are either furthering their training in technical, vocational or university-level programming.

Because of the low level of education amongst the majority of Indians, naturally the most requested program was Adult Basic Education, which is more commonly known as "Upgrading". Thirty upgrading classes were delivered in 1976-1977. Another 36 were delivered in 1977-1978, and currently, there are 18 programs in progress.

Skill training is becoming more and more important to Indian workers. With the upsurge of new development in the north, employment opportunities for Indian people with proper technical abilities are enormous.

NOTE: Saskatchewan Indian Community College staff were already advising Indian people in the north to be pre-

pared for employment opportunities. They were being informed to request training programs that would have direct advantages as soon as new developments occurred. The trades training that was mentioned was Carpentry, Electrical, Motor Repairs and other industrial field trades.

Currently, there are a great number of Skill Training programs being delivered on numerous reserves in many parts of Saskatchewan. This is part of the new look and approach that the Saskatchewan Indian Community College wishes to pursue. Negotiations are ongoing with the Apprenticeship Branch, Department of Labour, and Kelsey Institute. The purpose of these negotiations is to eventually get our Indian students indentured in various trades and obtain their Journeyman Papers. All this is to be on a Reserve.

The College is also involved in other types of training, such as Band Staff, Community Health Reps, Agriculture, Driver Training and University level programs.

The readers should bear in mind that this information is more of broad overview of the Saskatchewan Indian Community College and its function. Every function and program within the College is more detailed.

For more information on the College and its programs, please call Oliver Cameron, Information Officer, or Tony Sparvier at 343-1682. Or write to the Saskatchewan Indian Community College, P.O. Box 3085, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7K 3S9.

TONY SPARVIER
Principal

Education Program (I.S.W.E.P.)
Has one son, Todd, who is five.

Assistant, Accounting
Clerk and Program Administrator.

Cowessess Band

Education: Graduated from Birch Hills High School in 1968
Attended Robertson Secretarial School, Saskatoon - 1968-1969

VINCE BELLEGARDE
University Program Co-ordinator

Born: May 15, 1940 Peepeekisis Band
Age: 38

Education: Cowessess I.D. School
St. Joseph's College, Yorkton
Campbell Collegiate, Regina
Mount Royal College, Calgary, Alberta - Associate Diploma - Physical Education
Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minnesota - 1973 Bachelor's Degree - Physical Education/Recreation
Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts - Master's Degree in Education - Community and Outdoor Education

Employment: 1969-1971 - Employed as a Secretary at the Indian & Metis Department in Prince Albert.
1971-1972 - Worked as a Secretary for Prince Albert Pulp Company
1972-1973 - Employed as Office Manager and Secretary by the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians in Prince Albert. During this time, I worked for various programs, as well as Secretary to the Executive.
1974-1976 - Worked as a Secretary for the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural College.
1976-present - When the Saskatchewan Indian Community College came into being in 1976, I transferred from the Cultural College to the Community College as a Secretary. During my employment with the Community College, I have worked in a variety of positions - Secretary, Administrative

Education: St. Paul's High School, Lebreton, Saskatchewan
Saskatoon Business College - 1959-1960
University of Regina - Social Work
Driver Training Educator - Kelsey Institute
Defensive Driver Training Instructor - Canada Safety Council

Employment: Saskatchewan Power Corporation - 1961-1964
Government of Canada (Postal Services) - 1964-1966
Government of Saskatchewan - 1969-1971 - Welfare Worker - Probation Officer
Government of Canada - 1971-1976 - Social Services Administrator - Meadow Lake
Saskatchewan Indian Community College, Saskatoon

Employment: Worked with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians for the last five years.
Saskatchewan Indian Cultural College Recreation Consultant
Department of Culture and Youth - Humboldt

RUTH DANIELS
Assistant Principal/Program Administrator

Member of Sturgeon Lake Band
Married to Gerald, who is a third-year student in the Indian Social Work

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OSBORNE TURNER
Skill Co-ordinator

He began working for the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians in 1970 as a Field Researcher with the Education Task Force which involved a two-year study of the history of Indian Education in Saskatchewan.

When the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural College was established in 1972, he was placed in various positions in the College such as Education Liaisons, Assistant to the Acting Director and Co-ordinator of the Community Education program which involved setting up Adult Education courses on Reserves.

After the Saskatchewan Indian Community College was established in 1976, he transferred over to take up the position as Director of Field Services, and at the present time, he is working as Co-ordinator of the Skill Development program, which offers Vocational and Trades Apprenticeship Training to Indian Adults throughout Saskatchewan Reserves.

Altogether, he has been employed with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians for nine years, mainly in the area of Indian Education. Prior to that, he worked for the C.N.R. for four and a half years as a Timekeeper and Administration Officer, and four years with the Canada Agriculture Research Department at the University of Saskatchewan Campus.

He is a member of the James Smith Band. In the summer time, he enjoys playing golf as well as outdoor camping with his family. He has four children, two boys and two girls. He likes hunting and fishing. In the winter, he likes curling and old timer's hockey. His favorite hobby is playing guitar in a Band.

BARRY WARSYLEWICZ
Adult Basic Education Co-ordinator

Education: Born, raised and educated in southern Saskatchewan. Attended University of Regina - completed Master's Degree Course work in Social Psychology, 1975.

Employment: Work history included employment with Saskatoon Region Community College, Department of Continuing Education, University of Regina, Regina Community Switchboard, Department of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

GEORGE PEEACE
Director of Field Services

From Nut Lake Band

Education: Went to Kelsey Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences and completed Industrial Mechanics, Steam and Air Conditioning courses in 1970.

Employment: Went to work for the Department of Transport at the Saskatoon Airport in the Heating and Air-Conditioning Department. Left this job to take over as Band Administrator for Nut Lake. Worked there for 18 months. Then went to work for the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural College in the Audio-Visual Department for two years. Used to video-tape Chiefs' Conferences and got interested in Indian Politics. Was a Band Council Member for four years, and also the Saskatoon District Chiefs Representative for two terms. Was the Saskatchewan Indian Community College Chairman from April, 1976 to November, 1978, then the District Reps hired me to take over as Director of Field Services for the College. I am enjoying this job because I now see the operations of the College from the staff point of view, rather than the policy maker's point of view.

OLIVER CAMERON
Information Officer

Beardy's and Okemasis Band

Education: Finished High School in Duck Lake (eventually)!

Employment: Worked in Potash Mines for several months. Started working for the Provincial Government in 1969. Worked there for two years, then transferred to the Department of Indian Affairs, Saskatoon District, and worked as a Band Management Officer. Oliver then requested a leave of absence without pay from the Department in June, for a period of three years. His term expires in June, 1979.

Oliver is going to have a jazzy problem come June, to decide what he is going to do. Another problem Oliver has is that he wants to go to University, but claims that the allowances paid to students is just too low.

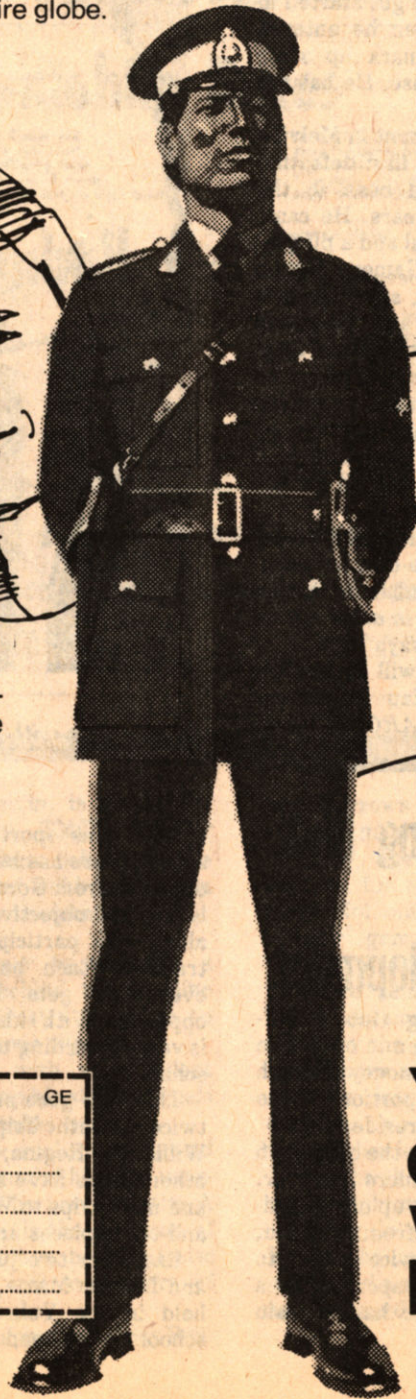
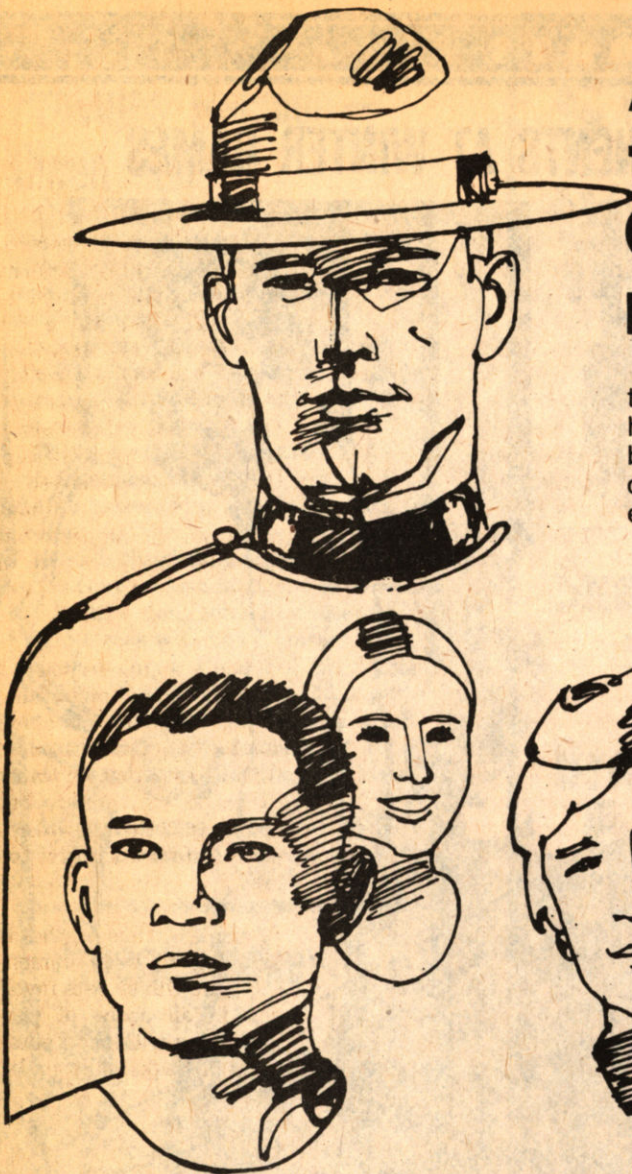
Presently, though, he is enjoying his work immensely, and Oliver gets involved in all areas of programming with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians.



A group of 12 students from the Community College Urban Orientation Program toured the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural College on February 9th, 1979. Seen here with the students are the instructors; Vicki Wilson, Darrel McNab and Ken Atherton.

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FENCER HOPES TO FOIL OPPONENTS AT WINTER GAMES

Merlin Kam is one of Saskatchewan's hopefuls who will be participating in the fencing event at the Canada Winter Games at Brandon, Manitoba. Merlin is the 18-year-old son of Horace and Mary Kam.

Merlin Kam who is attending the North Battleford Comprehensive High School is in grade 12 and is very athletically active in school sports.

This young Indian lad got started in fencing by chance, when he entered the fencing sport to mark up some points for his school house. He has not looked back since.

He entered a tournament in Melville and surprisingly placed first defeating other fencers who had been in the sport for two - three years. He came back with the gold medal and a plaque.

Preparing for the Games, Merlin practises twice a week, spending two hours every Tuesday and Thursday nights, with his instructor Grant Gunderson who is a teacher in Glaslyn.

Earlier, he had attended a training camp for potential fencers for the Winter Games at the University of Saskatchewan and was picked for the team.

Other athletic activities Merlin participates in include cross-country running, soccer, fastball, and many of the other sports. "I try out in other sports just for the fun of it," says Kam.

You can be sure we will be hearing about this young Indian lad in the future.

—ARCHIE KING



TO ATTEND BRANDON WINTER GAMES

Merlin Kam with fencers gear, seen with instructor Grant Gunderson.

Gordons Boxing Club —A Focus Of Athletic Development

The Gordon's boxing club a self-supporting club, has been in operation since 1971. They raised money through bingos, tickets and a portion of the canteen sales from the residence.

There are 50 juniors in the club and 6 intermediates but no seniors this year. The club, which is made up of the residence boys and 12 boys from the band, holds regular training twice a week to keep the boys in top shape. Before a tournament, each boxer has to train daily.

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Since this sport has been at the school, there has been only two knock-outs, one from Gordons. Sportmanship is the real objective behind this club, along with participation and physical training. Each boxer, win or lose, eventually gets friendly with his opponent. With this kind of attitude, it is very rewarding to all the staff of the school.

This club goes on the road at least twice a month. Trips to Medicine Hat, Williston, Regina, Duck Lake, and other places have already taken place and more trips to Wolf Point, Brandon and other places are being planned.

Last year two juniors, Glen Friday and Delmar Maxie, went to the finals held in the Yukon. Activities after school hours keep the children occu-

pled in any of the various recreational events. This school has boxing along with Indian dancing, hockey, cadets, and other sporting events. Even staff take days-off to help in these events and they do this on a voluntary basis without pay.

The Brandon Winter Games in mid-February will see four boxers from the Gordons Club entered in the intermediate class. They are Dwayne Ewenin, Glen Friday, Robert Ochoo, and Terrance Assinboine. From the Regina Club, Pat Fiacco will attend along with Sidney Williams from Weyburn. Another Indian boy Basil Gamble from Duck Lake will also compete in the Brandon Winter Games. Good Luck boys.

—LYLA LAVALLEE

The Saskatchewan Indian

Old Timers Hockey Provides Reunion — Clean Fun

The Western Canada Old Timers Recreational Hockey Association organized a two day tourney for eight teams from across Saskatchewan, January 9th and 10, 1979.

Rough hockey was not the rules of the Old Timers. There was no body contact or even a close look at the opponent.

These two days presented lots of entertainment, good humor and a chance to see old professionals back in action.

Freddie Sasakamoose, well known in the hockey scene and at one time with the N.H.L. along with Ray Ahenakew joined forces with the Kamsack team, Wagon-burners. Chief Sol Sanderson and Chief Phil Morin were the imports for the Poorman Old Timers team. Gordon McMurchy, Minister of Municipal Affairs played for the Last Mountain team.

All participants were treated to a banquet and dance to conclude the two day event.

Northern Hockey Hopefuls —

(story from Flin Flon Daily Reminder)

Many smaller communities have produced stars in many fields of sport and in all cases the home town fans are proud of the accomplishments of their native sons.

These stars have made their mark in curling, skiing and other activities but perhaps the major heroes have excelled in hockey.

Examples would be Gordie Howe, who was raised in Laura, Saskatchewan and Jim Neilsen from a small town near Prince Albert. He was a native boy who played with the P.A. Mintos against the junior Bombers of the 1950s and later with the New York Rangers.

The residents of Pelican Narrows may be another smaller community that will be proud to say, in a few years, that their village produced a hockey star or hockey stars who will bring fame to the north eastern Saskatchewan centre.

If it happens, credit for the accomplishment will have to go to Jean and Napoleon (Nap) Merasty, the parents of young Melvin.

The Saskatchewan Indian

SWEETGRASS WINTER FESTIVAL

20 miles west of Battleford on Hwy. 40

Saturday, March 3, 1979

(Alternate Date March 10)

Snowmobile Races

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- Powder Puff Event
- Cross-Country Event
- Trophies in all events
- Cash and Trophy in Open Event

ENTRY FEE — \$5.00 per race
Entry Fee double for late entries
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Race starts at 12:00 noon sharp
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Gallivan, Sask.

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Ten-year-old Melvin, is a star defenceman with the TMCC All-Star Tom Thumb Bombers who won the tournament here and will be playing in Regina for another tournament.

The young player is not only a strong defender behind the blueline but is a scoring threat every time he carries the puck down the ice.

A great skater with an excellent shot, Melvin picks up his share of goals in most games he takes part in.

But perhaps the real story behind Melvin's play and that of his nine-year-old brother Ted, who plays for the A and W Root Bears, is the devotion of their father and mother, both fantastic hockey fans and real supporters of their young sons.

It's a long 100 kilometers from Peli-

can Narrows to Flin Flon but the parents make sure their sons are at Whitney Forum or the Creighton Sportex for every game their teams play. Not only is the trip made for regular games but the boys are brought in for the practices, even if they are held at 6 in the morning. These regular long trips have been made for the past three years.

The boys also practice daily on the open air rink at Pelican Narrows and each has two pairs of skates. One for the rougher ice at Pelican and a second for play on the indoor rinks in Flin Flon and Creighton.

Facing the problem of skates dulling fast on the open air rink, their father purchased a skate sharpening machine and he spends many hours down in his

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FIRST ANNUAL "BATTLE OF THE LITTLE BIG PUCK"



A benefit hockey game was held on Sunday, January 14 in the Maple Creek Arena between the Nikaneet Indians and Maple Creek Cowboys. The game opened with the Indian Princess, Connie Oakes and Rodeo Queen Dawn Newby skating around their respective teams, carrying the flags. The game packed the arena, and both spectators and participants had fun. The final period of the game proved to be the highlight of the event. For this is when both teams donned their "traditional dress". The Maple Creek detachment of the RCMP presented a trophy to the winners of the 1st annual event and also acted as referees. The game resulted in an 8 to 6 victory for the Cowboys. From left to right, Cst. Gary Brymer, Cst. Dave Perry, Sgt. Doug Mosher presented the trophy to the Cowboys' captain Jim Henderson, Indians' team captain Glen Oakes, Hospital administrator George Metka who was presented with the \$180 cheque, and referee Cst. Dave Cates. —Maple Creek News Photo.

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basement looking after the skates of all the kids in the community.

The father is well known in Flin Flon and Creighton as he operates a taxi service out of Pelican. He handles the mail for both Pelican and Sandy Bay and makes daily runs into Flin Flon hauling the mail, freight and passengers.

Not only is Melvin showing excellent ability on the ice but brother Ted is an aggressive young right winger and his line is the powerhouse of the A and W team.

Both Melvin and Ted are good prospects for future hockey stardom and if they don't make it there are two more young enthusiasts in the Merasty family. Six-year-old Robin and Stanley, who is four, will undoubtedly follow in the steps of their older brothers.

If one or more of the family don't make a mark in the hockey world it certainly won't be the fault of their mother and father. They are two real hockey fans and real supporters of their young sons.

But not only supporters of their sons but also right behind their six daughters. A respected family in their northern community.

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HISTORY OF HOCKEY IN PELICAN NARROWS. . .

When I arrived in Pelican Narrows in January of 1975, not much was happening in the way of hockey in this settlement. There was a rink but not very many hockey players of note. Nobody had any hockey equipment, including myself, although I had played minor hockey. All I had were an old pair of skates which I had bought in 1969 from my minor hockey days in Prince Albert.

In early January on a Sunday I saw a couple of vehicles driving around Pelican, one of whom was my uncle Nap Merasty. He said that a bunch of guys were going to Sandy Bay to play a game of hockey. Naturally, being an old hockey nut, I volunteered my services and we were soon on our way. I didn't have much of a hockey stick either as it was for a player in the Pee Wee category.

When we arrived in Sandy Bay it was about -30 Farenheit and all the Sandy Bay players had proper hockey equipment. They did not agree to play shinny as I had expected but were quite willing to play a serious game, much to my dismay and consternation, and I may add second thoughts. Our goaltender (courageous fool he was now that I recall) had a pair of goaltending pads and appropriate gloves, but not much else. About a minute and a half into the game, Sandy Bay took their first slap shot and I, cowardly defenseman, prudently stepped aside to let our capable goalie attend to the immediate situation. Try as we may, the final score was in the neighbourhood of 10-2. Every player had at least one bad bruise on their shin and very cold feet. If we weren't grown men I'm sure that a few would have called it quits after five minutes on the ice. From this exercise we learned that you cannot play hockey without at least a pair of shin pads.

From that humble beginning (harrowing experience) the young lads and young men have continued playing. Some of the guys now have skates that cost \$130 and think nothing of spending an evening (until midnight) perfecting their intricate passing patterns on our outdoor rink. Now if only we can get that indoor arena...

—RON MERASTY

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Sports Commentary

* RESERVE SPORTS SHOULD BE OUR TOP PRIORITY *

It hit us when we learned that on-reserve population was used by Indian Affairs to determine the amount of recreation monies allotted to each Indian reserve to plan its recreation programs.

To me, sport is one of the greatest character builders this nation has ever had. But while the moral fiber of this country goes down like the Titanic, we seem hell bent to sink it even more.

Recently, at North Battleford district budget allocations meeting, it revealed that on a provincial average, less than one per cent of the provincial Indian Affairs budgets is spent on sports. It's bad enough that we have to go to another funding agency for money to develop our recreation programs at the reserve level.

While the federal department of Indian Affairs in Ottawa seems to worry inordinately about what is happening at the capital, someone should be worrying about where we as Indian people are going to get our next generation of men from.

Because Indian Affairs is not going to give the Indian bands more money for sports, programs are cut drastically and some are eliminated. On some Indian reserves some schools sport is something only remembered by the pictures hanging on the wall of championship teams during the era of FSI's Sports and Recreation.

Our trustee hasn't lifted a finger to help resolve this desperate situation. Recreation workers at the reserve level tell us that most major sport programs are financed by the kids themselves who hustle tickets, and sponsor walk-a-thons, dances and raffles.

Meanwhile, the prime minister worries about the British North America Act. He might as well forget about constitutional reform of this country, if he cannot maintain a nation of young men and women who are physically and emotionally healthy.

If we are to believe this country is bankrupt and cannot fatten the sports budget of our Indian reserves, then damn it, its about time we as Indian people started to ask some of the giant companies to reach into their pockets.

If CBC and CTV are anxious to televise the 1980 Olympics and vie with millions of dollars for the privilege to show the spectacular, then they can darn well donate money to a nation-wise Indian sports program.

That goes for the oil and mining companies and all the rest of the fat cat outfits who get rich off our land.

It will be sad when the Olympic Games come around. When was the last time anyone of our Indian people took part in the games? A start is being made by some of our young Indian people taking part at the Canada Winter Games in Manitoba.

It is not too corny to remember the words of our great warrior, We-sa-ka-cha'k, who once said: "I will not criticize my neighbour until I have walked a mile in his moccasins".

But if we as Indian people don't have any sports programs for lack of dollars, then we will never know the experience of participating at winter games, summer games and the olympics. You just can't learn by watching television.

POW-WOW DATES

NIKANEET

AUGUST 3 - 4 - 5, 1979

FORT QU'APPELLE

AUGUST 10 - 11 - 12, 1979

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Gordons Student Residence Hosts Jr. Boxing Championships

A two-day boxing card held at the Gordons student residence over the weekend featured the 1979 bronze gloves championship.

Boxers from every club across the province participated in this event. There were 112 boxers coming from Weyburn, Saskatoon, Regina, Cando, Duck Lake, Green Lake and Gordons boxing clubs.

In this junior division, the children range from 11 years to 16 years, with less than six fights. In this event each boxer had three fights. Winners in each division were as follows:

Junior A (12 and under)

55, Mervin Machiskinic, Gordons; 60, Shawn Aisaican, Gordons; 65, Blaine Wasacase, Gordons; 70, Arnold Nicotine, Cando; 75, Kelly Bear, Cando; 80, Eldon Scarlet, Cando; 85, Bruce Chakita, Cando; 95, John Starr, Gordons; 105, Darrel Roy, Green Lake.

Junior B (ages 13 & 14)

70, Domenico Parisone, Regina; 80, Michael Parisone, Regina; 85, Lionel Kinequon, Gordons; 90, Daniel Scarlet, Cando; 95, Terry Kennedy, Green lake; 100, Shelly Gran, Regina; 110 Dennis Longman, Gordons; 120, Conrad Gardipy, Duck Lake; 130, Laurie Cappo, Gordons; 140, Tracy Millekes, Weyburn; 145, Arnold Neapetung, Gordons.

Junior C (ages 15 & 16)

90, Joey Laliberte, Green Lake; 100 Harry Morin, Green Lake; 106, Clayton Cameron, Duck Lake; 112, Michael Mattlewsky, Wilkie; 119, Francis Eyahpaize, Duck Lake; 125, Dwayne Anderson, Gordons; 132, Pat Irvine, Weyburn; 139, Todd Redman, Gordons; 147, Lawrence Hnatiuk, Saskatoon.

The most outstanding boxer in the tournament was Michael Parisone from Regina who was presented with the bronze boy trophy. The bronze team award was won by the Gordons Club who had 11 winners in the whole tournament. They were presented with a plaque and each winner received a medal.

—LYLA LAVALLEE

Classifieds

Dene Nation Calendar - May 1979, April 1980.

Reflecting the year according to the Dene, which begins with Spring and ends with Winter, this calendar features the name of the moons in SAHTU Dene, English, Spanish, French and German.

There are 8 full colour pictures and six black and white ones. The calendar expands on twelve themes central to the Dene people. Available at \$3.00 from:

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The 1979 S.I.C.C. calendar features paintings by Saskatchewan Indian Artists: Dennis Morrison, Ray McCallum and Larry Okanee. Dennis, a Saulteaux-Cree is from Ochapowace Reserve; Ray a Cree is from Waterhen Reserve and Larry, a Cree is from the Thunderchild Reserve. This calendar depicts the recording of time by Saskatchewan Indian people who include; Nehiawak (Cree); Plains Ojibwa (Saulteaux); Dene (Chipewyan); Dakota (Sioux) and Nakota (Assiniboine).

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Weekly Bingo at Okanese Band Hall

Bingo every Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. with prize money of: \$15.00 - regular games, \$20.00 - Special games (for 15 games). \$200.00 and up \$100.00 each week until \$500.00 limit. 4 games of Share the Wealth.

Proceeds to go to File Hills Pow wow Club.

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STANDING BUFFALO POW WOW August 10, 11 & 12 1979.

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I, Marilyn Daniels would like to thank the people who made my stay as Receptionist with the Indian Cultural College a very rewarding experience. However, I will be working as Typesetter Technician within the College and look forward to serving the Indian people of Saskatchewan in another capacity. Thank You again.

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