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Vandalism at North Shore School

The North Shore School seems to be a target of wanton destruction. A break-in was engineered on April 15, 1976 and two previous break-ins were discovered in the same year resulting in considerable damages. Then on the night of March 31, 1977, vandals again, broke into the North Shore School causing over an estimated \$300,000 damages. Offices were ransacked, a filing cabinet damaged and windows of 7 classrooms were broken. Fortunately the amount of destruction has not warranted closure of

regular classes.

The R.C.M.P. were notified and following a brief investigation the juveniles involved in the vandalism were apprehended and were awaiting formal charges.

Vandalism has been increasing within the community at a rapid pace during the past two months. This could be very well attributed to the fact that there is lack of recreational activities for our youths. Grant it, an upsurge of recreational activities would not totally alleviate the problem but would certainly keep it at a minimum.

Sagkeeng Senior Citizens News Report

Since our last report to the community, a lot of activities have taken place at the Centre.

A Seminar was held in November of 1976 where 35 Senior Citizens attended. Most of the group thought this was a very worthwhile workshop, as it gave them a better understanding of the various problems on the reserve. It was suggested that more of these workshops take place but should be mixed groups. The Senior Citizens thought that if they had a workshop with the younger

people, they would get a better understanding of each other.

A big thanks should go to the people involved in this workshop, especially those who financed the workshop. These are Northern Affairs, Provincial Government, Fort Alexander Economic Development Board, and Sagkeeng Education Authority.

On the 19th of December 1976, a Christmas Tree and Dinner was held at the Recreation Centre. The newly elected Chief and Council were invited and also the former Chief, Phil Fontaine.

Chief Lawrence Morrisseau addressed the group of Senior Citizens and thanked them for the invitation that was extended to them. He said he looked forward to working with the Senior Citizen Group. The new Council, Pat Cook, Paul Guilmond, and Felix Fontaine expressed their thanks for the invitation and wished the Senior Citizens the very best.

Former Chief Phil Fontaine said a few words thanking the Senior Citizens for the support he received from them while he was Chief. He wished the new Chief and Council well in their new responsibility.

Mrs. Virginia Fontaine, President of the Senior Citizens' Group thanked all the people who were able to attend the banquet.

Edward Henderson and Harry Courchene, two of our Senior Citizens, said a few words of thanks to the new Council and also to the former Chief, for all the support his Council gave the Group.

The banquet was a real success and everybody enjoyed the dinner that was served. After the dinner, Santa Claus paid a visit to the Senior Citizens and each received a present.

A big thanks goes to the Regional Director of Indian Affairs, Mr. Rod Brown who contributed \$500.00 to the Senior Citizens and also to the Senior Citizens' Group, who contributed \$240.00. Also thanks to Mrs. Virginia Fontaine for taking the trouble to go to Winnipeg to request financial support from the Regional Director.

Far, too often we tend to forget about our Senior Citizens, so it was gratifying to be able to give each of our 73 Senior Citizens from the reserve a gift to let them know that we love them.

Many thanks to the following members of the Senior Citizens Board for all their hard work. Mrs. Virginia Fontaine - President; Mrs. Boniface Guilmond - Vice-President; Mrs. Louise Spence - Treasurer; Mr. George

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Chief and Council News

The Chief & Council met with sponsoring agencies to discuss matters over the uncompleted arena. Most work completed in the arena was made possible through the Local-Initiatives Program. To have the arena operational a proximity of \$100,000.00 is required. All possibilities of resource have been tapped into and considerable amount of negotiations will have to be made to complete the facility to house the ice plant and concrete slab for artificial ice. If this turns out to be a successful venture then the community will have to be involved through extensive participation to offset an annual expenditure of \$40,000.00 in the operation of the arena.

Indian Affairs Department has approved a mere \$6,600 for recreation activities for the present fiscal year. A grant this small for a sizable populace cannot function very effectively. The Chief and Council are requesting employed people to participate in organization of recreation for the community on a voluntary basis.

There is a very obvious lack of organization in the recreation field and this field would do so much for the community in terms of physical, mental and unity enhancement. All interested people are requested to contact Felix Fontaine at the Band Office.

A Band Council Resolution requesting funds to pave the North Shore Road has been denied by the Department of Indian Affairs. The Band at present will have to be satisfied with \$16,000 for the current fiscal year. It is still hopeful that other major Government Departments will lend an ear to sponsor this project.

With respect to waterworks the

Band received approval of \$55,000.00 for the current fiscal year. Presently two trucks are servicing the community delivering water and are paid an annual \$20,000.00 each. The remaining monies of the Budget are paid to the plumbers.

People have been bringing in letters from doctors stating that certain people require waterworks. This places the Chief & Council in a somewhat precarious position as there is reason for people to believe that this letter constitutes a guarantee that they will be obtaining waterworks. However, this is not the case as waterworks also operates on a fiscal year budget. A meeting will be arranged with the doctors to clarify this situation.

A plan is being formulated to service eleven homes on the NORTH SHORE to be connected to a Central Waterworks system that will be used by the new school.

The Community at present has no law enforcement of its own following the resignation of both constables. Applications are now being received at the Band Office until the end of April.

Ten houses are slated to be built in Fort Alexander Reserve and the qualified recipients for the current year are listed: Ralph Bruyere, Wayne Courchene, Eugene Fontaine, Walter Starr, Wilfred Bunn, Clifford Dorie, Alphonse Guilmond, Emile Courchene, Wayne Fontaine, Marcel Guilmond.

Eugene Fontaine's present house will be turned over to Steve Kent and Arthur Boubard's former Pool Room will be given to Sidney Dorie. There were approximately 100 applications and qualifications were based on outstand-

ing commitments.

It has been decided that there will be extensions to three houses through Capital Funds and these will be, Joe Louis Starr, John George Courchene, and Christina Guilmond.

It is assumed that a surplus of housing money will be available and it is estimated a further four house MAY BE built. However at this time it is not definite.

The Chief and Council will
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General Band Meeting

DATE: February 6, 1977
PLACE: Sagkeeng School Gym
PRESENT: Chief Lawrence Morrisseau, Councillor Felix Fontaine, Councillor Pat Cook, Councillor Louis Bruyere, Councillor Paul Guilmond, 27 Band Members.

TERMS OF REFERENCE:
Chief: Social Services, Education.

Councillor Paul Guilmond: Housing, Electricians
Councillor Pat Cook: Water & Sanitation, Policing.

Councillor Felix Fontaine: Recreation, Roads & Band Management.

Councillor Louis Bruyere: Special Projects.

AGENDA:
Social Services, Recreation, Housing, Roads, Water & Sanitation, and Budget.

Felix - voiced his thanks on his election.

- Senior Citizen's will be given opportunity to comment on any Band matters.

Pat - Dito.
Chief Morrisseau - Had meet-

ing with Indian Affairs, January 26, 1977, on breakdown of different programs (Band). Chief & Council will be attending orientation program in near future. We will have a difficult time in next three (3) months till new budget is in. F.L.I.P. is for cemetery land. Indian Affairs promised to work out any deficit the Band might have.

HOUSING - Not sure how many but definitely will be some. Outstanding applicants will be dealt with first. New C.M.H.C. Program being initiated and it looks favourable. Lands question has not been settled in regard to this new program.

BUDGET:
Social Services \$808,627.00
Core Funding 38,000.00
Recreation 6,628.00
Policing 21,392.00
Roads 16,000.00
Water & Sanitation 63,000.00
Economic Development
Seminars 23,283.00

Indian Affairs told us \$310,000 for 77 - 78 Housing. Agreement

\$50,000 towards repayment of former deficits. \$280,000 for Housing this year. Indian Affairs should have come up with a formula to rectify the deficit.

Paul - Housing - Critical Home Repair (pensioners) Work will have to be done.

Pat Cook - Steve Kent - applied, should be approved \$1,000; Christina Courchene - Applied, should, be approved \$1,000; Agnes Fontaine - not qualified, referred to loan; Sidney Dorie - Qualified; Art Boubard's Pool Room to be moved across for him; Martha Prince - qualified, electric heat; Alphonse Fontaine - qualified, electric heat \$1,000.

Loans - are up to \$2,000, \$200 - \$500 is forgivable depending on size of family.

Harry Fontaine - got notice that he was not making payments on loan, why should other people be getting away with not paying. He has receipts saying he has.

CHIEF MORRISSEAU: If this continues, these people not paying will not get recommendations

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Alcaire Centre

The Sagkeeng Al-Care Centre started operations on September 1, 1976. Up to date it has been running at a full capacity. The main objective of the Centre is to help people who feel that they have a problem with alcohol.

We started with 11 people on staff. So far three (3) of our staff had to leave for certain reasons but the remaining eight are still working.

The staff and their positions are as follows: Perry Fontaine - Director - Program Co-ordinator; Elaine Courchene - Office Manager; Bernice Fontaine - Counselor; Fabian Morrisseau - Counselor; Bill McPherson - Counselor; Esther Turcotte - Counselor; Gordon Neplnak - Counselor; Wayne Girad - Counselor; Mary Fontaine - Head Cook; Joyce Spence - Assistant Cook, part time; Albina Courchene - Assistant Cook will be returning once she finishes her course in Winnipeg; Andre Henderson - Night-watchman.

The position for maintenance man was changed to night watchman and the Fort Alexander Band. The Band now does all

maintenance that the house requires.

The program is a twenty-eight (28) day rehabilitation program. The counsellors have a schedule which is to be followed and it tries to cover all subjects and topics on alcoholism. We are hoping to be able to get our own films so that they can be shown in evenings for people that are interested. Anyone who wishes to come to the evening sessions are welcome to come and join in.

Our Director, Perry Fontaine, is also working on an outreach program. This is so that the counsellors will be able to make home visits every week to the following Communities: Fort Alexander, Grand Maris, Little Black River, Manigotogan, Hole River, Brokenhead, Traverse Bay, Great Falls, Seymourville, Bissett, Lac du Bonnet.

There will be three (3) counsellors working in these areas. They are Bernice Fontaine, Fabian Morrisseau, and Bill McPherson. Hopefully they will be able to talk and see most of the people and explain the main purpose of the house. This program is to start

May 1, 1977.

The centre will also be hiring three (3) people under the New Career's Program to train as Counsellors on Alcoholism. Their starting date is April 18, 1977. These three (3) people will be trained by our counsellors for a period of two (2) years. After they are finished they will be given a job as a permanent counsellor for the Sagkeeng Al-Care Centre.

Chief and Council of the Fort Alexander Band have the final decision that are made for the house. We have a Board of Directors that consists of the following people: Perry Fontaine, Franklin Courchene, Paul Guimond, Felix Fontaine, and George Guimond. All the important matters are taken up by the Board and the subject is hopefully solved.

The Centre is now running at a full capacity with two above the fifteen (15) that is allowed.

We hope that anyone wishing to use the services provided by the house, or just to come and see what it is all about, feel free to do so. There will always be someone here to help you in any way they can.



By Lorraine Morrisseau
Grade 7
Sagkeeng School.

GARBAGE SERVICE

The Chief and Council initiated a garbage pick-up service on February 21, 1977. The fee charged for this service is \$5.00 per month to be collected on the first of each month. The fee will pay solely for garbage pick-up and no other services. If the truck is required for other services the Council in charge has to be notified and arrangements made with him for whatever service is required. Those who do not pay will not receive the garbage pick-up service. Garbage on the North Shore will be picked up Tuesdays and Fridays and Mondays and Thursdays on the South Shore. The Department of Indian Affairs has not granted any money for the service so will have to be supported by local residents.

STOP POLLUTION

Pollution is a great problem today. It must be stopped in anyway. Pollution is seen all over the ground. An answer quickly must be found. It's getting worse - that's how it seems. It's in our seas, our rivers and streams. Pollution is also within our air. Doesn't anybody really care? To put ideas into operation, We need everyone's co-operation. We all need to end the pollution. What we need is a good solution.

By Lorraine Morrisseau
Grade 7
Sagkeeng School.

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make note to all home owners that in the event they sell their homes they will not be able to get another house for a considerable length of time.

A study by P.M. associates is presently being made in reference to establishing a motel on LOT 20 situated in Powerview. There are three major obstacles to overcome before it becomes a reality. Two merchants, Clarks Corner and Shamrock Inn want a guarantee of no money loss through this business venture. Only then will the Local Government District of Alexander issue a building permit for the proposed site. The other obstacle is the uncertainty of location. A majority of Band Members will have great influence in determining the best possible site for the building. The Chief and Council are requesting suggestions from Band Members.

Grants of \$59,000.00 and \$65,000.00 have been approved for construction of a new Band Office or an addition to the present one, by the Canada Works Program and Indian Affairs respectively. Office space for Administration of Band Programs is rapidly getting short and plans have been formulated to build a facility with an area of 9,530 square feet. Both grants totalling \$124,000.00 are insufficient to meet this plan and again total community participation is requested for this venture through suggestions. Of course other agencies will be approached for further financing.

The Chief and Council attended an orientation Workshop March 14 to 18, 1977. The Workshop was sponsored entirely by the Indian Affairs Department. The purpose of the Workshop was to acquaint the newly elected Chief and Council together with the Band Program heads, with various levels of government heads and program criteria. The following week they went on an organiza-

tional excursion funded by Indian Affairs to get a first hand look at The Pas Shopping Complex. These trips will assist the Band Council in making decisions for the benefit of the Band.

The Band Council are requesting assistance from Band Members in determining a more effective system of general Band Meetings, i.e. location, times per

month etc. A situation that presently exists will only deter communication between the Band Members and its representation. It has been noted that very few Band Members attend general Band meetings.

The Chief and Council will also be available for discussion of Band matters at all reasonable times.

Senior Citizens News

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Guimond - Secretary; Mrs. Martha Prince - Director; Mrs. Elize Fontaine - Director; Mr. Alex Bruyere - Director; Mrs. Mary A. Guimond - Director.

These people take time out to attend meetings to make sure that anything the Senior Citizens' Group does is for the good of the community as a whole.

The Recreation Centre is being rented every Wednesday to the Attorney General Department for court purposes. The Centre charges \$45.00 per day whenever it is used.

The sewer and water systems at the centre have been giving us a lot of trouble and we hope to change this system sometime this summer. Our power bills have been too high. For December, January, and February our bill was \$1,200.00. Our power had to be on all winter because we had to keep our water system from freezing over. This is one reason why we have to change our system.

Our Bingo operation has not been very profitable in the last few months. We have barely made enough money to pay our commitments. Some nights of our Bingo, we have gone in the hole. A lot of people don't realize that we pay out \$480.00 every Saturday night. There's not too much money left after we pay this amount out. Unless we have more support at our Bingo we are going to have to fold up.

Remember, we have to pay for everything, power, bank loan

(\$533.00), cleaning of centre, snow removal and repairs.

If it was not for the rental monies coming in and the Basket Party and Dance, we would not be able to carry on.

A Basket Party and Dance was held at the end of February. Ten baskets were donated and brought in \$148.80 when they were auctioned off. Admission of \$1.00 was charged. 89 people paid.

Baskets auctioned	\$148.80
Admission	89.00
Ticket sales	118.00
Paid to Down River Band	355.80
Profit	\$255.00

It is rather hard to operate such a large building in the winter as we always have to have some heat in the building. It would solve our problems if we could find some use for the building every day.

There is not too much to report on the proposed Old Folk's Home as no decision has been made on it yet. A survey was taken to find out where the people would like to have this building situated. Some people want it built across the river, some want it on the present site of the Recreation Centre and some want it at the old Hudson Bay site.

The only solution now is a meeting with the new Chief and Council and all the Senior Citizens of the reserve sometime in April and that way we should be able to arrive at the site once and for all.

Health Report

To my way of thinking, we are fortunate to have Mrs. Marie Thibideau, Field nurse part time, for the time being till we get our own nurse. But it's also nice to know Marie is no stranger to most of the people and I do enjoy her company.

CLINICS

I would like to congratulate the mothers from both sides of the reserve, for their attendance at the Clinics, which has been a big improvement. This is very important if we are to keep our children in good health. These immunizations they get now are very necessary for their health! A child who has not been immunized does not have the protection from diseases, as the one who has had all their immunizations. Our Clinics are always on the third week of every month. The North Shore having theirs at the School on a Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 - 3:00 P.M. The South Shore Sagkeeng School Wednesday afternoon 1:30 - 3:30 P.M.

CAUTION TO PARENTS

At this time of the year, an advice to parents to be very cautious of their children! Do not

let them play on the ice! Let's try and keep our children from any tragic mishaps.

A NOTE TO DIABETICS

As you know we have a growing number of Diabetics in our reserve! That is why it is important these people are well aware of their problem, and should really make an effort to have their check-ups often. For you people who are Diabetics, don't wait till you are in the Hospital! Diabetics can be controlled but it also needs your effort.

GARBAGE

I would also like to mention the resuming of the garbage pick-up service which is a must, if we are to have cleaner looking surroundings in our reserve. This also makes it easier for the spring clean-up, which isn't too long from now.

TO THE PEOPLE IN GENERAL

Training for the past year has been a gratifying experience for me, I got to know most of you people and I hope in time, I'll know every one. As your Community Health Representative, Felicite Courchene

Church Reports

R. C. Church Lenten Message

Here we are in Lent! Listen to the voice of the Church for a moment. Lent is a period for receiving God's favor. Lent is the favorable, the acceptable time for us to prepare to celebrate Easter, the Pascal mystery. It is a period of Penance, of Sacrifice, but it is fruitful and it already brings a renewal like a spiritual spring-time.

We must awaken our consciences, we must give fresh vigor to our sense of duty and to our desire to respond, in a practical way to the demands of a genuine Christian life.

This Lent, we mark the 10th anniversary of the launching of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. Development and Peace was conceived in the cradle of Vatican II. During the Council, the Bishops of Africa, Asia and Latin America conveyed to the Canadian

Bishops the harsh realities of poverty and underdevelopment in the Third World.

It became clear that the growing gap between the rich and the poor peoples on this earth is a great threat to mankind. The Council also made us aware of our responsibilities to work together, as a universal Church, to ease these injustices. Responding to these realities and to the urging of concerned lay people in this country, the bishops of Canada founded Development and Peace. It was and is to assist the poor and the oppressed people of the world in their struggle for justice and to educate us in Canada about the problems of underdevelopment. Thus in the spirit of Vatican II, lay Catholics and their pastors come together in a program designed to raise funds for development projects in the Third World and to inform, animate and mobilize

public opinion here in Canada on the problems of global poverty.

The central purpose of development is man, and that our dignity as persons confers on us certain inalienable rights and duties. Of primary importance is the right to life and to all that renders life possible, such as food, clothing, shelter, education, employment and the right to participate in decisions affecting our lives. By the same token, every society possesses similar rights to self-determination and should be allowed to develop its own cultural, economic, political and social structures to meet the basic needs of its people.

Indeed it is evident that the present world economic order fails to meet the basic needs of the majority of mankind.

On the contrary, the present order is characterized by the maldistribution of wealth and power. In Third World countries, powerful corporations continue to plan the use of material resources without the participation of the people most directly affected, and closer to home, unjust patterns of resource development occur in various regions of Canada.

In effect the earth's resources too often are developed to enrich a small minority rather than to meet the unfulfilled needs of the majority of people for food, shelter, clothing, health care and employment necessary for a fully human life.

On our last Sunday Bulletin, you could read the following for SHARE LENT. THE EARTH IS

FOR ALL. The earth's resources are sufficient to nourish well over 10 billion people. BUT too often the present order is characterized by the maldistribution of wealth and power.

For instance: 20% of the world's population live in PLENTY.

BUT... 80% is deprived of essential goods.

BUT... in the Dominican Republic, where sugar is the most important product and export, workers cut sugar cane from dawn to dusk and receive roughly \$1.55 per day.

For that purpose, in our local Churches, Christ Church and St. Alexander Church we ask our people to be generous towards this Canadian, Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, especially during this favorable time of SHARE LENT.

A. Girard... O.M.I.

Christ Church Fort Alexander

January to March 1977.

The congregation of Christ Church has been steadily increasing each week. More and more people are recognizing the need for a deeper understanding of God and to be encouraged in living the Christian life. On January 8th and 9th, Christ Church has a visit from The Rt. Rev. James Allan, Bishop of Kaeawatin. There were over a hundred people in Church on that Sunday morning and we all gathered after the service for Coffee and to meet with the Bishop. During that weekend, the Bishop along with the Rev. Ken Buchan, travelled to Little Black River and Hole River to meet with the Anglican people and to hold worship services.

At the end of January, Christ Church, Fort Alexander held its Annual Meeting. A People's Warden and twelve council members were elected. The Parish Council is the governing body of the church and along with the Minister decisions are made on behalf of the whole congregation. The Parish Council meets once each month or more often if need be.

Sunday School is an important part of our Church program. Rick Chapman and Janice Buchan have been involved in the teaching of our children.

We have been very fortunate this past Winter to have had no deaths from our immediate community.

The congregation is concerned that the graveyard be extended, this is something that the Parish Council is aware of and is taking steps to have the gravesite expanded.

The "Old Church" has been the subject of many a conversation. What will happen to it? What can we do? It is hoped that some decisions will be made this year. The immediate hope is that

the building be renovated and that it be made an historical landmark.

The Anglican Church Women of Christ Church have been active. The women have assisted the Church over the years in many ways. They are always having rummage and bake/sales, at least once a month and also there is the occasional dinner to which the community is invited. The women are hoping to have an Easter dinner on Sunday, April 10th.

Services in the Church are regular each Sunday. Holy Baptism takes place the 3rd Sunday of each month.

On Sunday, March 20th, the Parishes of Christ Church, Wanipigow, St. Georges, Little Beach River and St. Phillips, Manigotogan visited Christ Church, Fort Alexander to worship with them.

It was a great service. Alfred Favel, Layleader from Hole River assisted in the service, a group of teenagers from Christ Church, Wanipigow, sang in the Choir. It is in combined services like this that we begin to know each other better.

The Church in the Community is an important element for the betterment of human life. It also points to a life of higher service for God and Man and instills in each one of us a hope for the future on earth and for eternal life in heaven. Christ Church, Fort Alexander, has much to be thankful for; for the people who attend Sunday by Sunday, giving of themselves and their contributions financially and in other ways. We continually pray that the message which is told each Week in our services, will live and work in the hearts of all parents and children.

Respectfully Submitted
Kenneth Buchan (Rev.)
Incumbent.

Band Membership Report

REGISTRATION - INDIEN NÉCESSAIRE		AMMENDMENT - MODIFICATION	
NO. DE MEMBRE	NOM (Nom de famille) (Prénoms)	DATE	REMARQUES
1061	COURCHENE Sally	Nov 28/76	COURCHENE Adrienne Nobil Female birth
1041	COURCHENE Lilla Marie	Nov 17/76	COURCHENE Samantha Linda Female birth
1064	PRINCE Susan Martha	Dec 29/76	PRINCE Steven Ashley Male birth
1731	ABRAHAM Grace Isabelle	Dec 20/76	ABRAHAM Melodie Jpy Female birth
1059	ABRAHAM Isabel Dorothy	Dec 26/76	FONTAINE Jaron Jean Male birth
1056	BRUYERE Karen Janet	Oct 3/76	BRUYERE Rhiannon Ruth Female birth
1903	HENDERSON Sharon Joyce	Nov 21/76	HENDERSON Bonnie Lorraine Female birth
1036	DORIE Dorothy Linda	Aug 24/76	BRUYERE Arthur Sydney Male birth
1258	ABRAHAM William Joseph	X Sept 3/76 2016	ABRAHAM Annette Trans.
2016	ABRAHAM Annette	X Sept 3/76	ABRAHAM Terence William Male birth Note: child's name spells
1075	STARR Gladys Jean	X Nov. 27/76	STARR Gladys Jean Married a Non Indian. Mr Joe Lograin
1037	MANN Samuel George	X	MANN Marlene Zaida Trans. fr. 1020 Fort Alex. Band Auth. Reg's
			MANN Ernest Trans. fr. 1020 Fort Alex. Band Auth. Reg's
			MANN Alma Trans. fr. 1020 Fort Alex. Band Auth. Reg's
			MANN Carol Susan Trans. fr. 1020 Fort Alex. Band Auth. Reg's
			MANN Patrick Alvin Trans. fr. 1020 Fort Alex. Band Auth. Reg's
			MANN Randall Irvine Trans. fr. 1020 Fort Alex. Band Auth. Reg's
			MANN Bradley Trans. fr. 1020 Fort Alex. Band Auth. Reg's
			MANN Hilda Joan Trans. fr. 1020 Fort Alex. Band Auth. Reg's
1907	SUBOIRE Bernadette	X Dec 18/76	SUBOIRE Bernadette Married a Non Indian. Mr. Larry Arthur Fontaine
1227	COURCHENE Albert	X Jan 16/77 2017	COURCHENE Raymond Trans.
0985	SUBOIRE John James	X Jan 28/77 2018	SUBOIRE Norma Trans.
1205	BRUYERE Joseph Ronald	X Feb 3/77 2019	BRUYERE Ann Harriet Trans.
1067	COURCHENE Virginia	X Feb 9/77 2020	COURCHENE Basil Trans.
1072	ABRAHAM Stella	X Jan 30/77	ABRAHAM Michelle Kelly Female birth
075	BRUYERE Alexander	X Jan 31/77 2021	BRUYERE Eileen Trans.
2021	BRUYERE Eileen	X Jan 31/77	BRUYERE Brian Wayne Male birth
1203	BRUYERE Joseph Ronald	X Feb 21/77 2026	BRUYERE Ann Harriet Trans.
2026	BRUYERE Ann Harriet	X Feb 21/77	BRUYERE Crystal Dawn Female birth
1315	ABRAHAM Clifford	X Feb 22/77	ABRAHAM Rance Clifton Male birth Note: Child's name is RANCE
1521	BUNN Ambrose	X Feb 25/77	BUNN Clarise Deldro Female birth
1922	COURCHENE Delcena	X Feb 26/77	COURCHENE Jennifer Lee Female birth
1462	DORIE Ellen Joyce	X Dec 18/76	DORIE Ellen Joyce Married Donald Fraser Adam/Non-Indian
1271	DORIE Clifford	X Feb 23/77	DORIE Shirley Ann Female birth
1051	FONTAINE Albert Daniel	X Feb 15/77 2022	FONTAINE Carl Richard Trans.
1279	HENDERSON LARRY	X Feb 19/77 2023	HENDERSON LARRY Trans.
1544	KENT Frederick	X Feb 5/77	KENT Pamela Nadine Female birth
1046	THOMASNTS Norman James	X Feb 27/77 2024	THOMASNTS Norman James Trans.
022	HORRISSEAU Albert	X Dec 9/76	HORRISSEAU Albert Male death
1062	HORRISSEAU Lawrence	X Dec 21/76 2025	HORRISSEAU Kimberley Joanne Trans.
2025	HORRISSEAU Kimberley Joanne	X Dec 21/76	HORRISSEAU Jarrod Daniel Male birth
1700	HORRISSEAU Stanford Bruce	X Dec 2/74	HORRISSEAU Kristopher Bruce Male birth
TOTAL		101	16



HW 57 2/8th.

MR. PHILIP FONTAINE



MRS. PHILIP FONTAINE

Lantz 1/31/77

EDITORIAL:

Culture As I See It

In its short existence of our Cultural Centre, we hear through the media of radio and television where the Trudeau Government is encouraging Cultural revivals of nationalities ensuring strong required unity if we are to survive as one nation (Canada).

We hope to make a small contribution towards this goal. Time and effort, sacrifice is required by all not to make room for large or minor skirmishes that confronts us daily. Knowing upheavals and discontentments abounding the world over is

enough to exhaust us physically and mentally! We cannot follow those wretched paths and allow ourselves to fall into them no matter how contemporarily inviting they may be, although it is safe to assume some are feasible and conflicting, knowing at first hand we have our own problems to settle.

Therefore, we urge you and all our faculties combined to make this community work. Who knows we may astound ourselves yet! So let's buckle up and face this with vigor together and co-operation.

Thus showing the immediate area outside we are to be reckoned with. Good Intentions and self-respect, pride, are the tools to be used unsparingly.

Through the good graces of the great Almighty Manitou may he bestow us guidance and vision for the benefit of future generations to come. Seeking constant inspiration and help from our elders for they shall not linger very long. Bless them!

Editorial by
Joseph Land

"Fort Alex"

The face of an Indian chief emerged from the dust left by the car which moved ahead of us. It appeared on the road sign that welcomed us to the community. We drove on for about three miles past houses scattered here and there and turned in at the driveway leading to a cluster of buildings on the north bank of the Winnipeg River. Two of the buildings we noticed immediately wore the standard green and white which the Department of Indian Affairs used to preserve age old structures on Indian Reserves. They appeared bright under the afternoon sun. Beside them a row of shiny trailers stood in contrast. Together they merged to form the labyrinth of classrooms at the Fort Alexander School.

Here, next week, another school term would get underway. And the parents on the north shore would board their children on the busses which would take them to this place for us to bestow upon them, some knowledge of how to cope, live, survive and hopefully thrive in a modern environment.

Since last September the place has again come alive with the kinds of how to cope, live, survive and hopefully thrive in a modern environment.

Since last September the place has again come alive with the kinds of activity implicit in the mention of the word "school". Throughout most of the work carried on by teachers there has existed a recognition of the importance of community materials. Though there has not been strong participation on the part of the community, changes have taken place within the school which may not have appeared outwardly.

The concern in the area of curriculum development has seen a lot of work on the production of classroom materials relating to the community. Not surprisingly the process has unearthed some questions about issues which confront Fort Alexander. One which I found of particular concern to individuals on the North Shore relates to their feeling of separateness from the majority of the population which resides on the South Shore. It's not exactly the safest topic for small group discussion around here and it is

probably one which will raise some reaction with its mention. But where teachers are engaged in teaching about the community there exists in our case a need to discuss local issues with a view of elucidating them. So what issues confront this community at present? What do teachers teach about Fort Alexander if the method means curriculum development is left to isolated attempted? These are just two questions which we have talked about in meetings.

Another issue finds the subject matter relating to teachers themselves. The expectations placed upon teachers have demanded much of their performance in the community. Most have worked quite hard to earn their keep. Sometimes though, I have wondered if some more airing out of concerns regarding commitments to housing, etc., would not have added to the encouragement of teachers to remain in the community. We have ideas on curriculum development which we are following up on. But a lot of times I have felt "who cares?" More like, "Hey, I'm on your side. Let's do it together." Basically, if I'm on the receiving end of an attitude which says take it or leave it I will most likely be discouraged and leave.

A basic element in trying to accommodate individual needs in the school program requires some shift in the way school has traditionally viewed the learner. I have talked myself blue in the face to teachers who seem convinced that I don't know what I am talking about. The literature in Native education dealing with the effects of differing and often opposing value orientations between the native student and the white middle class style of the school system has received ample attention in recent years. While it is beyond the scope of this article to explore the topic in detail, mention of it is made to point out the necessity for a more definitive and operational approach in teaching to be adopted by the school.

To reiterate, some things happen slowly. The new school promises possibilities of a new era in education in this community. Tomorrow will see what we make of it for our children.

James Vasteseoote

What Is Culture?

What Is The Cultural-Centre?

"Culture refers to the arts, skills, objects, instruments, philosophy and institutions of a group or a society which distinguishes it from another group or society" as that human entity reacts with its social and natural environments.

Canada's traditional native groups are acculturating to an alien social environment; while doing so the Indian people may borrow objects, ideas, and behaviour from alien cultures. As these borrowed items are reacted to and used in a novel and unique manner by the native people, they, then, also become part of the native people's culture, so that the contemporary native culture is an amalgam of both Native and borrowed elements and both can be combined and called native culture.

A Cultural Education Centre is a learning environment where native culture is researched, preserved, revitalized, adapted and then transmitted by an educational process to Native people and others in world society.

At such a centre a search is made through experimentation and innovation for greater relevancy of the educational process, in terms of the unique cultural understanding of that process by the Indian People so that by a more relevant educational process the Native people's cultural awareness and positive self-identity is reinforced.

A centre is where all decisions related to methodology, curriculum and related activities are made by the Indian people who are served by the Centre.

Felix Boubard
Director of Cultural Ed. Centre

Don't Feel Guilty About Indians

DEAR ABBY: You and SENSITIVE AND SAD can put away your guilt feelings about the American Indians.

I have lived on an Indian reservation for the past 25 years, and find NO injustice or cruelty, unless it is to the non-Indians who live in states where reservations are located.

All Indians are citizens of the United States, and although they receive privileges any other citizen enjoys, they do not contribute for any of these privileges!

In 1975, it cost the U.S. taxpayer \$10,000 for each Indian family. At the present expanding rate, it will be \$20,000 per family by 1980. Indians get FREE medical, hospital, dental and optical care from birth to death. They pay no state taxes on homes, cars,

land, personal property or income. They may hunt and fish around the year - no bag limit, no licence. They can receive FREE education from Head Start to Ph.D.'s. They are given preference on jobs; some ads read, "tribal members only need apply." They get wells drilled, sanitary facilities installed on ranches, farms and homes away from municipal facilities. All free. The list is endless.

Already in 1977, this reservation has received \$2,600,000 in grants from HUD for 2500 members living here. This is over \$1,000 for each man, woman and child. This is over and above the other programs. They also receive tax-free tribal payments. They have more than a \$4 million income from power sites, timber

sales and grazing fees.

Where else in the world can you get all this free, at taxpayer's expense?

So, rejoice; the Indians are doing O.K. Wish we had it so good.

ENVIIOUS OF THE RESERVATION

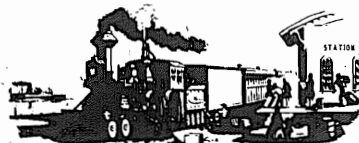
DEAR ENVIIOUS: You choose to submerge all feelings of sadness and guilt about the white man's treatment of the American Indian as a result of your observations during the past 25 years. And whether your observations tell a complete, accurate story of the 650,000 Indians that today live on reservations is a question upon which my readers may want to comment. [P.S. If you will send me your name and address I will forward to you some of the mail that I expect.]

Letter To The Editor

belongs to our younger citizen-ship.

support our stand and cause, so we may better the opportunities of our upcoming generation, and we urge you to respect what

Yours truly,
Bingo Committee
Fort Alexander Reserve
Fort Alexander, Man.
Marie T. Guilmond.



January 14, 1977
The Editor
Sagkeeng News
Fort Alexander, Man.

Dear

It would be appreciated if we could have the following comments published in the Sagkeeng News, as it affects our community and is directed at the general public.

We, the working members of the Bingo Committee would like to re-affirm the goals and objectives of our group, and inform our people of the work we have been trying to do.

As our community suffers from lack of recreational funds, we have set up this Bingo, as a way of offsetting expenses for you parents, in providing monies to our **minor** recreational programs to purchase equipment and also funds for Entrance Fees so our **minor** teams may enter League play, playoffs and tournaments. Although we have provided loans to adult teams, we feel that they can probably handle their own expenses, and would request that any loans they do secure or have secured from our group, be paid back as soon as possible. We have also experienced problems with individuals securing personal loans from our organization and not returning these funds. If we have such irresponsible, selfish individuals that take advantage of resources that are set apart for our young people, we will have no alternative but to post these names along with the amount owing for the information of the general public. If these individuals persist in this sort of practise, we will eventually, at some time, be without funds when it is desperately needed.

We would appreciate that you, the residents of Fort Alexander

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT NATIVE OUTREACH

We know it isn't always easy to get into the job world. That's why Native Outreach is here to help. We're funded by Canada Manpower and because we are part of the entire Manpower system we can help you get into a good work situation.

We can help you apply for training, mobility grants, job creation projects and many other Manpower services. In fact, getting good jobs for native people is our full-time job.

All our counsellors are native people who speak one of the native dialects of the

area. We can meet you at the bus depot or airport if you are arriving in the city and help you find your way to a job and a place to stay.

Above all, the counsellors know that work scene and can help you before and after you get a job. We know all the other agencies as well, and can show you where to go and who to see.

So phone or drop by the Native Outreach office in your area. It might be the first step to a good job.

Holiday Act Legislation Introduced

OTTAWA A bill that would establish a new national holiday to be called National Heritage Day on the second Monday in February each year was introduced by Secretary of State John Roberts and given first reading today in the House of Commons.

The proposed legislation, which would involve an amendment to Part III of the Canada Labour Code, would not be binding on the provinces but five provincial governments and the two Territorial governments have already officially proclaimed National Heritage Day, though not as a holiday, pending federal action.

The bill also provides for the name of Canada's birthday, celebrated on the first of July, to be changed from Dominion Day to Canada Day and for the name of Victoria Day Holiday, which takes place in May, to be changed to the Queen's (King's) Birthday.



Manpower and Immigration
Bud Cullen
Minister

Main - d'œuvre et Immigration
Bud Cullen
Ministre

Canada Manpower Centres: Let's work together

Sagkeeng Furniture Report

Report Submitted by:

Larry Boubard
George Fontaine
Date: March 4, 1977
Subject: Tour - Louis Riel "Step Ladder Industry" - St. Laurent, Manitoba

A meeting and a tour was scheduled for March 2, 1977 at 10:00 a.m. as previously agreed with John Chartrand, Assistant Manager Trainee. The tour of the plant showed how the ladders were made on an assembly line system. The lumber was obtained from Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. due to the economical cost including transportation. They obtained the metal components of the step ladders from Texas, U.S.A. again due to the economical costs including transportation.

The following points are related from discussions and observations of this field trip:

1. In the assembly line, the machinery is movable from one area to another and/or the machinery equipment can be turned around.

2. Air compressor is used on machinery/equipment on the whole of the assembly. This increases production and lowers the cost of electricity.

3. The workers on the assembly get along well due to the fact that the workers are familiar with equipment and work area. In addition each worker has a share to the company and all the workers own the plant.

4. In transportation, they use a local transfer and ship the finished product to the selected Winnipeg market - Canadian Tire. Prior to making a work order, the factory agreed with Canadian Tire to make so much step ladders.

5. On a competition basis with other step ladders, they have already put two (2) companies out of business due to their improved type of step ladders.

6. In the administration section, John Chartrand is learning his role as Manager of the Louis Riel Factory. The secretary does the typing including payroll and taking inventory and work orders approved by the Manager.

7. Future planning on the building plant is being worked on, on such areas as a lunch room, board room and storage room.

8. Contact has been made, and future discussion and tours are possible with St. Laurent Industry.

Report Submitted By:

Larry Boubard
George G. Fontaine
Date: March 3, 1977

Subject: Tour - Sawmill Operation at Brokenhead Indian Reserve, Scantbury, Manitoba.

A meeting and tour was scheduled on March 1, 1977 as previously agreed with Chief Jim Bear, George and myself. We first met at the Brokenhead Band Office for a meeting and then proceeded for a tour of the carpentry workshop and the sawmill operation. The tour of the carpentry workshop showed the type of lumber they obtained from the sawmill operation for the construction of window frames, doors, and other items used in house buildings.

The sawmill operation equipment is portable, meaning that the location of the worksite can be relocated at anytime. The Band feels that this is important due to that fact that the Band obtains royalties/permits from Department of Renewable Resources for sections of bush territory cutting.

The following points are observations and discussions that transpired:

1. Presently the sawmill operation is not functioning however, are prepared to start anytime. The Band has agreed to supply raw material-lumber upon request.

2. Type of trees cut: spruce, elm, birch, oak (some).

3. Band will sell to Sagkeeng Furniture the going cost rate of lumber as other lumber companies.

4. Lumber from the sawmill operation must be seasoned or dried before it is used for woodwork construction purposes. There is a period of between six (6) to nine (9) months before the lumber is used or else it will warp and crack if used immediately. The Band at the moment are working on setting up a kiln for drying the lumber sooner.

5. The Band will supply different sizes of lumber upon request (i.e. 2 x 4, 2 x 6, etc.). Other sizes of lumber that the sawmill operation cannot provide will be obtained elsewhere.

6. The Brokenhead Indian Band suggested that we talk to Max Bossi - 942-6121 - Winnipeg Builders for woodwork operation and buying of equipment and tools on the plant.

7. It is understood that once Sagkeeng Furniture has confirmed what kinds of products are going to be made, the Band will know what quantities of raw material they can supply.

8. A letter of understanding will be going to the Band regarding the meeting of March 1, 1977 between Sagkeeng Furniture and Brokenhead Indian Band - Sawmill Operation.

WANTED CLERK - TYPIST

This person is needed for duties on a part time basis with the Fort Alexander Child & Family Services.

Applications should be submitted at the Band Office no later than April 30, 1977.

WANTED Two (2) Band Constables

To work within the reserve and with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment in Powerview.

Qualifications

Must be eighteen (18) years of age.
Valid drivers license.
Grade 10 or equivalent.

Salary - Negotiable

All written applications should be submitted at the Band Office no later than May 20, 1977.

General Band Meeting

from the Band. The phone rings often from various agencies inquiring about individuals in the reserve that are applying somewhere for loans. "Bring your problems over to Matthew, and we'll try to resolve it".

Pat: Paul will be taking applications.

Felix: About quitting my job. I'd hate to lose all my benefits for two years in working for the Band. I'm not on salary, but to attend meetings in Winnipeg I'd like to get expenses. Comments from the floor.

Virginia - Why is Felix not being paid, when he is working for the Band.

Chief - That was his wish but he is getting compensated for meetings he attends.

Edward - I agree with Mrs. Fontaine that it is not fair that he is not being paid. I agree that he should keep his job at the mill.

Louis Bruyere - works for Wellstar.

Pat Cook - \$550.00 a month; Paul Guilmond - \$550.00 a month; Lawrence - (S.E.A.).

Henry Courchene - not fair for those waiting for home repairs, if people are not paying their loans.

Chief - Some people have to be

reminded.

Henry Courchene - There should be a policy on seasonal workers to defer payments. Loans should not be allowed to lapse.

RECREATION - (Felix) - No funds, but we are trying elsewhere. I'd like to start early to get different sports started, for kids and even adults.

ROADS - Had meeting with R.D. Brown and mentioned that large sums of money have been on the road repair (North Shore). Asked the road be paved. We have a meeting tomorrow with L.G.D. of Alexander to devise a way to get reserve road and the road adjacent to it to be paved. We're trying to get the road paved through DREE - North-Lands Agreement.

Chief - Grader - we signed a contract with MEKESI to work our grader at \$24,000 and hour which is approximately \$500.00 a day.

Felix - We would like to get a monthly meeting with Band employees. In the past, employees have been pretty slack, in that they do not stay for full eight hours.

Pat - Special Projects - We got funding from F.L.I.P., \$6,000 for

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banking the cemeteries. 30% of this goes to materials.

Henry - That F.L.I.P. money, is it only for just one project?

Chief - \$7,000 is for materials, and \$39,000 is to pay for 20 guys.

Reserve Survey - This is to determine exact locations of individuals for housing and economic development.

Edward - Did not understand, and it was explained to him again. Concern over what he owned.

Bert Courchene - We were promised C.P.'s when we moved into townsite. Check Jim Bear Re: Sale for Housing in Brokenhead.

Lawrence - I will not issue C.P.'s. One thing I want to make clear, if I issue C.P.'s some agreement will be worked out not to sell to white people.

Henry - I think there's a C.P. on where I live (Gordon Bruyere's).

Matthew - I think there's a letter from someone to Edwin Bruyere, that land can be sold to non-Indian.

"The only way Reserve Land can be sold is by surrender."

"C.P. owners cannot sell to non-Indians but they can lease to non-Indians. (without surrender) with the approval of the Minister.

WANTED

IMMEDIATELY

Night Watchman

for the

SAGKEENG AL-CARE CENTRE

DUTIES INCLUDE:

- 1) Responsible for all the related duties of a night watchman from 12 midnight - 8 a.m.
- 2) Perform other related duties from time to time deemed so by the Office Manager.

SALARY: Negotiable

All applications must reach the Al-Care Centre by Monday, April 25, 1977.