

**C/Supt. Hugh Feagan (right) presenting a "G" Division plaque to Chief Jonny Charlie.**

C/Supt. Hugh Feagan was posted to Fort McPherson in 1957 and again in 1960 until 1962. During this time Hugh & Marj Feagan developed an excellent rapport with the local people. This mutual respect and admiration has lasted over the years. In 1980 C/Supt. Feagan became the C.O. "G" Division and numerous visits were made to Fort McPherson where old acquaintances were renewed. Open door hospitality greeted the Feagans wherever they went and this was cheerfully reciprocated when local people visited the Feagan's home in Yellowknife, N.W.T.

During the winter of 1985 the Band Council headed by Chief Johnny Charlie decided to host a feast and dance for the Feagans on the occasion of C/Supt. Feagan's retirement from the Force. Many people assisted in all facets of the preparations to ensure a successful celebration.

The Feagans arrived in Fort McPherson during the late afternoon of June 21, 1985, in order to visit with some of the old people prior to attending the feast. The feast started at 1800 hrs. with the traditional firing of three rifle shots to indicate that all was in readiness. Out-of-town guests included S/Sgt. Jim Lambert, "G" Division D.S.R.R., Insp. Merv and Ruth Markell, O.C. Inuvik Sub-Division, Russell and Sue Look and Susie Huskey. Other guests attended from Old Crow, Yukon Territory; Aklavik, Inuvik, Arctic Red River, N.W.T. Mary Teya acted as emcee for this event.

Local detachment members attended in red serge and were inspected by C/Supt. Feagan and Chief Johnny Charlie. Numerous gifts and presentations were made to the Feagans and the Feagans were made Honorary Band Members. They received the traditional \$5 treaty payment along with a couple of dilapidated fish nets. Marj Feagan was given a tin pot to pick berries in because, according to the Chief Charlie, the \$5 wouldn't go very far in feeding a family. Several humorous anecdotes were told by various people who knew the Feagans during their years in Fort McPherson. On a more serious note C/Supt. Feagan presented Chief Charlie a "G" Division



plaque in appreciation for his support of the RCMP through the years. Chief Charlie has been involved in Band Council matters for over 25 years.

The dance was held at the Chief Julius School and started at approximately 21:30 hrs. A demonstration of traditional native dancing was provided by the children and was a delight to see. As things began to wind down at 3 in the morning all involved were extremely tired but happy in knowing the celebration was a huge success.

C/Supt. Feagan stated that it was a thrilling experience to return to the community where he and his wife had spent their early years in the Force and received such very special treatment.

It is indeed a tribute to Hugh & Marj Feagan that they are held in such high esteem by the people of Fort McPherson. Attaining the respect and admiration as they have shows a high level of community involvement based on outstanding service and dedication that is an example to all.

*submitted by Cpl. E.P. Farrell*