

"Sea and Desert" luxury vacation

Get ready for a marvellous "sea and desert" holiday. Leave Vancouver March 13. Travel aboard the luxurious cruise-ship "Oriana" — four nights — to Los Angeles. Three nights in San Diego. Visit Disneyland, the fantastic world of the "Queen Mary", Balboa Park with its world-famous zoo and Tijuana.

Then take off in a special air-conditioned bus for Las Vegas, for two nights, and Reno for two nights, to enjoy the tinsel world with all its special attractions.

Spend one night in Eugene and one night in Portland on the return home.

This is a fun-filled deluxe package, with all the features listed above included in the fare. The fare also covers a berth on the Oriana and all meals while on the ship. Fares begin at \$464.00. Call Pacific Stage Lines now for reservations 681-6381.

One-day trip

Leave at 9 a.m. on January 19 for a scenic drive up lovely Howe Sound to Squamish, then through the ski centre of Whistler Mountain to Pemberton. Elevation is over 2500 feet much of the trip and this should provide a spectacular winter panorama. There is a lunch stop at Pemberton. Back in Vancouver about 6 p.m. Adults \$6.95, children \$3.50.

Detour — The roughest distance between two points.

Coming Events

● Jan. 18 — "Burn's Supper" Windsor U.C.W. will be holding their annual supper in the Church Hall, 31st & Elgin Street at 6:30 p.m. For tickets phone 876-8302.

● Jan. 19 — Bridge & Whist Evening, Willington Heights Church Hall, corner of Madison & Parker Streets in North Burnaby. Time 8 p.m. Refreshments and prizes. Admission \$1.00.

● Jan. 21 — Film show and discussion of interest to all parents. Admission is free, also refreshments. Time 8 p.m. Lonsdale Elementary School, 2151 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver. Sponsored by the North Shore Foster-parents Association.

● Jan. 22 — "Smorgasbord" lower hall of the Masonic Hall, McDonald Street at Triumph. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults & children under 12 \$1.50. Phone Mrs. Knowels at 298-8059 for tickets. Sponsored by the Burnaby Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

● Jan. 24-25-26-31 & Feb. 1 & 2 — The Greater Vancouver Operatic Society will present Gilbert & Sullivan's operetta "YEOMAN OF THE GUARD" North Vancouver Centennial Theatre, 23rd and Lonsdale at 8:30 p.m. Tickets Adults \$3.00, children \$1.50. Famous Artists 681-3351.

● Jan. 25 — "A Burn's Supper" will be hosted by Rev. Duncan Chalmers at Chown Memorial United Church, Cambie at 19th at 6:30 p.m. Admission \$2.50.

● Jan. 26 — "Annual Burn's Supper & Dance" St. Mary's Hall, 5251 Joyce Street. Cocktail hour 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner is at 6:40 p.m. Dancing from 9 to 12 p.m. Sponsored by the Vancouver Ladies Pipe Band Association.

● Jan. 26 — "Burn's Supper" The North Vancouver St. Andrews and Caledonian Society will be holding its annual supper in the Carson Graham School in North Vancouver. This year will feature Highland Dancing, Scottish Country Dancing, Piping and Scottish Folk Singing. For further information 987-5505.

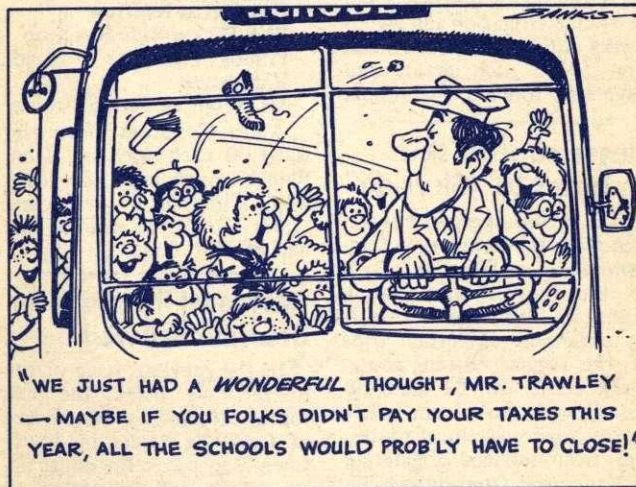
● Jan. 30 — Vancouver South Presbyterian Annual Meeting is to be held at Chown Memorial United Church, 3519 Cambie Street. Registration time is 9:30 a.m. Bring your own lunch, tea and coffee provided.

Cow hide — The thing that holds the cow together.



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We, too, pay taxes

Like almost everyone who owns real estate and other assets, we pay school taxes. While we are not required to pay general taxes to municipalities, we accept our responsibility as a corporate citizen by making grants instead.

B.C. Hydro paid \$21.2 million in school taxes and grants to municipalities during 1973.

School taxes, which Hydro pays in most areas on the same basis as any other taxpayer, accounted for \$17.2 million of the total.

Hydro is exempt from general taxes but instead makes grants to all municipalities in the regions of British Columbia it serves. The grants are based on the equivalent of the previous year's general and local improvement taxes applied to all lands and most buildings owned by Hydro, plus one per cent of the

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gross revenue from sales of electricity (and gas, where applicable) in each area concerned.

In unorganized areas, similar grants are paid to the provincial government. In addition, smaller amounts are paid to local improvement districts and regional districts and to dyking, irrigation and waterworks entities in various areas. For 1973, such grants and payments totalled \$4 million.

Please control skis on buses to "Skyride"

B.C. Hydro operates bus service from the terminal on Capilano Road at Cleveland Dam to the foot of the Grouse Mountain "Skyride". This is an extension of certain trips of the regular Queens route. Connections can be made to the Queens bus from other North Vancouver local routes, and from services originating in Vancouver from downtown and Kootenay Loop. Call 261-4211 for schedule information.

The carrying of skis is permitted. However, passengers carrying skis are reminded that they have a responsibility to handle them carefully both while boarding and while riding. If possible, they should take a seat or stand at the back of the bus. Skis should be held upright and away from windows and other passengers.

Pacific Stage Lines is now operating its special winter service to the skiing area of Seymour Mountain. PSL buses have large storage compartments under the passenger area with plenty of space for skis and any other equipment.

PSL buses leave the Van-

couver Bus Depot each Saturday and Sunday starting at 7:45 a.m. and every hour at quarter to the hour thereafter until 3:45 p.m. Buses will leave Mt. Seymour at 8:45 a.m. and every hour at quarter to the hour until 4:45 p.m.

Bus stops to pick up and discharge passengers will be made at:

Hastings at Commercial
Hastings at Renfrew
PNE Park-n-Ride Bus Stop
Phibbs Exchange - North Vancouver
Mt. Sevmour Park Entrance

Adult fare from Vancouver is \$1.00 each way and from Phibbs Exchange 75¢ each way. Children 5 years and under 12 will be charged one half of adult fare.

Additional Rerouting for Granville Mall work

In the previous issue of the Buzzer, we listed the bus routes affected by the closure of Granville Street in downtown Vancouver for construction of the Mall. In addition to Routes 4, 6, 7, 10, 14, 15, 16, 19 and 20, the following will change in the downtown area:

25 Victoria - Via Granville Bridge, Seymour, Hastings.

34 Hastings Express - Via Granville Bridge, Seymour, Hastings.

34 Hastings Express (short turns downtown) - Via Hastings, Richards, Robson, Seymour, Hastings.

60 Richmond Express - Via Granville Bridge, Seymour, Dunsmuir, Burrard, Hastings, Howe, Granville Bridge.

Indigestion - The failure to adjust a square meal to a round stomach.

Service and route changes

Effective February 1, there will be changes to five routes in North Vancouver and two in Vancouver.

In Vancouver, Spanish Banks service will be hourly from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Hourly service also will be provided Monday to Friday in both directions on Chancellor Boulevard between Main Mall and Crescent and Blanca Loop.

In North Vancouver, the following route changes will be effective:

Mountain Highway - 910 FASTBUS: Service will be extended to north of Dempsey Road. Northbound from Mountain Highway and Dempsey via Mountain, McNair, Hoskins and Dempsey to present stop on Underwood. Southbound from Underwood and Dempsey via Underwood, Coleman, Hoskins, McNair, and Mountain, then to present route. This will serve the growing residential area to the north, including Yorkwood Hills condominiums.

WESTLYNN 93 - the routing of the Westlynn bus will be revised and will be extended to serve Seymour Boulevard.

Northbound: from Phibbs Exchange via Oxford, Mountain Hwy., Fern, Keith, Seymour Blvd. to Grantham and return via Seymour Blvd., Keith, Fern, Mountain Hwy., Keith, Mountain Hwy., Arborlynn, Hoskins, Ross to Lynn Valley Rd.

Southbound: from Lynn Valley Rd. and Ross via Ross, Hoskins, Arborlynn, Mountain Hwy., Keith, Mountain Hwy., Fern, Keith, Seymour Blvd. to

Grantham return via Seymour Blvd., Keith, Fern, Mountain Hwy., Oxford to Phibbs Exchange.

Queens 89 - this service will be routed to Kootenay Loop in Vancouver instead of to Capilano College.

Lillooet 215 - the route presently serving Capilano College will be called Lillooet 215 and will operate between Capilano College and Phibbs Exchange.

Seymour Boulevard - Peak Hour Trips to and from Vancouver: during rush hours, from Monday to Friday, a trip will be added in the morning leaving Seymour Boulevard at 7:43 a.m. via Phibbs Exchange to Hornby and Smithe, and returning from Hornby and Smithe at 4:32 p.m. via the same route. The bus will display MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY - 910 signs with a card in the window showing "To Seymour Blvd. and Grantham" for the afternoon trip.

Railfans invited to Feb. 2 event

All railfans are invited to participate in a special event on Saturday, February 2. Location is Marineview Chapel Hall at 4000 West 41st Avenue. Time is 1:30 p.m. and things happen through to 10:30 p.m.

"Target Rails", the host organization, will present a program of rail documentary films and there will be literature, book displays, pictures and posters. Maybe working models. Contributions of suitable nostalgia are solicited, but telephone 732-0430, or 261-3415 so that arrangements can be made for including your contributions in the program.