

## The Buzzer

### Scenic Drives to Popular Local Places

Enjoy a leisurely scenic drive to various places in and around the Lower Mainland which are destinations for Pacific Stage Lines' popular one-day trips.

Take off at 9 a.m. on February 8 for a drive to Mount Baker National Forest Park, at the 4000 ft. elevation, for a fantastic winter scene. Then to Bellingham for a two-hour visit. Back in Vancouver about 6:30 p.m. Adults \$6.50, children \$3.25.

On February 14, observe St. Valentine's Day by taking the special Tea Tour, an annual event which has become very popular. Departure time is 1 p.m. Enjoy a drive through the countryside, then a stop about mid-afternoon at some congenial spot where afternoon tea (and coffee) are available. Back in Vancouver about 5 p.m. Adults \$5, children \$4, and this includes the afternoon tea.

One of the great local scenic drives is to Pemberton and the trip leaves at 9:30 a.m. on February 22. Enjoy spectacular views of beautiful Howe Sound which is dotted with islands and ringed by snow-capped mountains. Then into the Cheakamus Valley to the foot of Whistler Mountain. Here passengers have the option of leaving the bus to enjoy the exciting gondola lift up the mountain (cost not included in bus fare) and be picked up by the bus on the return trip.

Destination is Pemberton, in time for lunch. Visit lovely Brandywine Falls on the drive back to Vancouver, to arrive about 6:30 p.m.

Adult fare is \$7.50, children

### Mt. Seymour Service

Pacific Stage Lines operates a special service Saturdays and Sundays to the skiing area of Mount Seymour Park. The service continues as long as snow conditions attract a reasonable volume of passengers.

Buses leave the Vancouver Bus Depot at 7:45, 8:45, 9:45, 10:45 a.m. and 12:45 and 3:45 p.m. Departures from the parking area on Mount Seymour are at 9:45, 11:45 a.m., and 1:45, 2:45, 3:45 and 4:45 p.m.

On the way to Mount Seymour stops will be made at Hastings and Commercial, Hastings and Renfrew, the PNE Park-Ride (at the bus shelters), Phibbs Exchange and the Mt. Seymour Road at Mt. Seymour Parkway.

Fares from the Vancouver area are \$1.00 for adults, 50¢ for children; from Phibbs Exchange (North Vancouver) 75¢ for adults, 40¢ for children, from the park entrance 65¢ for adults, 35¢ for children. Return fares are the same.

This is a deluxe service using big diesel-powered buses with plenty of space in the underbody luggage compartment for skis and other items. Park your car and use this safe and reliable service. For additional information call 683-2421.

*Woman driver: "Can you fix this fender so my husband will never know I bent it?"*

\$3.75.

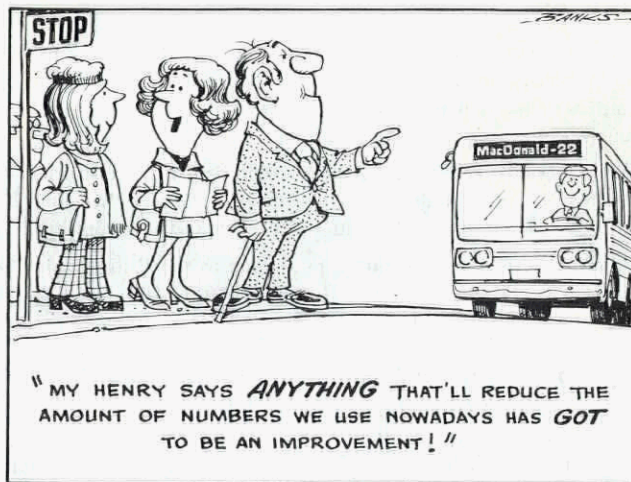
All trips leave the Vancouver Bus Depot at Cambie and Dunsmuir. Your ticket is your reservation so buy it early to avoid disappointment.

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## Test of Numbering Proposal

The Greater Vancouver Transit System is unique in many ways. It has the largest trolley bus fleet in the country, the strongest riding habit of any city of its size without rail service in Canada or the U.S.A. and soon will have the only rapid transit ferry on the continent.

It is unique in one other way too: in the naming and numbering of its bus routes in the city of Vancouver. Principal transit routes in Vancouver show a different name and number according to the direction they are travelling. For example, the trolley bus route that serves Granville, Hastings, Commercial and Victoria, is called "the Granville 20" when it runs inbound on Commercial and out on Granville, while in the opposite direction, it is called "Victoria 25".

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This unusual nomenclature makes life easier for the passenger by avoiding confusion as to which side of the street to stand to go to a particular place. But it has its problems: trying to show bus routes on a map involves twice as many numbers and consequently can create confusion, especially downtown where there are one-way streets.

We think we have found a way for the passenger to "have his cake and eat it too": make the route number the same in both directions, but change the name. Then people can still have the directional benefit they now enjoy but public information aids, such as maps, will carry only half as many numbers.

Good, we say, but will it work? Will the public like it? We propose to try the scheme on one route, the Knight-MacDonald, and see what our patrons think. If it is a success, we'll extend it to other Vancouver routes.

On Tuesday, January 20, Knight-MacDonald buses will show the number "22" in both directions. So the signs will read "Knight - 22" and "MacDonald - 22". The latter was formerly "MacDonald - 23".

Let us know what you think, by writing to the British Columbia Bureau of Transit Services, c/o Courthouse, 800 W. Georgia, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 1P6.

## *Schmockey, Mothers' March Aid Disabled*

Kinsmen Mothers' March is the principal financial support for the Kinsmen Rehabilitation Foundation, and this year the March will take place from January 25 to 31. Thousands of volunteers will call at doors in communities. They will seek support for the work of aiding physically disabled in the province whose needs are not met by any other agency or by government programs.

The drive will be started by "Schmockey '76", a two-hour "Ice Spectacular" set for Sunday, January 25, 2 p.m., at the Pacific Coliseum. Admission is only \$1.50 and tickets are available at all Shoppers Drug Marts. Proceeds for this excellent show go to the Foundation.

## History, Games, Fun For Retired

For Senior Citizens, there will be a showing of photographic slides of early Vancouver from the collection of the Vancouver Public Library. Presented at the meeting of the Vancouver Pioneers Assn. at 1:30 p.m., January 22, Church Hall at 1110 Thurlow Street, downtown Vancouver.

Dunbar Community Centre is one of the several centres offering special programs for the retired. Dancing to live music every Thursday, 50¢ including refreshments. Wednesday whist and bridge, make up your own table. Cost is 20¢. Every Tuesday, concerts, films, bingo or bus trips. Every Tuesday and Thursday, carpet bowling. All programs from 1 to 4 p.m. Call 224-1374 for information.

## Direct Services to Harness Races

Harness racing is a fascinating sport and you can enjoy its thrills at Cloverdale.

Pacific Stage Lines offers a direct service to the raceway for the full season of racing from Vancouver and New Westminster.

Saturday schedule — leave Vancouver Bus Depot at 12 noon, arrive at the track for post-time of 1:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday — leave Vancouver Bus Depot at 6:30 p.m., arrive before post-time of 7:30 p.m.

A package fare of \$2.95 includes admission to the grandstand and the trip both ways on the bus.

From New Westminster, buses leave on Saturdays at 12:15 p.m., and on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:45 p.m. Return fare including admission to the grandstand is \$2.25.

Buses are waiting to pick up passengers after the final race.

Passengers who hold valid grandstand admissions can buy return tickets at reduced prices.

## Mystery Trips Will Operate Much Earlier

This spring, Mystery Trips will commence and end earlier than in previous years. They will start on Wednesday, February 11 and terminate March 31. Look for further details in the next issue of the Buzzer.

## Pharmacare Cards

Pharmacare Cards are now the only cards honoured for the senior citizens' fare reduction on B.C. Hydro buses. The Senior Citizens Courtesy Card has been phased out.

*The honeymoon is over when he phones that he'll be late for supper — and she has already left a note that it's in the refrigerator.*

## New Stop Added to Gulf Islands Service

A new stop has been added to the Pacific Stage Lines' service which meets the Gulf Islands ferry at Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal. It is at Oak Street and 49th Avenue, and is effective both directions.

Throughout the winter and until May 20, there are two trips daily, Monday through Saturday, leaving the Vancouver Bus Depot at 8:20 a.m., and 6:00 p.m., and leaving Tsawwassen at 9:20 a.m. and 7:20 p.m. An additional trip on Fridays and Saturdays leaves the Depot at 1:10 p.m. and the ferry terminal at 2:20 p.m.

On Sundays and holidays, buses leave the Depot at 8:20 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., and the ferry terminal at 9:20 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 7:20 p.m., and 10:40 p.m.

Buses transfer passengers to the outgoing ferry and pick up passengers from the Gulf Islands. This ferry serves Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saltspring islands, with connecting ferry services to other islands. For full information, including all stops, call 683-2421.