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Video value doubted

KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP) - RCMP Insp. Vic Edwards said his detachment prepared video tape evidence for a drunk driving trial two years ago but it was not allowed in court.

Edwards was commenting on a claim by Vernon RCMP that an upcoming trial there will be the first in Canada in which video evidence of a driver's performance after his arrest will be used.

"The same thing was tried here in Kamloops two years ago but it wasn't successful in court," he said.

The accused must plead guilty in order for video evidence to be allowed, said Edwards, and the accused must also have been advised of the filming and agreed to it.

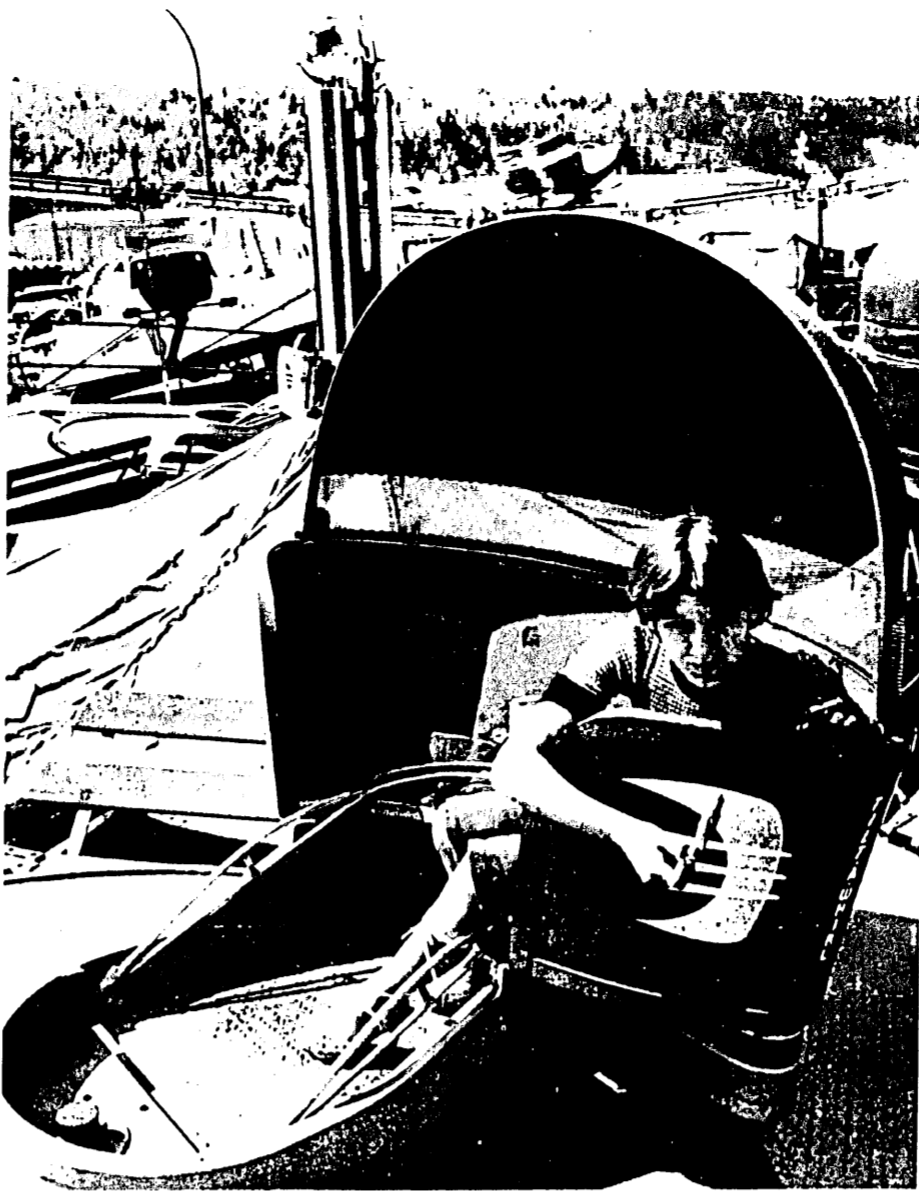
"No drunk would agree to this and then plead guilty," he said.

Edwards said that in the case here two years ago, the accused pleaded not guilty so the video evidence was abandoned.

Edwards said the concept of video evidence is a good one.

"It gives a very true picture of a person's action, but it's like a wiretap. You have to protect the rights of people, you have to follow the rules."

Vernon RCMP, copying a system used in Snohomish County in Washington state, have marked black lines in the corridor leading to the breath test room at the RCMP building. Drivers perform four basic balance tests in front of the cameras.



Citizen photo by Tim Swanky

Carnival time

It's carnival time and Denyse Renaud helps out by touching up one of the popular midway attractions, the Tilt-a-Whirl. The midway will be running full tilt from noon until midnight every day this weekend as part of the Elks May Days celebrations at the Exhibition Grounds.

Firm stand against pot

VICTORIA (CP) - Health Minister Bob McClelland said Thursday he opposes any move to relax the country's marijuana laws.

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McClelland said in an interview he disagrees with a proposal by the British Columbia Medical Association and a recent suggestion by the federal government that marijuana use not be a criminal offence.

The minister said it has been proven that the drug produces harmful effects, and easing the penalties would only make it more accessible.

released after a chlorine gas leak in the kraft mill.

A company spokesman said five workers were treated for exposure to chlorine gas and four other observed before being released.

Victoria ceremony

VICTORIA (CP) - H. P. Bell-Irving, 65, became British Columbia's 23rd lieutenant governor when he was sworn in today at Government House.

He succeeds Walter Owen. Among guests at the ceremony were four former B.C. lieutenant-governors—Owen, George Pearkes, John Nicholson and Clarence Wallace.

Workers treated

PORTALBERNI, B.C. (CP) - Nine workers at MacMillan Bloedel Ltd.'s pulp and paper division here were treated at hospital Thursday and

Traffic protest

REVELSTOKE, B.C. (CP) - A woman caused a one-hour traffic jam Wednesday when she parked her car across Highway 23 to protest road delays caused by British Columbia Hydro's work on the Revelstoke Dam.

RCMP in this community, 400 kilometres northeast of Vancouver, said the protest by Betty Bush backed traffic up for about two kilometres.

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AD CORRECTION

On page 3 of the May Bargain Day Flyer, item 3m and 3n the prices were transposed and should read:
3m - reg. 19.99 Sale 13.97
3n - reg. 14.99 Sale 8.99

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FOOD SURVEY

Chicken, hot dogs among best buys

by BEV CHRISTENSEN
Citizen Family Editor

Chicken will be a featured item on many holiday menus this weekend as prices locally ranged from 69 cents a pound at Safeway to 79 cents a pound in each of the three remaining stores surveyed.

Safeway's low price is for 'utility' grade chickens. This lower grade does not indicate a lower quality meat but only that, during processing, the birds were damaged and may have torn skin or a missing segment. If you intend to cut the birds up for frying, these defects will not be noticeable.

You can also add hot dogs to your shopping list for the long holiday weekend as they were on sale at Safeway and Overwaitea at 85 cents a pound.

If you're planning to barbecue some steaks you'll find the best price for T-bone steaks is \$2.89 a pound at Overwaitea and Safeway where they also had the best price for regular ground beef for your holiday barbecued hamburgers at 99 cents a pound.

The first of this season's corn on the cob began appearing in the supermarkets this week and prices ranged from 16.5 cents a cob at Woodward's to 20 cents a cob at the remaining three stores surveyed.

Lettuce prices dropped another 10 cents a head this week and now stand at 79-89 cents a head.

As predicted earlier the price of powdered skim milk moved up sharply this week. Old stock was replaced by new stock priced under the new federal dairy policy which came into effect in B.C. May 1. As a result the cost of a five-pound bag of Woodward's powdered milk will rise from \$4.19 to \$6.69, a 60 per cent increase. Similar increases are expected in other brands.

Potato prices ranged from 53 cents to \$1.70 for 10 pounds this week. The lowest price was found at Safeway which offers 15-pound bags of Kennebec potatoes for 79 cents. That works out to 53 cents for 10 pounds. New potatoes are appearing in local supermarkets now with prices ranging from 31 cents a pound at Overwaitea to 33 cents a pound at Woodward's and 35 cents a pound at Safeway and Super Valu.

Lowest total price for the 34 items included in The Citizen's weekly food price survey was \$41 at Safeway on Victoria Street where a year ago the same groceries cost \$37.84, or 8.3 per cent less. Similarly prices at Overwaitea on 15th Ave. were \$41.54 this week compared to \$38.22 a year ago, an 8.6 per cent increase, prices at Woodward's rose 10.9 per cent from \$38.71 to \$42.94 and Super Valu's prices rose from \$37.67 to \$43.31 or 14.9 per cent.

In the list which follows the store registering the lowest price for each item is identified by the following abbreviations: Safeway-Sfwy, Overwaitea-Owte, Woodward's-WWs, and Super Value-S-V.

The list:

2 litres two per cent milk.....	\$1.23-1.23
1 pound butter, Sfwy.....	1.36-1.44
1 pound margarine, WWs.....	51-56
1 pound medium cheddar cheese, S-V.....	1.89-2.29
1 dozen medium eggs, S-V.....	87-96
2 litres ice cream, S-V.....	1.62-1.75
1 pound Crisco shortening, WWs, S-V.....	81-89
32 oz. Mazola cooking oil, S-V.....	1.99-2.25
1 pound regular ground beef, Owte, Sfwy.....	99-1.25
1 pound T-bone steak, Sfwy, Owte.....	2.89-3.71
1 pound pork chops, S-V.....	1.48-1.99
1 pound pork sausage, WWs.....	1.19-1.59
1 pound sliced side bacon, Owte.....	1.49-2.25
1 pound ham, butt end or shank, WWs.....	1.19-1.79
1 pound Wieners, Owte, Sfwy.....	85-1.15
1 pound cod fillets, Owte.....	1.79-2.09
1 pound frying chicken, Sfwy.....	69-79
10 pounds potatoes, Sfwy.....	53-1.70
1 pound carrots, WWs.....	29-39
1 pound cooking onions, Sfwy.....	27-35
1 pound tomatoes, Owte.....	39-89
1 head lettuce, Sfwy.....	79-89
1 pound cabbage, S-V.....	20-49
10 oz. tin Campbell's tomato soup, WWs, S-V.....	27-28
12.5 oz. frozen orange juice, Owte.....	75-99
10 pounds flour, WWs, S-V.....	1.79-1.99
2 kg granulated sugar, WWs.....	1.07-1.09
60 Red Rose tea bags, WWs, S-V.....	2.09-2.15
1 pound coffee, Sfwy.....	2.99-3.49
1 pound apples, WWs.....	47-69
1 pound oranges, Owte.....	25-44
1 pound bananas, Owte, Sfwy.....	30-45
5 pounds rolled oats, S-V.....	1.49-1.71
20 oz. loaf sliced bread, Sfwy.....	45-53

LADY GRACE FIRM

'Deputy owns stock'

VICTORIA (CP) - Attorney-General Garde Gardom said Thursday that his deputy, Richard Vogel, owns 20 per cent of the issued stock in a firm involved with the Lady Grace, the vessel which sank in Vancouver harbor earlier this week.

Gardom said that Vogel purchased shares in Lakex Mines Ltd. in the early 1970s and served as secretary and a director until his resignation on June 30, 1977, following his appointment as deputy attorney-general.

Gardom was replying to questions by Don Lockstead (NDP-Mackenzie) who wanted to know if Vogel was involved in any way with Lakex and Coal Harbor Maritime Leasing Ltd.

Gardom said an investigation into the sinking was being conducted by the Canadian Pacific Railway police and Vancouver police.

The Lady Grace, the former B.C. Ferries vessel Langdale Queen, sank Sunday after being flooded by fresh water pouring in from a shore connection.

The vessel was sold last year for \$50,000 by the government to Coal Harbor Maritime Leasing Ltd., which intended to convert it into a floating office building and senior citizens' centre.

The company now is bankrupt, and the conversion has never been made. Lakex, which took over the project from Coal Harbor after lending the company \$350,000, lost its lease on the mooring space in March.

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