

Musician to tour Yukon

Prince George musician, John Suderman, leaves Sunday to take part in a week-long playing tour of the Yukon, under sponsorship of the Yukon Arts Council.

Suderman is the principal second violinist with the Prince George Symphony Orchestra and also directs the Prince George Youth Symphony Orchestra.

He will tour with his sister, Betty, a pianist living in Abbotsford and Debbie Peters, a flautist living in Whitehorse, Yukon.

They will perform some pieces together but most of the performances will be pieces written especially for solo instruments, with piano accompaniment.

His repertoire will include Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and Dvorak.

The tour will be to five communities including Tungsten, Faro and Whitehorse.

Poachers were busy this year

by ARNOLD OLSON
Staff reporter

Poaching in the western half of the Omineca-Peace region has doubled this winter, environment officials estimate, and little can be done about it.

In the Prince George area alone, the area three conservation field officers must patrol extends to points half-way between Vanderhoof, Valemount, Mackenzie and three-quarters of the way to Quesnel.

At 7,000 square kilometres, this is an area slightly larger than Denmark and almost a third larger than Holland. And that's only part of the Omineca sub-region.

To top this off, the conservation officers' duties range beyond wildlife concerns to include air, water and land pollution control as well.

Gordon Gosling, senior conservation officer, said poaching this year is "... far exceeding the norm. We've had 22 moose killed (within a small area toward Vanderhoof)."

No sustenance hunting permits have been allowed in that area, leaving the blame to poachers.

Reports of these kills came from Gregg Creek, Bobtail Creek and roads close to Vanderhoof. This area is shared between the Prince George and Vanderhoof offices.

Within the area defined as the Prince George office, 16 poaching incidents were reported to the end of January, compared with nine in 1982. These, along with other wildlife infractions total 50 to the end of January of this year, compared with 24 in the same period of 1982.

He said the relatively mild winter with low snowpack conditions has been as helpful to poachers getting around in the woods, as it has been to wildlife.

Gosling said, "We're not any better off this year than we've been before, and we're spending more effort on it, too."

"Poachers just seem to be able to get in and out so darned quickly...by the time we get there, everything is gone — the animal, the hunter and his vehicle."

He said the problem is especially bad when poaching reports come in from as far away as 80 to 100 kilometres.

Recognizing the almost-impossible task of patrolling such an area, the Prince George office has followed a lead set in Smithers last year.

For the first time in this region, the environment ministry is giving officials other than conservation officers training concerning the law behind enforcement and tips on how to gather information to present later in court.

Two seminars have been held in Prince George and another is to be given in Fort St. John next week.

The reason this region's seminars were delayed was because a new Waste Management Act and Wildlife Act went into effect last year, and this office wanted officers familiar with new regulations, Gosling said.

One hope is public support for control of poaching, he said.

Truckers are calling in by mobile radio or their wives are relaying CB radio calls from their husbands.

"We need more of this type of public support," Gosling said.

This is what is referred to as the Observe, Record and Report program hunters and fishermen are urged to support.

UIC payments top \$8 billion

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government handled an average of 1.1 million unemployment insurance claims a month for 1982 and paid a record total of \$8.6 billion, Statistics Canada reports.

Claims received for 1982 totalled 3.9 million, up 33 per cent from 1981, and the amount paid out was 78 per cent higher than the previous year's total of \$4.8 billion, the federal agency said.

That left the unemployment insurance fund with a cumulative deficit of \$2.4 billion, and federal officials estimate that continued high unemployment will push it to \$4.5 billion by the end of this year.



Helmuth Koch works on his latest marquetry creation in which he combines more than 200 pieces of veneer to create a picture of a plowman walking behind two horses.

Citizen photo by Dave Milne

THE ART OF MARQUETRY

Strips of wood come to life

by BEV CHRISTENSEN
Staff reporter

The ancient art of marquetry has found a Canadian home in an old log house in Mud River.

There, Helmuth Koch painstakingly cuts and fits up to 200 pieces of veneer to form pictures from the grain, color and texture of the different woods. His only tools are his hands, a finely-honed hunting knife and a small tool he made to cut narrow strips of veneer.

He is currently working on a large picture of a plowman walking behind two horses which is more than four feet long and two feet high. It is the largest picture he's created since arriving in Canada seven years ago.

He uses no stains or woodburning to enhance his designs. Instead, he finds veneer in which the grain looks like feathers, or gives the outline of mountains, or the impression of the movement of fish. The centre of buris were used for the eyes of owls in two of his pictures. One picture has been carved to provide the image of a net covering a fish.

Koch, who describes himself as a frustrated forester and a stranded cabinet maker, came to central B.C. at the end of a long journey which began when his family fled to West Germany from East Germany to avoid being trapped behind the Berlin Wall. Because there were eight children in the family and they had

been forced to leave most of their belongings behind in East Germany, his parents were unable to educate him for his chosen profession as a forester. So he trained as a carpenter instead then went on to become a master cabinet maker and obtain a degree in industrial wood working.

It wasn't until he came to Prince George more than two years ago that he found the type of the wilderness in which he is free to hike, hunt, fish and "just be there." Someday he hopes to buy a piece of property in the area where he can live close to nature and enjoy his passion for our forests.

Although most of his marquetry pictures are not for sale, he does accept orders for reproductions of his designs.

Depending on its size and intricacy a picture can take 30 to 60 hours to create, he said.

After drafting the original design he transfers it to the selected veneers and cuts each piece out of the wood. The small pieces are then fitted together and held in place with tape. The completed piece is glued onto a sheet of particle board which also has veneer glued onto the back. Brown paper is placed over the design before it is put into a hydraulic spindle press for more than 24 hours to make sure there are no bubbles on the surface of the picture.

The final sanding and finishing leaves the surface so smooth it is impossible to detect any join lines between the veneers which form the pictures.

Sexual-abuse workshop set

How to Talk to Your Children About Sexual Abuse, a workshop sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resources, will be held 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the public library.

Shelley Rivkin of the Justice Institute of B.C. is visiting Prince George to present the workshop.

"Hopefully it's going to be a cosy, very informal evening," said Chuck Brewer, a district supervisor for the Ministry of Human Resources.

He said while the emphasis will be on what to do when children tell you they have been abused, how to warn children against sexual abuse and local resource options won't be left out.

"There are two ways to deal with a problem, a fence at the top of the cliff or an ambulance at the bottom...I'm just as interested in building the fence at the top of the cliff as providing the ambulance service at the bottom," said Brewer.

Many already need the ambulance.

"There's a myth that incest is rare. It's not," Brewer said, adding research shows one in four women experience sexual abuse sometime in their lives. He said 50 per cent of cases go unreported because of the trauma.

Brewer said 98 per cent of sexual abuse involves an adult male and a female child.

Parents have been warning children about strangers for a long time, Brewer said. But strangers are not usually to blame.

"Eighty-nine per cent of offenders are known to the child and 85 per cent of those are incest—a father, an uncle. After those you have the coach, the milkman and the boy scout leader," said Brewer.

The workshop fee is \$2. People may register by calling 962-9227 or pay at the door.

B.C. LABOR SCENE

Fewer days lost

VANCOUVER (CP) — Although wages were a major issue at the bargaining table in 1982, concern over job security attained a much higher profile, the Employers' Council of B.C. says.

The council's observations were made in a prepared statement released Tuesday which

outlined a council research study which examined wages, benefits, labor disputes and other factors affecting collective bargaining in B.C.

Council president Bill Hamilton said a major influence on the collective bargaining scene was the unprecedented rise in the level of unemployment in B.C. to 12.1

per cent in 1982 from 6.7 per cent in 1981.

"Although 1982 was a heavier bargaining year than 1981, considerably less work stoppages and less worker days were lost," Hamilton said.

The council study reports that 54 work stoppages occurred in the province in 1982, involving almost 80,000 workers. In 1981, there were 160 work stoppages involving more than 120,000 workers.

The study said that for the first time in recent years, the average negotiated wage increase in B.C. settlements was less than the percentage increase in the Vancouver consumer index, 9.7 as compared to 10.5 respectively.

Hotelmen happy

VANCOUVER (CP) — Delighted B.C. hotel owners were breaking out the best booze Tuesday, celebrating a federal government decision to relax broadcast regulations and allow hotels to use satellite dishes in bars, pubs and night clubs without fear of prosecution.

"We'll be drinking at least one bottle of the good stuff — the Dom Perignon," said a grinning Don Rutledge, vice-president of Vancouver's Granville Island Hotel, one of the outlaw operators.

"I think it was inevitable and obviously we are very happy. We have always wondered if we would be forced to take it down."

Rutledge's hotel was the first one granted a B.C. licence, in what the federal government saw as a "mischievous"

challenge to its authority by Victoria last November.

Dish supplier Doug Saxon of Nu West Video and Satellite Systems said Tuesday that between 500 and 600 hotels and motels now boast satellite antennas.

"I've got between 45 and 50 clients interested in putting in industrial systems," said Saxon.

"Now they'll be going ahead. We knew sooner or later this would happen. Fighting this was like turning back the tide, they couldn't control it."

The move was welcomed by the 435-member B.C. Hotels Association.

"It's very good news," said Lloyd Manuel, association vice-president. "We're joining the 20th century."

CHARTER OF RIGHTS

No phone, no case

An impaired driving charge against a Prince George man has been dropped after a provincial court judge ruled RCMP failed to observe the Charter of Rights and Freedoms in arresting and charging him.

Darel Rosenanu was charged last July and taken to the Prince George RCMP detachment.

He asked to call a lawyer and was given a telephone which did not work properly.

When he asked for another one, the officer told him all other phones were in a restricted area for emergency use only and he couldn't use them.

Judge D.S. Collins found this to be a contravention of his rights and refused to allow the Crown to enter the breathalyzer reading certificates.

"Without the certificates the Crown had no case," said defence lawyer Dave Wilbur.

WAGE FREEZE

Teachers offered job-security deal

Citizen news services

VANCOUVER — A proposal that school boards negotiate a wage freeze with their teachers in return for government guarantees of job security and some additional financing will be sent to all 75 school districts next week.

Derek DeBiasio, policy coordinator for the Ministry of Education, said Monday the proposal has been slowly developed, refined and presented to about 10 school boards for their reaction since Feb. 16.

Premier Bill Bennett also discussed it with a number of school boards during his tour of south-east B.C. last week.

"We have been letting it go out slowly, and hopefully people will think about it and consider it for a while," said DeBiasio.

Asked why teachers would be any more amenable to accepting a zero per cent increase now than they were last fall, DeBiasio said they might be more interested in job security now.

"The goal should be job security now and wait for a more prosperous year to go for salary increases."

The average salary, based on 28,500 full-time positions including teachers, administrators and principals, is \$33,000.

Before the formal proposals are sent to the school boards, the ministry still has a number of details to resolve, DeBiasio said.

Decisions still must be made about the basis on which additional financing will be allocated to districts and how job security will be ensured.

But he said the general idea is that if a district's teachers agree to no salary increase, the board will guarantee there will be no layoffs and the government will raise budget limits and make money available to ensure jobs are retained.

There may also be additional funds for boards that were especially budget-conscious in the past and suffered particularly hard under the restraint program, he said.

Spokesmen for the B.C. School Trustees Association and the B.C. Teachers' Federation said they could not comment extensively on the proposal until they know all the details.

Sherba funeral here Thursday

Funeral service will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. from St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church for well-known city resident, Peter Sherba, Sr., who died Tuesday of a brain hemorrhage.



PETER SHERBA

A resident of Prince George since 1955, Mr. Sherba was born in Steinbach, Man., on Oct. 18, 1908, and moved to Vernon with his parents in 1910. Before coming to Prince George he worked as an orchardist in the Okanagan city. Until his retirement in 1975 he was employed by the city's public works department. Since that time he was associated with Shoppers Wholesale Stores.

Predeceased by his wife in 1968, he is survived by two sons, Peter Jr. and William, Prince George; three daughters, Mrs. Victor (Rosemarie) Litnosky, Betty June Gair and Mrs. Clarence (Darlene) Calyniuk, Prince George; three brothers, Mike and John of Vernon, and Bart of Ontario; five sisters, Mrs. Murray (Mary) Leeworthy, Vancouver, Mrs. Pauline Leond, Canmore, Alta.; Mrs. Bessie Shamanski, Vernon, Mrs. Ann Lipton, New Jersey and Mrs. Katherine Funke, Vancouver; and 14 grandchildren.

Prayer service will be held today at 8 p.m. at St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 2414 Vanier Dr.

Plane flips

A pilot was uninjured when his small aircraft flipped over upon landing Monday near the Vanderhoof airport, say RCMP.

Michael Cole was on a flight from Langley to Vanderhoof when the accident occurred. He was the lone occupant.

RCMP are continuing their investigation and a damage figure is unavailable.

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