

# Ranch Resort Newsletter Spring '77



"VACATION 108"

The 108 Ranch has been quietly planning for three years to set itself up as a tourist and vacation destination point. Because of the golf course, riding stable, beaches, lakes, tennis courts, etc., etc., The Ranch is in a position to offer people vacations, and a

reat getaway such as no other place in estern Canada! One of the management responsibilities of the 108 Ranch is to simply place as many people onto the various facilities in order to ensure that these facilities operate as a self-sufficient business. For this reason a modestly sized lodge exists. With 62 rooms now at the Motor Lodge, the 108 is able to reach out with a series of package tours to invite the people to come and experience the many facilities which we have. The number of people which the 108 can attract is limited because of the size of this lodge, but not in any way because of the quality of facilities offered. The facilities which have been thus far created at the 108 Ranch have proven to be in the travel world, one of the most comprehensive destination resorts in all of Western North America! There is no other place in this area that is capable of offering the varied list of activities and holiday packages such as The Ranch can do. For this reason more people are coming to the 108 than ever before and these numbers will increase to a point where the 108 lodge with its 62 rooms will have a consistently high rate of occupancy. Many guests presently book one year in advance to ensure getting the dates of their choice during peak season.

The significance of this introduction to the 108 in this Newsletter is that it will help the property owner to realize the continual effort

t is being made by the parent company, ck Bros., to ensure the present and future success of the 108 Ranch, which is to the mutual benefit of all property owners.



This Newsletter is presented to you, the property owners of the 108 Ranch, to bring you up to date, and to make you aware of all of those activities which have happened, are presently and will be happening at the ranch. This Newsletter is designed to keep you informed, and it is our intention to use this method twice a year so that you can keep in touch with the news surrounding your investment.

We appreciate the continued involvement of the 108 Property Owners Association and the fine job they are doing in keeping you informed as well as the input we receive in varied situations. We encourage you to support your association. Together we are working towards making our home or 'homesite' the most beautiful and exciting place to live in the world''.

## 108 PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

Much has been done in the last 8 months in the field of promotion as far as the 108 Ranch is concerned, and this is of course of special interest to property owners of the 108 since it affects their property values!

With the continued objective of selling property and real estate on The Ranch, the managment of the 108 also has the objective of making sure that the facilities which exist operate at a reasonable financial level. This means that the golf course must be busy, the stable must have riders, the tennis courts must have tennis players and the lodge rooms must be filled. To do this, numerous programs have been developed to attract people from numerous points to come to the 108.

As a matter of fact, people will begin coming



to the 108 Ranch from all over the world over the next few years. These people may well grow more in numbers each year but of course will never surpass the numbers coming from the local British Columbia area.

It would be of interest to all property owners of the 108 however to know that Air Canada is endorsing the 108 Ranch in its international promotion activities, and in fact the Ranch is being represented in Europe by the top 3 German tour operators, the top Swiss tour operator, French and English as well. These tour operators work in conjunction with Air Canada in sending Europeans into Canada. Besides the European promotional activities Western Airlines through a major tour operator in Western Canada also promotes 108 throughout its airline system, which is primarily California and the southern United States, including Hawaii. As well, a very major promotional program by a tour operator in Western Canada in conjunction with Pacific Western Airlines promotes the 108 heavily. Using special discounted air fares the 108 Ranch Resort is being promoted throughout Western Canada in the Pacific Western Airlines system, and anybody within the PWA system can come to 108 at reduced air fare rates!!!

Besides this exclusive and exciting market approach for the 108 and its management, the bread and butter market is still of course the British Columbia and Alberta area. Well over 50% of all the business of the ranch comes from this region and continued emphasis is being given in this area with a greater amount of emphasis being put on more public relations work as opposed to hard core advertising.

The 108 has been received internationally, and without doubt has proven in fact to be able to offer to the vacationing public more than most any other resort area in all of North America! This is not a biased statement by

108 management, but in fact it is the manner in which 108 is being accepted by the travel industry throughout the world!

As landowners of the 108 Ranch, the investment in the land at the ranch has never been more safe, or has it ever been better supported!

## **NEWS FLASHES**

#### Free Press

Effective April 1, 1977, the 100 Mile House Free Press will no longer be supplied to non-resident property owners. If you wish to continue to receive the Free Press, a subscription is available for Canadian residents for only \$6 per year.

In place of the 100 Mile House Free Press, the 108 Ranch will be sending you NEWSLETTER to keep you informed of the activities on the 108. If you would like to put something into this NEWSLETTER, please mail it to the 108 Office, Box 2, R.R.#1, 100 Mile House, B.C. VOK 2E0.

## Horse Pastures

Dear Horse-owner:

RE: Family Horse Pastures

108 Family pastures will be open on June 1, 1977. Each property owner wishing to use a pasture is entitled to have a maximum of two horses per family in a pasture. The fee is \$62.50 per horse for the season of June 1 to October 31, and is payable in advance. No horses are to occupy pasture space from November 1 until May 31. Pasture space is not transferable.

On the date the pastures open, persons wishing pasture space should come to the 108 Sales office with cash or cheque for each space required, a picture of each horse they wish to put in a pasture and a "swamp fever" test certificate. NO HORSE WILL BE ALLOWED INTO A PASTURE WITHOUT THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS. No stallions are permitted in any pasture. The photograph of the horse is necessary for identification purposes so that a horse not rightly registered in a pasture can be taken out, or if a horse is found loose on the ranch, identification can be made. If you do not have a photo of your horse, the stable attendant at the 105 Riding stables will take a Polaroid for you at no charge.

A fee of \$10 per hour will be charged for chasing and picking up any stray horses on the ranch. These horses will be kept at the 105 stables and an additional fee of \$10 per day per horse will be charged. The horse will not be released until these fees are paid.

At this date the following pasture space is available:

Block Drive Historic Barns Building Supply Walker Valley Lakeside Full - wait list started 2 spaces available - 1 filled full 50 spaces available 3 spaces available Thank you for your co-operation. These rules and regulations will be strictly enforced in the best interest of property owners and horse owners.

THE 108 RANCH

# Clubhouse Changes

To all of our friends and customers of the "108" Clubhouse:

Besides inviting you to come and enjoy an evening with us, we also would like to inform you of changes in our Clubhouse operations. Our food has taken on a different flavour, some say it's just like mother makes it. Others just say — it's real good food! Our wine and beer list is complete.

We do not have a bar, and hard liquor is not available.

We will be featuring special family nights with Bob Dalrymple at the piano and guitar, singing your favorite songs.

We look forward to being able to serve you with warm hospitality and good food. It is our wish that the spirit you recognize will make you feel right at home.

Yours truly,

108 RANCH RESORT

L. Richardson, Facilities Manager

# Fish Stocking of 108 Lake

After  $2^{1}/_{2}$  years of discussions and testing, the B.C. Department of Fisheries has informed us that they will be placing 30,000 Eastern Brook Trout into 108 Lake. This occurred in May, 1977.

This is a major enhancement of the  $108\,\mathrm{Ranch}$  facilities and community which we can all be excited about.

#### **Snow Removal**

Due to the lack of snow this year, it was only necessary to snowplow driveways twice. For all those people who signed up for snow removal, we will be issuing a \$50 credit for next winter season.

When a property owner who has paid for this year signs up for his estimate next year, he will automatically receive \$50 credit.

# **GENERAL STORE**

During 1976 the 108 General Store was the center of much traffic. Although the dimensions remained the same, new facilities were added to serve people better. One of the facilities for those tall cool drinks on hot days was the ice machine at the front of the store. We also added a modern cash register for more efficient service.

In the fall we added a cross-country ski rental service, which was enjoyed by many of our local residents as well as visiting property owners and lodge guests.

In December, Gladys McLeod former manageress and a warm friend to all who frequented the store retired and was give surprise (and she sure was!) party at the Clubhouse. The fantastic attendance was proof of how well Gladys was thought of as "the lady at the corner store". Gladys is still involved in the Property Owners' Association so we still have the benefit of her "good common sense" and love of the 108.

Aren't we lucky? Another warm and friendly lady. Lucille Daudlin, on January 1, 1977 took over, and with her interest in arts and crafts, the store will be carrying many articles from local artists, i.e. pottery by Gio, Japanese art, sketches done in pen and ink by Ole Pii and Bruce McDonald, and ceramics by Suzan Richardson. The store will also carry a selection of 108 and Cariboo charms, jewelry, beltbuckles, western shirts for children and adults, film, cameras, scarves, and as usual, grocery products, dairy products, tobacco, comics, pocketbooks and magazines.

You will be able to use your Chargex or Mastercharge.

To serve you better the long summer days, the store will be open from 10 to 9, effective June 10th till August 31st. Open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. from September to June.

# NEWS FROM THE 108 AIR DIVISIO

We are pleased to announce that we now have a professional and efficient charter operator based at the 108 hangar. Bob Schnieder the pilot, and his wife Charlene, who are newly weds are making their home close to the hangar for efficient and 24 hour per day service. Bob represents Progressive Air Ltd., whose head office is based in Kamloops. Progressive Air Ltd. has a fleet of approximatey 13 airplanes available for float or wheel charter. We hope you will take advantage of their services when visiting the 108 to go fishing, sight seeing, etc.

# 108 PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION Don Robertson

The 108 Property Owners' Association was established on October 10, 1971 and has, over the past six years, acted as a medium through which the views of the members can be expressed.

Basically, the activities of the Association were confined to presenting the feelings of property owners to the developer; however, with the growth in stature of the Association and the population, a great deal of dialogu now directed to the Cariboo Regional District, which is the next link in the governmental chain.

The Association meets on the third Friday of each month in the 108 Community Centre; with the council meeting convening at 7 p.m., followed by the public forum at 8 p.m. All Association members are welcome to attend both the council or public meetings. Annual General Meeting is held each October at the 8 Ranch.

Current chairman, Jim McMillan, stresses the need for more active participation and membership by all property owners as "the only money which we have to operate on...is your membership". He has further stated, that in order for the Association to carry any weight in negotiations at any level, it must represent a maximum number of property owners.

Membership in the Association is available to all property owners for a \$6 family membership or \$4 single per year.

The new fire services 'by-law' which was adopted by referendum of property owners on February 26, with a resounding "yes" vote will enable the current fire truck to be replaced by a newer model to maintain our 'class three' fire insurance rating at a cost of only one additional mill to the taxpayer. The new truck will be delivered in mid-August of 1977. This is only one example of the continuing work and upgrading of the community, which requires constant communication with the Regional District, on behalf of the 108 residents.

Recently, negotiations between Block Bros. and the Fire Department were successfully conducted by the executive concerning the \*ansfer of the lease for the Fire

partment's land to the Regional District, no now adminster and handle the finances of the 108 VFD. Representatives of our local fire-fighters are now members of the CRD Fire Commission and shortly 108 delegates will be appointed to the Garbage Commission.

The 108 community is growing and with it comes the complexities of increased services and representation. Through the 108 Property Owners' Association 'you' the land owner, whether resident or absentee, can rest assured that your voice may be heard and that there is strength in numbers.

If you are not currently a member of the Association, consider the fact that your voice is not being heard! Write - Secretary, 108 Property Owners' Association, Compt. 85, R.R.#1, 100 Mile House, B.C. VOK 2E0.

# **GOLF COURSE REPORT**

One of the main concerns of any golf course is weather conditions. To combat our short season and keep golf alive when mother nature decides to fool us we have built an indoor driving range. This is a complete

ility with lighting, heating, astro-turf or, netting and golf mats. Our prize possession in this room is the instant replay Video Tape recorder. A great aid for the learning golfer.



Strides also have been taken to increase our golfing season which is one of the shortest in the Province. The grass on the greens do not reach a mature enough condition to allow traffic on them until early May. Because of this we have added rubber mats to the outdoor driving range. In the near future we will be adding temporary greens to the course so that is also will be open in early April.

We have booked many tournaments this year and will be working hard to increase these to an even greater number. Golf tournaments can be a golf course's greatest source of revenue. Thus the more tournaments we can promote the easier it is to keep the local players' fees and memberships to a minimum.

The tournament schedule for the '77 season will be posted on the bulletin board of the Pro Shop in early May so you will have plenty of notice when tournaments will be arriving.

There will only be two of these that will interfere with local play because of the number of players. These are the Block Bros. employee event and the 108 Cariboo Open. Both tournaments will be taking place in August. Remember that the Cariboo Open allows the 108 members to take part. All other tournaments are small groups and local play will not be restricted.

There has been a very small increase in the membership rates this year. For property owners these rates are:

		1976	1977
a)	Men's	\$87.50	\$90.00
b)	Women's	\$50.00	\$55.00
c)	Junior	\$25.00	\$30.00

Greenfee rates for property owners have remained the same. \$2.50 for nine and \$4.25 for eighteen or all day.

There are two new rates this year. A family rate of \$162.50 (property owners) no matter how many children you may have playing and also a senior rate (age 60 or over) of 1/2 price for greenfees and memberships.

See you on the greens!!!

## CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING Don Robertson

The South Cariboo is rapidly becoming one of the premier cross-country skiing areas of British Columbia and there is an awareness amongst residents, business people and



resort owners that this growing sport will prove to be a boon for the local area.

Cross-country skiing was pioneered by the 108 Ranch, who were the first to provide marked and groomed ski trails, now covering some 60 kms east of Highway 97. Combined now with a recently added 60 kms in the 100 Mile House area and the South Cariboo Cross-Country Ski Society laying out another 150 kms of new trails west of 100 Mile House...the area will boast the largest complex of marked and groomed trails in North America.

The 108 Winter Sport Club was formed in February, 1976 and an executive was elected. Due to the lateness of the season, the club did not get off the ground until the fall; but during the summer months the executive worked with Block Bros. to upgrade the ski trails and the marking system.

The Club represents some 30 families who are interested in cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. Membership drive was held in conjunction with a joint function sponsored by the developer and the club at the 108 Clubhouse in November last year. The operations of the club were hampered by the lack of snow during the winter season as only some 30 inches of the white stuff fell compared to the normal fall of 90 to 100 inches.

Despite the snow lack, the South Cariboo Cross-Country Ski Society, made up of representatives from the three communities of 100 Mile House, 108 Ranch and Lac La Hache, sponsored the first annual Cariboo Marathon on January 30. This event, is in fact, a perpetuation of the 108 Marathon held in 1976, but expanded in scope.

The Marathon attracted 232 skiers, representing 30 B.C. communities and several Alberta points, to the 22 mile race. Categories included team and individual events in touring and racing competitions. The marathon is geared to the participation of the skiing family as well as the more professional racer.

The original track was designed to cover 26 miles of the beautiful South Cariboo terrain; however, the adverse snow conditions forced the committee to re-design the route to the best snow locations and necessitated a shorter race. The marathon commenced at the Hazel Mist Ranch, near Lac La Hache and traversed the 108 ski area, passed Soda and Succour Lakes to 105 Mile, where the trail linked up with the Bridge Creek Estates trail and finished in the meadow opposite the Red Coach Inn, in downtown 100 Mile House.

If snow conditions had reached the norm for the Cariboo last winter, the Marathon Committee estimated that some 500 skiers would have participated. The aim of the Marathon 1978 is to host between 500 and 800 skiers, building to an entry slate in excess of 1,000 in the following years.

The Ski Society has elected to affiliate with the Canadian Ski Association and negotiations are currently underway. This will benefit skiing locally as skiers may participate in the CSA awards program and gain recognition for participation in the competition. Attempts are being made to gain the Western sponsored CSA meet for the 100 Mile and District area, which would mean that the local marathon would become the premier competition in the West. A rival to the meet sponsored in Lachute, Quebec, each February, which attracted 3,300 competitors in 1977.

The Canadian National Ski Team accompanied by the visiting Norwegian team spent several days at the ranch in mid January. The teams trained in the Soda Lake area and ran a clinic for local skiers on the new beginners trail on the 108 Golf Course.

The Norwegian coach of the Canadian teams, Anders Lens, was greatly impressed with the terrain of the 108 and the South Cariboo and he explained that, "this is very similar to Eastern Norway and Western Sweden, which are open for skiing like this area".

The coach also expressed a desire to see the National teams train in the South Cariboo as he felt that this was better than the Eastern Canadian locations and ideally suited for the National teams' training.

Finlandia Club of Vancouver was undaunted by the shortage of snow and arrived in the area for their third annual 'Winter Picnic'. Approximately 100 members - less than in 1976 - participated in individual, team and novelty races; including a biathalon competition. Unfortunately, the club had to move the scene of their activities from the 108 trails to the Hazel Mist Ranch on February 20 and 21, due to the lack of snow.

In any case, the doughty Finns - representing many communities in B.C. - will return next winter for their fourth annual event. With adequate snow, undoubtedly, their numbers will increase again.

Cross-country skiing is alive and well in the South Cariboo and growing in import. Track-marking, grooming and signing have improved since the initial days and now the new Ski Society trail will have log shelters plus two log cabin 'over-nighters' spotted on their trail - one of the over-night cabins comes complete with an adjacent sauna. This work by the Society was made possible by a Local Initiative Program grant in the amount of \$11,900.

Cooperation by all the local communities is being experienced in promoting this sport, and it was only with the assistance of residents and interested parties that the Marathon was a success. Therefore, everything is in gear for a highly successful and interesting winter season of 1977-78.

Bring your skis and join us on the South Cariboo trails next winter - we have the facilities to suit all members of the family. Good skiing!



## THE CLUBHOUSE

Lots of things happening these days changes, quietly being done, that we hope will be pleasing to our guests. We have discovered two distinct services that are in demand - the quiet, relaxed dining that requires time, no matter where you go - as well as the quick service for the ''man in a hurry'', whether he be a golfer, tennis player or just ''passing thru''.

We have undertaken to offer both these services with a new fast service cafe, we have named ''The 19th Hole''. This fast food service is located in the former lounge area and has its own entrance and will be serviced by its own staff. It will be a semi-self service to cut down table setting time and will offer several sandwiches that can be heated in a microwave oven. There will be some baked goods and cold drinks. Beer is also available with meals. No beer or wine can be sold without food, as we no longer have a lounge license; only a dining room license.

The main dining room with its new homestyled menu will be used by people who have time to relax and who want to enjoy the view and a more leisurely lunch.

We tried something new last New Years Eve and it turned out not only to be a packed house but a unique evening for the whole family. Called a "Family New Years Eve Party" the evening consisted of a delicious and varied smorgasbord, sing-a-longs, over an hour of entertainment by some very talented local people, and to cap off the evening some old-time Laurel & Hardy films. Lots of laughs and a fun evening that the family could enjoy together.

The Clubhouse will be featuring a barbecue (weather permitting) once a week, mid-week. The specific day has not been arranged as yet but will be announced some time in June. The barbecues will be held on the lower patio of the Clubhouse. To enable us to serve our customers better, reservations will be required for both the dining room and barbecues.

We are excited at the prospect of being able to offer our guests these new services and look forward to a busy 1977.



# **NEWS HI-LITE**

## The Garden

Each year something new happens at the "108". Last year the Lodge grew to 62 rooms, now a major destination resort for the whole family to enjoy. 1977, a beautiful garden is being created by the "108" Chapel costing \$750,000.00. Truly a beauty spot for all of British Columbia and all the tourists that visit our province. A garden of nearly four acres of land, including a man made lake and a 700 seat Amphitheatre for special events. The garden features fourteen complete scenes of the life of Jesus Christ.

After you arrive at the parking lot of the 108 Chapel, you go into a two story, 4,000 square foot administration building. In this specially designed building, you will find a souvenir store and an orientation area for about fifty people. After looking around you will be invited to sit down in the guest area to watch a seven minute film giving you the full background and purpose of the garden. You will then be given a tape recorder and you will proceed to take a walk into the garden, toward the first scene. You will then see life sized sculptures created by ''Trinka'' from Florence, Italy, who has been commissioned to do twenty-two of these figures.

These will then be placed into each of the fourteen scenes, appropriately developed to recreate an atmosphere of the period during which Jesus Christ walked on this earth. The scenes will portray Christ's birth, His walk on earth, His ministry such as healing the sick, meeting the needs of people and then being crucified on the Cross, the empty tomb and finally a twelve foot sculpture of Jesus Christ Himself, standing on the water signaling a warm welcome to all people. You then walk along a stream of rushing water toward the administration building where you may exit or browse around the souvenir store. The purpose of the garden is in keeping with the "108" Chapel members' principles, which is to introduce Jesus Christ and His real mission to as many people as possible. He was a man like you and I, a carpenter, a teacher and a man who brought hope to all mankind.

The garden will appeal to the artistic minds, to the historian, to the theologian, in fact to every child or adult, regardless of personal interest or persuasion. The British Columbia Tourist Bureau will be very interested in advising tourists of another interest spot which people can visit while touring our Province.

The opening date is set for July 16th, 1977 (Come and visit "The Garden" July 16th through 24th, during special opening ceremonies.



FISH STOCKING

All property owners of the 108 now have another unique feature to add to their list of amenities as a result of owning a lot on the 108 Ranch.

On May 9, 1977 some 30,000 eastern brook trout will be placed into 108 Lake. Testing has been going on for 2 years and results have shown that 108 Lake has an excellent oxygen content and can support a modest stocking of 30,000!!!

Fish and Wildlife Departments were first sefiously contacted and arrangements made through the Department's budgeting process, over 3 years ago, so planning was long and careful, but has paid off for all.

Fishing will be able to begin late this fall, but good fishing won't really begin until next spring, 1978.

Besides golf, tennis, riding, relaxation, cross-country skiing, you can now enjoy - at your back door and as part of the growing list of amenities available...fishing at the 108!!!

# HISTORICAL SITE

The restoration of the 108 Historical site on 108 lake (the big log barn and adjacent buildings) seems like a possibility!

Working with the local Historical Society at 100 Mile House, and also the B.C. Government, all possibilities are being examined whereby the 108 lake historical site will be restored in a permanent way. The restoration of the 105 ranch house is also being considered.

Watson mansion appears in a more rotective situation, since the B.C. overnment feels that the mansion is more of a romantic local interest than it is of a specific historical interest to the Province of British

Columbia. As viewed by the "historical experts" the 108 lakesite and the 105 ranch house site are more historically significant to the history of British Columbia than the Watson mansion, so therefore it would seem that as time moves on the Watson mansion stands less and less of a chance of ever regaining its original magnificent stature.

It is most unlikely that any work would begin in 1977, but it is very possible that plans may be agreed upon before the end of the year, and construction and restoration could take place in 1978. If nothing else, the management of the 108 is attempting to reach out in every way it can and do all it can, to preserve one of the last remaining historical sites in British Columbia.



## TENNIS REPORT

The 108 Ranch Resort is preparing for a full and complete season offering a tennis program to its property owners and to lodge clients and guests.

Otto Schubert is our tennis pro, and works primarily out of the tennis pro shop located on the lower courts at the lodge.

The total of 5 tennis courts, located in the central area of the lodge, offers the 108 community one of the most complete tennis facilities available in western Canada. With the addition of a pro, and with some of the supporting facilities such as a ball throwing machine, and practise wall and sun and wind screens, the facilities are the absolute best.

As far as membership programs are concerned the 108 Tennis Club can be joined at a rate of \$30.00 per year which offers you all the tennis you can play for the entire season. As part of this, there is also a league, social activities, and just an opportunity to meet and work with our tennis pro and help improve your game. For all members of the tennis club, a further offer of a series of six group lessons are offered at a low cost of only \$10.00 per person!

Besides the tennis club which is to be formed in 1977 by the pro, two tennis tournaments are being organized for this year. The first tournament is being organized for September and will be an open tournament to class A and B players and prize money will be offered. This Cariboo open tennis tournament in September will be the second annual, and if it

is anything like last year's, it will be a tremendous success! The 108 is also offering instruction programs through its pro, Otto Schubert, and whether taking advantage of a one week long holiday package at the lodge, or visiting the 108 as a lot owner, Otto Schubert can be contacted and instruction programs arranged to fit your time.



**STABLES** 

The 108 Ranch management is pleased to have such good people as Simon and Toni Van Dyke heading up the stable operation for 1977. Simon and Toni have lived on the ranch for some years now and have come to be appreciated by everyone they work with.

The activities Simon will be working on this year which all our guests and property owners would like to take part in will be the regular ''once per week'' evening rideout, barbecue, and campfire sing-a-long. This is meant to be an experience of a life time, an experience in going on a western ride out with outdoor barbecuing and after dinner ''fooling around'' including a never to be forgotten sing-a-long with our resident cowboy song leader. The ride home in the evening adds the final touch to this memorable experience. Be sure to see Simon at the stable and sign up to take your family for this ''once a summer memory''.

Also, for the third year going, the 108 fall Round Up and Cattle Drive will take place. Last October, almost 300 people came to the 108 Lodge in order to relax and enjoy the lodge facilities and take part in the cattle drives...including 9 people from Frankfurt, Germany. If you feel a little leery of riding in a herd of cattle (and you really shouldn't) plan to come to the lodge and spend a relaxing but different western vacation at your 108 Ranch. Simon has a horse for you.

This fall, there again will be a few thousand head of cattle shipped from the main 105 Ranch stable land. The 108 has attempted to help the local cattlemen's association and ranchers co-op by cooperating in the central gathering and shipping of the cattle in the fall each year from the 105 stable area due to its centralized location. The schedule of shipping dates is set up to coincide with the 108 fall Round Up and Cattle Drive so be sure to plan to attend!!

There is a lot happening at the 108 stables in 1977!!!

# REPORT FROM THE REAL ESTATE DIVISION

The Real Estate Division of the 108 Ranch Resort has been part of the 108 organization from the outset of the Ranch. It started as a sales outlet handling company owned properties on the 108 only and was staffed primarily with unlicensed salespeople employed by the Company.

Since that time, the sales office has gradually grown and is now taking in the general marketplace of the entire Cariboo and Chilcotin region. We now have a staff of nine enthusiastic, professional, licensed salespeople who are doing a first rate job in the sales field.

The office facility itself has been drastically improved and now includes a comfortable, professional looking lobby and a friendly, efficient receptionist to help the public courteously and promptly. In addition to this are two private offices, storage area and 13 semi-private offices for the salespeople, done entirely in cedar with natural finish.

The 108 Ranch is one of the fastest growing communities in the area with 36 new homes being built in 1976, 28 additions and other improvements to properties. The activity to date in 1977 is showing signs of another extremely active year for building with sales in general being up considerably for the same period last year.

It may be of interest to you that we have two exceptional home contractors working through our office this year. One is a frame contractor who builds any plan of home to the specifications required by the customer. In addition to this kind of construction we have available through our office a builder of fine, hand crafted log homes. These builders are known across Western Canada for their workmanship and build any style of log home very efficiently and quickly.

The 108 Ranch is pleased to announce that these builders are installing a new log home plant right on the Ranch and with a staff of approximately 20 people will be making a noteable contribution to the community.

For any further information on either of these fine builders please don't hesitate to call me in the office at 791-5224 (local) or 687-2311 Vancouver direct line.

Our endeavour and commitment to you for the future is to keep your interests and needs in the real estate field first and foremost. We would at this time like to extend to you an invitation to drop in at the office for a hot cup of coffee and look at our newly redecorated facility. Best to you and yours for 1977 and we look forward to being of service to you.

Yours truly,

Brian Wensley, Manager, Block Bros. Realty Ltd., Cariboo Land Sales Division, 108 Ranch/Resort

## ANNOUNCEMENT!

The Real Estate office is pleased to announce two major items regarding 108 properties.

- 1) Reduction of commission rate on vacant privately owned lots from \$1500.00 flat rate to 10% of the selling price.
- 2) An opportunity for you to choose another 108 lot for a) your children b) yourself c) tell your neighbour d) your relatives. We have a range of lots at very special prices from \$6,450 to \$9,500, still with excellent terms of 15% down and balance at 10½%. This opportunity good for only three months on a limited number of lots.

If you would like more information regarding lots presently available or if you are considering the sale of your property at the 108 Ranch and would like to have an on-site evaluation of your lot just complete and send in the coupon below, or call our office anytime at 791-5224 (local) or 687-2311 Vancouver direct line.

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NAME		
ADDRESS	<u> </u>	
	PHONE	
□ I/We would lil 108 Ranch/Re	ke brochures, maps, prices, etc. regarding property at the sort.	
☐ I/We would be purpose of res	e interested in knowing the value of our property for ale.	
Send coupon to:	Block Bros. Realty Ltd., Box 2, R.R.#1, 108 Ranch, 100 Mile House, B.C. V0K 2E0	

#### NEWS FROM THE CHAPEL.....

Two years ago marked the official opening of the 108 Chapel and since that time there have been many things happening of interest to the total community of the 108. The latest and most exciting is the major work being done (the Chapel Garden...the opening date of July 16 is looming in the very near future and it will require precision timing to be ready for that date.

We have been blessed on an ongoing basis through the wonderful people and their talents that have been shared at the Chapel during these past years. From Willa Dorsey, at the opening exercises on to Big Jon Hall, from Texas; Chico Holliday from Melodyland, California; The Messengers, from Ontario; The Joyous Celebration from Seattle; and many more from all over. We have also appreciated our British Columbia talent with special warmth, such as Mike Angel from Alliance Tabernacle in Vancouver; Phil Jenion from Alliance Tabernacle in Vancouver; The South Abbotsford M.B. Choir and Jerry Scott Family, Baptist from Vancouver and the list goes on. We have also had the pleasure of hearing some well known speakers in today's Christian world including Henry Dyck, Demos Shikariun, Dr. Terry Winter, Pastor Lloyal Funk - Vancouver; Pastor Rudy Boshman - Abbotsford M.B. and Johnnie Johnson - Texas. We will also soon be visited by Dr. David Augsburger, Dr. Ralph Wilkerson, Pat Boone and Herb Brandt.

We consider ourselves doubly fortunate to also have some really good talent locally with The Cariboo Sunshine Singers made up of several of the churches in the area with three-of the members from the 108 Chapel as well as many willing soloists and couples including our own pastor and his wife. Occasionally we have the pleasure of having Henry Block at the chapel on a Sunday and he will lead group singing and if the spirit leads will sing one or two solos with his rich base.

Ralph and Linda Klassen, the present pastor and his wife will be leaving the work as of August 1. Ralph has decided to continue his schooling and will be going to Seminary in Fresno, California for two years. The new pastor that has been appointed, Tuck Wilson and his wife Gaye have three children and come from Fresno where Tuck has just completed Seminary. He and his wife both have degrees in special education. They have been to the 108, met the people and were completely sure this is where they should be. We are fortunate to have such beautiful and competent people to continue the excellent work that Ralph and Linda have been doing. At the same time that Tuck and Gaye join us there will be a new couple to add to the team, Merv and Carol Boshman. Merv will be an associate pastor with his emphasis being in youth work and also Chapel Garden communication. Merv is also a Seminary Graduate from Fresno with many talents. He and Carol have two children and are very musically inclined with beautiful voices and special gift with youth.

It's fun and rewarding to go to church when things are happening!