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"Present car  
 getting you down?  
 Come see us at  
 Peter Pollen Ford"

'Just about everybody' helped

## Toddler rescued from bush

A three-year-old boy missing for seven hours in dense bush at Saseenos in the Sooke district was found unharmed by a volunteer searcher after darkness had fallen.

"We faintly heard him crying in the woods and finally got to him," said Gary Jones, of 3660 Woodlands.

Jones and Pat Farquhar,

both Sooke volunteer firemen, were searching without flashlights at the time.

The boy, Jimmy Ferguson, wandered away from his Harbordew Road home with a dog at about 11:30 a.m. He wasn't found until 8:45 p.m., about a mile from the road.

"He was cold and scared but otherwise okay," Jones

said. "Overnight it would have been grim." Temperatures have dipped below freezing on recent nights.

Sooke RCMP said they were notified that the boy was missing by his mother just after 1 p.m.

The number of searchers grew to about 30 during the afternoon — neighbors, police,

Emergency Measures Organization members from Saanich, youth groups and "just about everybody," RCMP said.

Among them were citizens' band radio owners. Jones was one of these. He picked up a message that the boy was missing and promptly joined the hunt.

By DON DOLLINS  
 Colonist Reporter

Saanich firefighters are ready to settle on an interim contract with the municipality and end their job action — once they have a letter of intent assuring them they won't

fall behind Victoria firefighters in the move to close the wage gap with Vancouver.

Ken Ebbs-Canavan, president of the Saanich local, said his members voted acceptance Tuesday night of the municipality's offer of a 7.1 per cent wage hike, plus 388 per cent in fringe benefits — something that would match the eight per cent Anti-Inflation Board guidelines.

However, the acceptance is dependent on two points:

- The municipality is not to let Saanich firefighters fall more than 2.5 per cent — or \$33 a month — behind those in Vancouver when a new settlement is reached there.

- If a Victoria settlement decreases the disparity with Vancouver, then there must be a provision for the Saanich contract to fall in line.

Ebbs-Canavan said the letter of intent concerning the last point was promised when the corporation made its offer earlier Tuesday, but that acceptance wouldn't be more than tentative until the bargaining committee had the letter in its possession.

Once it has the letter — the union will halt job action which has seen the fire-

Rezoning  
 notices  
 to warn  
 residents

## Mayor apologizes for McKenzie

Spoke for himself on Blanshard Court

Victoria Mayor Michael Young has apologized to the provincial government for outbursts of Ald. Ronald McKenzie against the Blans-

Young also wrote: "While council is understandably con-

the proposed budget for Blanshard Court is currently ta-

of assistance should be provided the city.

provide "an off-setting revenue."

Young took the opportunity to remind Curtis that mavericks exist at all levels of gov-

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