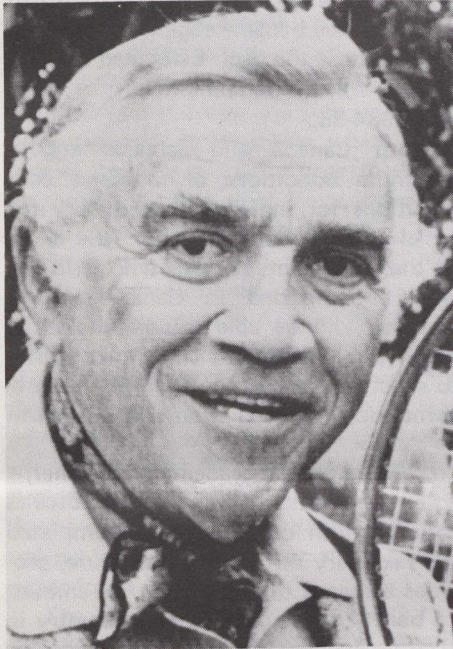


### "Bonanza" star visits home



Lorne Greene

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Canadian-born actor Lorne Greene recently returned to his native Ottawa to fulfil the final wish of his 90 year-old mother — to be buried beside her husband at Ottawa's Jewish Community Cemetery. The last few decades of her life had been spent near her famous son in California.

In an interview while in Ottawa, Lorne Greene recalled his earliest memories of the city were being "dragged" by his parents to local amateur productions in which they often participated and to performances of visiting musicians. "They were self-educated people with a real passion for the arts," he recalled, "but the real reason they took me along, I think, was that they couldn't afford a babysitter."

Though his mother was convinced her son would be a musician, Greene branched out into other directions. Using his distinctively sonorous voice, first as an amateur actor at Ottawa's Lisgar Collegiate and later at Queens University in Kingston, it was as a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation radio announcer that he became known as the "Voice of Doom" broadcasting events in Europe during the Second World War. It was as Pa Cartwright in the highly successful *Bonanza* series that he achieved considerable fame. "One thing I didn't learn on the streets of Ottawa," he quipped "was how to ride a horse." Lorne Greene's next assignment will be host of a new nature show, *New Wilderness*, focusing on the survival of endangered species.

### British Columbia prepares for royal visitors

The itinerary for the Queen and Prince Philip's four-day visit to British Columbia in March will include a tour of Canada's only domed stadium and dinner with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

The royal couple, travelling on the yacht *Britannia*, will be officially welcomed when they arrive in Victoria on March 8, and will visit schools and a cathedral in the afternoon before making an evening tour of the University of Victoria. In Vancouver on March 9, activities will include a ceremony for

the forthcoming Expo 86, a tour of the University of British Columbia and the nearly-completed British Columbia Stadium.

The royal couple will anchor in Nanaimo, B.C. the next morning and, after a brief visit, the Queen will travel to Vernon while Prince Philip visits Kamloops.

They will meet again in New Westminster, B.C., before an evening dinner given by Mr. Trudeau, and will fly back to London the morning of March 11.

### Gas finds quadruple Atlantic offshore reserves

Results released January 7 from two exploration wells off the Nova Scotia coast indicate natural gas reserves four times larger than were previously known to exist.

Nova Scotia Energy Minister Ron Barkhouse described as "very encouraging" flows of natural gas and liquid gases found by Mobil Oil Canada at the South Venture 0-59 well and at the Olympia A-12 well. Both are within 12 nautical miles of the Venture gas field, whose discovery by Mobil in 1979 sparked the current boom in exploration off Nova Scotia.

The original Venture D-23 well showed a daily flow rate of 1.24 million cubic metres of natural gas. The first well at South Venture shows a daily rate of 2.6 million cubic metres and at the Olympia well of 1.58 million cubic metres.

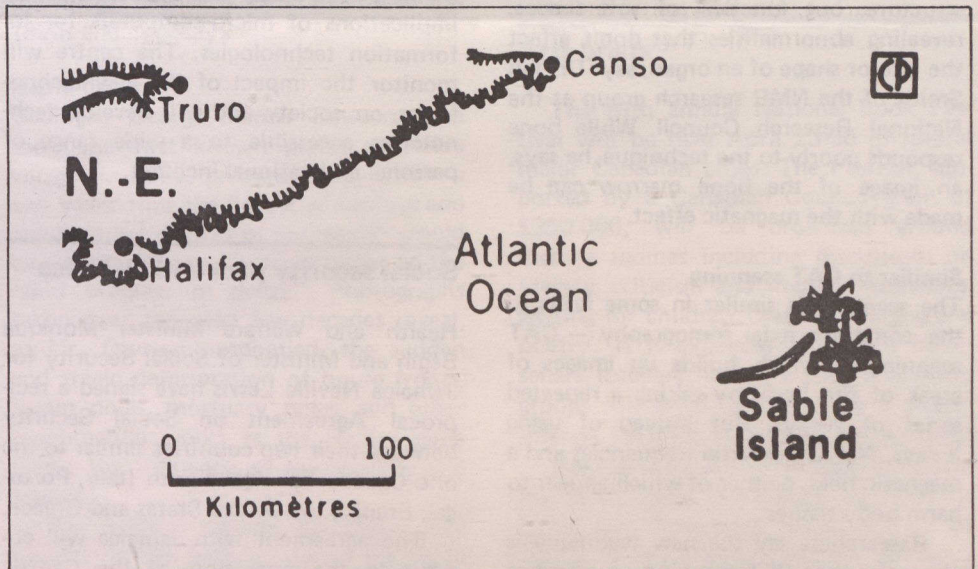
Subsequent delineation wells, to deter-

mine the actual size of the Venture discovery, increased the daily rate to more than 5.22 million cubic metres by April 1982. The company has since been doing detailed analysis of those drilling results.

The results indicate that there were three separate natural gas fields in the Sable Island area, Mr. Barkhouse said, but warned that single exploration wells were inadequate to determine if the reserves can be profitably developed.

The two new discoveries, like Venture, also showed good flow rates for condensate which can be refined into gases such as propane and butane or used in a variety of petrochemical products.

Peter Outhit, president of Nova Scotia Resources Ltd., which has a 9 per cent interest in all three fields, said the most encouraging aspect of the drilling results was the similarity of the three fields.



Natural gas finds near Sable Island cause optimism.