ACCELERATION NOT ADVISABLE

Roosevelt Park PTA panel favors special classes for slow learner

The pros and cons in adopting the accelleration and the enrichment program in elementary schools was given keen discussion by a panel of teachers and parents last week when the Roosevelt Park school Parent-Teacher association held its regular meeting.

The thought-provoking group was composed of teacher Mrs. R. J. Johnston, District 52 school trustee and parent Mrs. A. L. Bell, parent W. A. Dibben and school principal John Steele. Moderator was Mrs. James Pinniger.

It was noted particularly by the teacher panelists that very few students were capable of being accellerated in every path of education.

"The social welfare of a child becomes a very disturbing factor in the accelleration program," Mrs. Johnston announced, while Mr. Steele said, "Only five per cent of the children are capable of being accellerated."

Mrs. Bell pointed out that the Department of Education's policy on accelleration was that it should not take longer than seven and no fewer than five years to cover Grades 1 to 6.

The findings of the teachers and school board showed that accelleration was best done in the first three grades.

Mr. Dibben, who strongly expressed the opinion that children should be advanced in grades according to their individual abilities said, "We no longer need to keep children in school in order to keep them off the labor market as it was necessary to do in the hungry '30s."

EXTRA STUDIES

On the other side of the scale discussion on the enrichment program pointed out the advantages in which pupils of above average could stay in his own age group but could have enriched courses of studies at school and at home to keep their minds active.

On the question of moving children who are older than the average class age to higher grades even though they have not attained the standards required, the panelists said this: "Slow learners should not be moved just because they have outgrown their seats, rather the slow learner should be taught by special teachers in separate classes, in order not to hold back the average student."

With the panelists agreeing it would be a wonderful step forward to be able to conduct a "slow-learner" class in a school, it was suggested that a letter be sent to the school board requesting consideration in this matter.

Briefly touching the crest awards given for merit of achievement, the panelists all agreed that competition and recognition for achievement was an excellent way to build a child's character and prepare students to live in a competitive world.

Guest speaker Mrs. Bell, speaking on children's films, said that the National Film Board had enough films on hand to provide children's movies for the next five years.

"To obtain these films and operate a weekly show, the association would have to form a film society through memberships," Mrs. Bell said.

She also spoke on the value of sending a delegate from each PTA to annual conventions.

During the business session chaired by president Mrs. Lloyd Bowman, plans were announced for the PTA's money-making project, the production of a school play entitled "Old King Cole."

It was reported that through questionnaires, parents were 65 per cent in favor of school uniforms. However it was pointed out that while the school could select a desirable costume, the uniform rulings were made by the School Board.

Mrs. John Bateman was presented with a past-president's pin and read the paper commemorating "Founder's Day."

It was decided that the PTA would sponsor an open house day tea during Education Week, March 6 to 12.

Miss Isobel Matunin's classroom won the attendance pennant.

Coffee was served by hostesses Mrs. A. P. Crawley and Mrs. Hector MacDonald.

MOLLY BOBAK WRITES LETTER

Art club appointments named by president

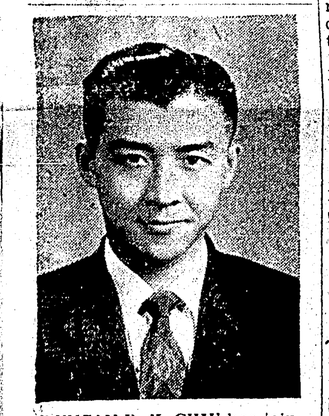
Miss G. V. Waterman was appointed vice-president and Mrs. W. A. Schultz recording secretary of the Prince Rupert Art club last week when the city artists held their regular meeting in the Civic Centre.

President Mrs. T. M. Christie made the appointments following the resignations of Patrick Kelly who was vice-president and Mrs. J. E. Dowdie as recording secretary. Mrs. Dowdie left the city to make her home in Gibsons, B.C.

A letter from Vancouver artist Molly Bobak was read in which it said, "as you know, perhaps by my constant raving that Prince Rupert went straight to my heart and I shall always regard my four days with all of you as the highlight of my trip."

Program committee chairman Mrs. George Hill introduced Mrs. Schultz who read a 20-minute paper on "Degas the Painter."

Two films "Ballet by Degas" and "John Gilpin" a comedy film created from drawings by Ronald Searle, were shown to conclude the session.



DUNCAN D. K. CHIU has joined the staff of the Columbia Cellulose Company Limited as a research supervisor it was announced here today. Mr. Chiu holds degrees from the National Taiwan University and the University of Toronto. He is author of a publication on organo-metallic compounds and a member of the Chemical Institute of Canada.

PERSONALS

Rolf Nils Pedersen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Berhof Pedersen left Saturday by boat en route to Vancouver where he will board a Norwegian freighter for the United Kingdom and meet his friend James Noonan of this city in Ireland before spending a six-month holiday in Norway.

MENNONITE GROUP

The first large Mennonite settlement in Canada was established in southwestern Ontario's Waterloo County in 1799.

CMC Valentine's dance successful social affair

The first in a series of dancing parties was held in the Annunciation auditorium by the Catholic Men's club Friday night when some 40 couples gathered in the cabaret setting of colored lights and gay streamers.

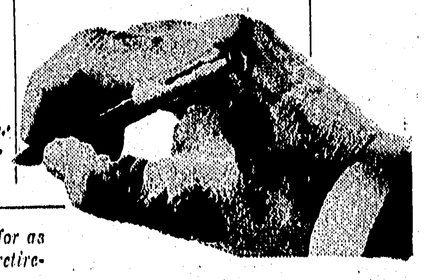
Conveners for the very successful Valentine function were Denis Mulroney, George Grywell and Lawrence O'Neil.

The midnight interlude of buffet supper was convened by members of the Catholic Women's League, headed by president Mrs. William Bond. A three-piece orchestra provided the dance music.

CMC president Dennis Leonard announced today that following the successful affair, the club is planning a similar affair to be held after the Lenten season.

POST CARD

Dear Son
Having a grand time.
From here we're
driving to the coast.
Will not be back until
sometime next month.
Mother sends her love.
Dad



Time to go away—and stay away for as long as we feel like it. That's what retirement holds out for most of us.

The big question, of course, is—Will you have the means? In other words, if you keep up your present rate of saving, will you have financial independence on retirement?

If the answer is "no", you might look into the excellent Retirement Savings Plans provided by Canadian Government Annuities.

For example:

Supposing you are a man of 28 and wish to secure an Annuity of $100 per month, commencing at 65 and continuing as long as you live. Your monthly premium would be only $14.90.

And your premiums are deductible for income tax purposes within certain limits.

This is only one example of a government annuity. You can purchase plans that start at 50, 60 and 65. What's more there is no medical examination . . . and the annuity can't lapse . . .

Mail this coupon or call your local Annuities Office

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES

To: Director, Canadian Government Annuities, Department of Labour, Ottawa, (Postage Free) 9-0
Please send me complete information on Canadian Government Annuities.
My Name is..... (Mr. Mrs. Miss)
I live at..... Date of Birth.....
Age when annuity to start..... Telephone.....
I understand that information given will be strictly confidential.

POPULAR POLKA DOTS—Spring fashions for evening wear include polka dot outfits such as this black and white evening dress in a soft blend of silk and viscose. It was shown recently at the Montreal spring collection of the Association of Canadian Couturiers. —CP photo.

Ex-mayor, wife feted prior to leaving city

A week-long round of social functions held in honor of popular city couple Mr. and Mrs. George Hills was concluded Saturday night when friends gathered at the home of hosts Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Simpson to attend a dinner party.

Mr. and Mrs. Hills left aboard the Canadian Prince at midnight en route to Nanaimo for a visit and plan to make their home in southern British Columbia.

Highpoint of the delightful affair was the presentation of an engraved copper tray.

A dancing party at the Elks lodge followed prior to the departure to the boat.

Guests extending best wishes and presenting the group gift were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Delloch, Mr. and Mrs. William McChesney Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gustafson.

FEBRUARY 27 IN ANNUNCIATION HALL

Mardi Gras planned by Home and School

Plans for the gigantic "Mardi Gras" to be staged by the Annunciation Home and School association February 27 in the Annunciation auditorium were completed last week when the association held its monthly meeting.

"Mardi Gras" convener H. G. Hennessy announced that the affair designed to provide fun for the entire family will begin at 7 p.m.

Featured attractions will include cake walks, booths of home-cooking, candy, comics, rummage and a fish pond.

A large variety of carnival games will be arranged in the form of a gaily decorated midway, he reported.

In other business, chaired by president Emile Blain, it was announced that equipment for a school "Safety Patrol" had now been received and that the school hopes to put the operation into effect in the very near future.

Walter Page, chairman of the committee to investigate the possibility of the Catholic Men's club running a Saturday matinee for the children in the auditorium, said that he was told it was against the law to operate movies within eight miles of the city limits.

However Mr. Page said that film club could be formed by monthly membership.

A letter from J. Harry Black, theatre manager was read in which Mr. Black stated he would endeavor to co-operate with the Annunciation Home and School's request for more suitable films for children to be shown at Saturday matinees.

Mrs. Angelo Rossi won the door prize. The attendance prize was won by Miss Gina Sesler's Grade 2 classroom.

Successful bake sale staged by United WA

The sum of $90 was realized from a sell-out bake sale Saturday staged in Shop-Easy by the Women's association of the First United church.

The first of several winter activities planned by the association at its regular meeting last week was reported a huge success with proceeds ear-marked for church funds.

General convener, past-president Mrs. Erling Pedersen was assisted by Mrs. James Ciccone, Mrs. O. R. Green, and Miss Alida Johnson.

Advertising in The Daily News Brings Results

Announcements

- Garden Club meeting, Civic Centre, 8 o'clock, Feb. 17. (33)
- L.O.O.M. attention all members. Initiation and meeting, 8:30 Tuesday, Feb. 16. All members please attend. (32)
- Booth Memorial High School P.T.A. meeting in the lunch room, Senior High School, Wed., February 17, at 8 p.m. (32)

CANADIAN LEGION
BINGO
8th game—$50
No Games Under $15
Blackout Jackpot in 50 numbers—$500
Consolation $100
Legion Auditorium, Tuesday, February 16
EVERYBODY WELCOME

WILY BIRD

LONDON (CP)—A rook un-zipped a golf bag with its beak and stole a set of golf balls on a course in the Wimbledon area

—backache!
—tired out!
—rest disturbed!
ARE ALL WIVES FED UP?

When they are troubled by backache, that tired out feeling or disturbed rest, many, many women turn to Dodd's Kidney Pills. These conditions can be caused by excess acids and wastes in the system and Dodd's Kidney Pills stimulate the kidneys and aid their normal action of removing these excess acids and wastes. Then life seems brighter, housework lighter! Why don't you, too, try Dodd's? 63

Featuring
ECONOMY BEEF
At your
LOCKER PLANT
230 Second Avenue

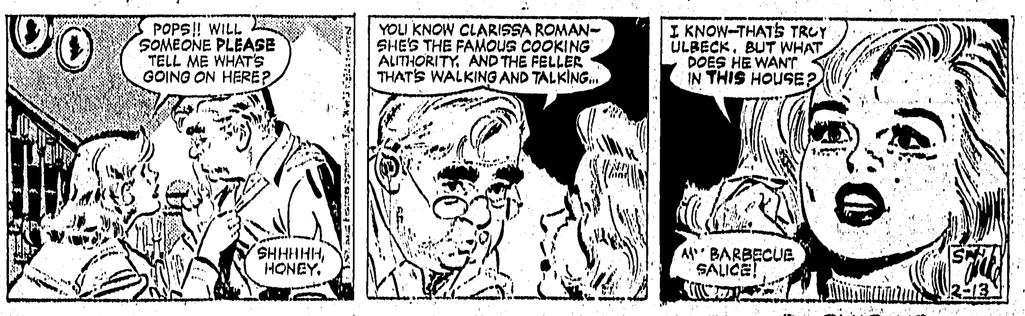
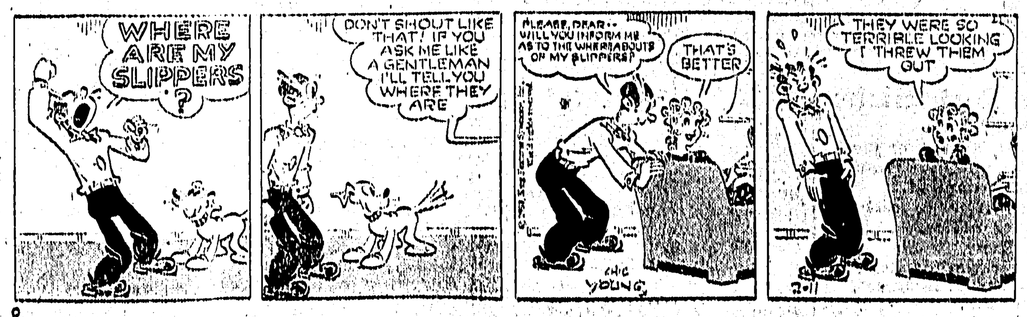
ROUND STEAK or ROAST 69c lb.
MINCED STEAK 65c lb.
ON ECONOMY TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16th

T-BONE RIB STEAKS 71c lb.
HAMBURGER 35c lb.
CHUCK ROASTS 39c lb.
RIB ROAST 49c lb.
BEEF STEW 56c lb.
At your LOCKER PLANT
230 2nd Ave.

ARCHIE — By BOB MONTANA

LI'L ABNER — By AL CAPP

THE HEART OF JULIET JONES — By STAN DRAKE



BLONDIE — By CHIC YOUNG