Parent-teacher projects, unity recommended at panel talks

A project to interest teachers and parents plus entertainment at parent-teacher association meetings were two of the main recommendations presented when the question of "Where does the PTA go from here?" was the topic a panel discussion staged by Booth Memorial High School PTA Wednesday night.

Speaking for the parents were Mrs. Lloyd Bowman, president of Roosevelt Park PTA and J. R. Ayres, editor of the Daily News.

Greater unity between teachers and parents was a general recommendation given by teacher panelists, F. N. Sutton, vice-principal of Prince Rupert High school and Neil McDonald, teacher at Booth Memorial Junior high school.

Mr. Sutton said that he felt the PTA was becoming ineffectual due to lack of teacher participation and because of the complete control of women on the provincial executive. He suggested a re-appraisal of philosophy was necessary. Local groups could become more effective if they were able to work with local welfare organizations for the good of children whose problems came from sources outside the school.

Mrs. Bowman who read the objectives of the PTA, stated she felt a real effort was being made to discuss problems which involved the welfare of the child. She pointed out that there were relatively few parents really interested in PTA work and that in particular there was a lack of interest by fathers.

"It is better to aim high and fail, than not to make any attempt at all," Mrs. Bowman said.

"The PTA cannot function as a local entity in its present setup," Mr. McDonald said. He felt that it could only succeed as a part of a central organization which covered all phases of local life.

Mr. Ayres said the PTA had "wandered from its true objectives."

He said that he thought there must be something vital missing if people would not attend.

Panel chairman was E. T. Applewhaite.

During the business session chaired by PTA president Mrs. O. R. Green, F. A. Dunford Junior High school principal explained report cards and invited parents to come to the school

R. F. Lucas, Prince Rupert High school principal announced that since the shift system will be in effect for some time, parents should encourage children to do at least two and a half hours of homework each day.

G. G. McKenzie of the Junior high school staff was elected safety chairman.

The meeting approved a PT Council resolution "that the British Columbia Parent-Teachers Federation request the Department of Education to make university tuition fee grants to qualifying students, automatic upon registration at university, without application in advance."

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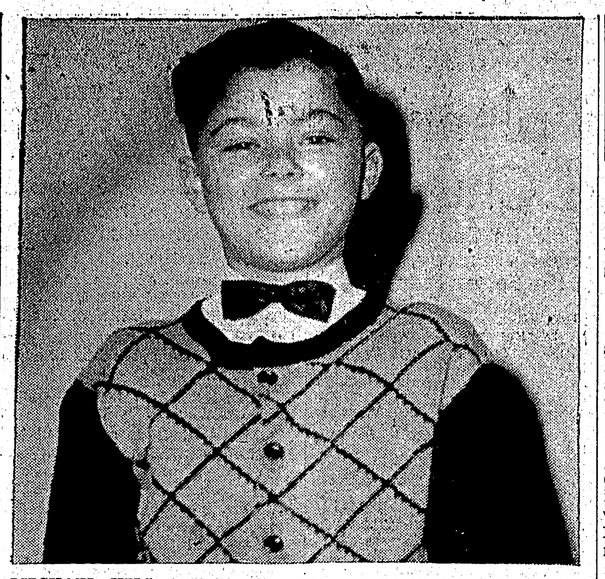

MICHAEL HILL tonight will present vocal selections from "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" when he participates in the Third Annual Order of the Royal Purple Talent Show to be staged in the Civic Centre at 8 p.m. Cash prizes of $50 and three $25 will be awarded winners, judged through audience applause. Master of ceremonies for the two-hour show of top-notch entertainment will be popular Len Harrington. Eighteen entires to take part are singers, dancers and instrumentalists. Tickets by door admission only. Doors open at 7 p.m. OORP chairman Mrs. Robert Holkestad today said all proceeds go towards charitable projects.
—Staff photo by Dick Ayres.

Fire chief addresses Jaycettes

A very interesting and informative talk on "fire prevention" was given to the Prince Rupert Jaycettes Tuesday night when Fire Chief Earl Becker was guest speaker at the group's regular meeting held at the home of Mrs. Douglas Newton.

Illustrating his address with slides, Mr. Becker explained methods of fire prevention around the home and particularly emphasized the need for parents to give fire-education to children as early as possible.

President Mrs. Robert Parsons presided over the short business session when tentative plans were made for winter activities. Refreshments concluded the meeting.

Next session will be held November 17 at the home of Mrs. Ian Campbell.

Announcements

- Sons of Norway Social meeting, Monday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Initiation. (207)

Daily News Classified Ads

Fabric decorating begins tonight

Persons who are interested in batik, block printing and silkscreen work, are encouraged to attend the fabric decorating course being offered to Civic Centre members every Friday night, Joy Hinman, arts and crafts director said today. Mrs. Hinman said these decorating techniques are each very different and many interesting and useful items can be made, such as lampshades, head scarves and curtaining.

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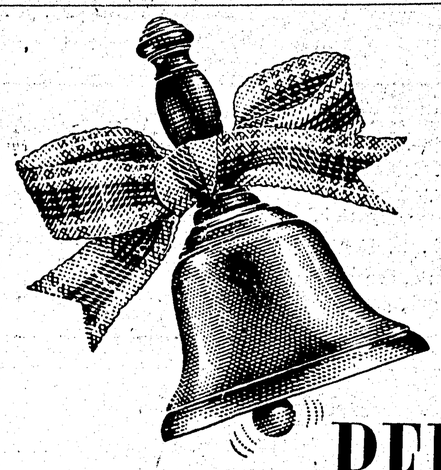

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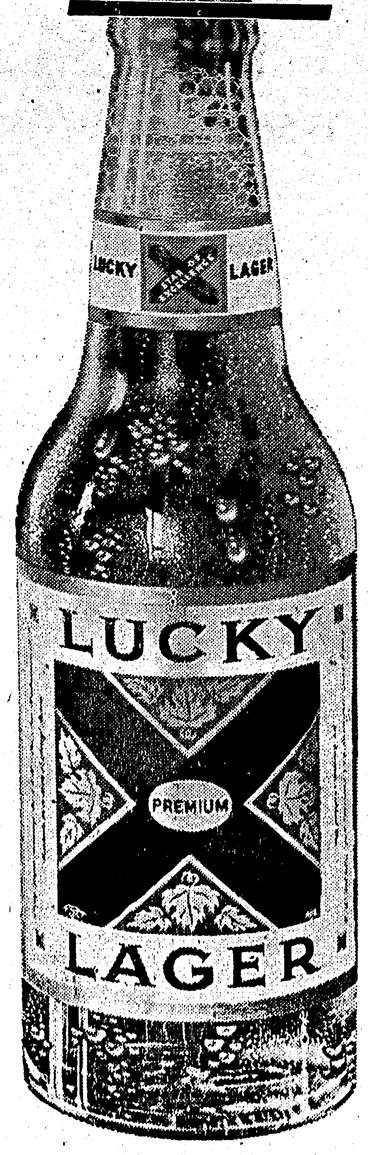

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