

Education Week

November 4-9

(By a Social Worker)
Education—What a Blessing!
That is what our young people at school should not fail to appreciate. If in youth they despise this blessing, they may later in life spend much time in gloomy regrets upon those sad words: "It might have been."
We could mention any number of men and women who ruined their own lives and saddened the lives of others by their ingratitude to parents and teachers. There was Absalom. What golden opportunities and blessings God showered upon that young man. He had a brilliant and wealthy father. He had health and strength of body. In short he never wanted for anything except the grateful recognition of his wonderful blessings. But, instead of making the most of all these advantages, he wanted more. He allowed covetousness to drive him to desperate and shameful courses. Thus he brought ruin upon himself, bitterness of soul to his father, and misery to thousands of others.
How different the story of Joseph, son of Jacob! The misfor-

tune which befel that poor boy might have driven many a one to despair. But Joseph met every situation with unflinching courage and determination.
I am writing this especially for our young people who are now attending school, high school, college, or university. Some of these may feel their limitations. They may at times have difficulty in meeting financial requirements. They may be depressed because they are not as brilliant or gifted as others. However, why should I recount all that may be disagreeable or distressing? Each knows his own limitations and difficulties best. But, young man, young woman, do not dwell upon these things. Rather "count your blessings, count them one by one." Do not forget to be grateful for the privilege of attending school but daily make the most of your opportunities.

LONDON @—Sqn. Ldr. W. A. Waterton of Edmonton, who took part in the record-breaking R.A.F. speed flight, has joined the Gloster Aircraft Company as a test pilot.

BOARD PONDER'S WAGE REQUESTS FROM TEACHERS

District School Board members geared themselves into a bargaining mood last night and set about framing counter-proposals to salary increase requests by the Prince Rupert District Teachers' Association which if granted would cost the board more than \$19,000 a year above present salaries.

The counter-proposals will be presented to the salary committee of the Teachers' Association at a meeting later this month, when, it is hoped, a satisfactory compromise can be reached.
After reading a list of six requests by the teachers, which resulted from a meeting between the board and the salary committee last month, School Board Secretary Mrs. M. M. Roper explained the information that to grant the requests in full would cost the Board an additional \$19,539 for the present term if made effective now.

"It would cost considerably more than that if it was made retroactive to September 1 as suggested by the teachers," Mrs. Roper added.

Basis of the teachers' claim is payment of the salary schedule set by the B.C. Teachers' Federation, plus \$200 annually to cover the greater cost of living in Prince Rupert and with \$100 annual increases.

Other clauses in the teachers' request were:

1. Increments (increases) to be based on one increment for each year's teaching in British Columbia and one-half increment for each year's teaching outside British Columbia.
 2. Teachers with temporary certificates, who who are otherwise fully qualified, to be treated exactly the same as those with permanent B.C. certificates.
 3. If the School Board finds it necessary to hire teachers above their place on the salary schedule (possibly owing to difficulty in obtaining teachers) then the salary schedule is to be adjusted to bring all other teachers' salaries into alignment.
 4. An unsatisfactory inspector's report is not to affect a teacher being put in the salary schedule but should only affect the pending increment.
 5. The salary schedule is to be made retroactive to September 1, 1946.
- The schedule set by the Teachers' Association asks a \$1,500 minimum and a \$2,600 maximum for teachers in the elementary schools and a minimum of \$1,800 and a maximum of \$3,200 for secondary school teachers. Both schedules are to have \$100 annual increments.
- Mrs. Roper pointed out that no school in the province is paying as high as the Prince Rupert teachers are asking and that the present minimum salaries paid

Senior High Record Enrolment

October enrolment in the senior division of Booth Memorial High School was the highest in the records of the school. Principal W. W. C. O'Neill stated last night in his monthly report to the Prince Rupert District School Board. Senior enrolment was 220 out of a total school enrolment of 473. Mr. O'Neill reported.

Attendance record at the school during October was 96 per cent, the principal said. Junior high school enrolment was 253. Mr. O'Neill informed the board that the installation of fluorescent lighting in one of the Booth classrooms had been a progressive step that had "transformed the rooms."

Total enrolment in the city's four schools during October was 1,139 and enrolment in the rural areas of the district from which reports received, was 51.

At Borden Street elementary

school, enrolment was 195, with an average attendance of 93 per cent. Principal J. S. Wilson reported. Grade Six pupils at the school raised \$17 for the Junior Red Cross by a sale of hot dogs, and an additional \$7, also for the Junior Red Cross, by a concert for other school pupils.

Enrolment at King Edward elementary school was 267, with an average attendance of 93 per cent, according to Principal Robert G. Moore.
Conrad Street Elementary School had an enrolment of 204 with an attendance record of 89 per cent, Principal T. G. Bateman informed the board.

In the rural areas, Digby Island school had an enrolment of 19 pupils, according to Principal Miss Gladys Foster, Port Essington had 20 enrolled, while Port Simpson had an enrolment of 12, Miss Jane A. Common, teacher, said. No report was received from Port Edward school.

MYSTERY AND DRAMA HERE

Picturization of Great Novel Features Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck

A film replete with gripping drama, high-pitched intrigue and poignant drama, is being featured tonight, Thursday and Friday at the Capitol Theatre in "Spellbound," the picturization of Alfred Hitchcock's great novel which was conceived in the blitz days in Britain. Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck are co-starred and supporting players include John Emery, Leo G. Carroll, Rhonda Fleming, Wallace Ford and Michael Chekhov.

Briefly, the story concerns a mysterious young man who, suffering from amnesia, becomes suspected of a murder and, with no memory of the past, believes he might be guilty. A young woman psychiatrist falls in love with him and desperately tries to save him from punishment for a crime she is sure he did not commit. How she manages to reach into the recesses of his mind and bring back bit by bit the baffling secret his loss of memory has hidden from the police forms the basis of the fascinating mystery which passes through exciting sequences to a thrilling denouement.

The performances of Miss Bergman and Gregory Peck are said to be of exceptional merit.

RETTFORD, England @—Councillor J. W. Peatfield will be the fourth member of his family to be mayor of this Nottinghamshire town.

LOCAL WOMAN'S FATHER DIES

Thomas Robinson, father of Mrs. Lillie Phillips, former local resident, and a brother of Mrs. Andrew C. Messer sr., died at his home in Calgary on Wednesday, according to word received by Mrs. Messer last night. He was 68 years old. Born in Northumberland, England, he is survived by his sister, Mrs. Messer, in Prince Rupert, a daughter, Mrs. Phillips, who left Prince Rupert in August after being a member of the staff of Long Motors during the war years, his widow and four brothers are in Calgary.

FOR CLEANER FLOORS
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DUNDEE, Scotland @—Three thousand children were released from school to help save the potato crop.

Elementary school teachers are \$100 annually greater than the Vancouver scale. Minimum salaries paid high school teachers here are the same as in Vancouver, she said.

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