

Bo-Me-Hi News

Text Book Rental Plan Deprives Students Of Rich Experience

Have you ever stopped to think of the gross injustices that is being inflicted on thousands of students by this new "Text Book Rental Plan"? They are being deprived of the enlightening and extremely educational experience of owning a second hand text book. How interesting and informative it was to read of dozens of love affairs in brief, on as many consecutive pages, in the short and simple form of "Tom loves Mary".

There were also lengthy exercises, inserted by the former owners of the volume, which read as follows: "If you want to know what my name is turn to page 395—turn to page 78—to page 1246—page 9—" and so on until one had flipped over each page in the book several times. When you finally reached the required destination you were greeted with a barrage of insulting names, which was the pen man's way of telling you not to be so silly as to do everything you're told to do.

As well as being amused and insulted you were also educated by those inexperienced authors. For is it not educating to wit-

ness the wonders of art that are contained in many an old school book? Such design, such symmetry, such originality, such doodling as is displayed therein is only accessible to those who have the good fortune to be possessors of such priceless volumes.

You also obtained experience in the art of debating. You compare history books with your friends' and argue as to which type of mustache was most becoming Marie Antoinette and as to whether Hitler should have a short pointed beard or a long bushy one. Your imagination also was developed rapidly when you were forced to guess, on very short notice, the words behind that huge ink blot or on the missing page.

Herein has been stated only a few of the many advantages of second hand books; but what, may I ask, is the advantage of a rented book?

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Tax Rate Key To Financing Proposed New City Schools

By W. J. SCOTT
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In any discussion of the School Building program one of the first questions that arises is, "How much will it cost?" To answer by saying, "An estimated \$815,030.00" might satisfy some, but I doubt if it would stop further discussion on finances, with the average ratepayer. It is only part of the answer, and of little use to one who is interested in the effect on the tax rate. Before breaking this figure down into proportionate costs, and ultimately to the annual levy that might be necessary to finance the program, may I briefly outline the method of raising and paying back the monies borrowed for school building purposes.

To cover the cost of the City

and District portion of the school building program total estimates are presented. Under the Public Schools Act, the City must float a bond issue themselves in their area, while School Boards float the issue for villages and rural areas. In our district this means two separate bond issues totalling the local share of the program. A division must be made and the proportions are calculated according to the official taxable assessments of the previous year. By this method the amounts of City and School Board bond issues are determined.

On request, the City council prepares a By-law to be voted on by the City voters, and the Board prepares a By-law for the rural voters. Each party conducts its own polls and a 60% "Yes" vote is required for the entire area to carry the program.

The Council and School Board negotiate sale of their bonds separately to raise the total amount authorized.

Each year in their annual budget, the School Board provides for that year's principal and interest payments on both bond issues. The total cost of the school operations, including debt servicing, is then divided between the partners according to the assessment totals of the previous year. That is to say, 1950's principal and interest are

Personalities

FRANK McFADDEN
Students Council President

Frank, better known as "Buck" is this year's popular president of the Students Council. He was born in Armstrong, B. C., May 21, 1931. He received his primary education at Lord Nelson School, Vancouver, and also at King Ed School here. Frank has attended Booth Memorial since Grade 7 and has been on the Council in grades seven, eight, and nine. He is taking the High School Graduation course. Frank plays basketball and likes boating and shooting next to girls. He has no special plans for the future except for chasing women, unquote. Frank has belonged to the Naval Reserves for a year. His only complaint concerning school organization is that students are not allowed to chew gum.

Student Council Plans Future

This term's Student Council has now had two meetings. At these, among other things, a few activities have been planned for the future. A "Get-Together Dance" sponsored by the council is scheduled to take place on October 14.

The school Bylaw has, as most of us know, spurred the council to a great amount of action which will continue until a new school is forthcoming. The council will also try to bring about more of the students wishes in regard to school affairs.

The council, still in its infancy has not been able to plan much in advance, but, as we all agree, the council has done well so far, and if it continues, all will be well this year.

Journalism Club Begins

The Journalism Club this year is under the direction of Mr. Hurst. They plan to meet once a week at lunch hour. They will use half a page or more in this paper each Friday with articles about what goes on in the school and everything of special interest to students. The editor-in-chief is Donna Kerrigan, the editor of the weekly is Bernard Garrod and the editor of the annual is Irene Hansen.

Junior Council Holds Meeting

The Junior Council which held its meeting on September 13 discussed organizational work, but intends to proceed with other work at their next meeting. The Council represents Grades 7, 8, 9. Members are: Jim Flewin, Robert Hemmons, Jack Leighton, Fred Kristianson, Gordon Marshall, Lawrence Friedland, Yvonne Kildal, Annette Windle, Jacqueline Moore. Jack Leighton was elected President, and Yvonne Kildal, Secretary.

divided according to 1949 assessments; 1951's according to 1950 assessments; and so on. From each year's school requisition on the City, the amount of principal and interest for which the City is responsible will be deducted, leaving a net amount to be turned over to the Board for their expenses.

The Provincial government have agreed to pay 50% of the total cost of the project, and taxpayers in the City and rural areas are asked to provide the

other 50%. The total cost can be broken down as follows:
Provincial Govt. \$407,515.00
City of Pr. Rupert 341,701.00
Rural Portion 65,814.00
of District \$815,030.00

It is interesting to note that assessments in the rural area increased to such an extent last year that, from 12.56% of the City and rural portion or an amount of \$51- (Cont'd on Page 6)

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