

SPLIT HIGH SCHOOLS

Department Frowns On 'Unwieldy' Schools

Present department of education policy calls for splitting up of junior senior high schools if the school population becomes too unwieldy, W. G. Graham, director of administration for the department told Booth Memorial High School Parent-Teacher association last night.

Guest speaker, along with Minister of Education Leslie Peterson, Mr. Graham said that the department favored a reasonable size of school.

British Columbia has in John Oliver High school in Vancouver the biggest school in Canada with between 3,300 and 3,500 students enrolled.

However, Mr. Graham said, schools can get too large. In a smaller school, with fewer of a separate junior high school pupils, the student can become a larger integral part of the school.

Many areas had junior-senior

high schools that were two ways to split the schools:

(1) If the school population was widespread over a large area it was best to have two junior-

senior high schools;

(2) If the school population was fairly compact then a sepa-

rator junior high school and a senior high school or another junior high school.

Booth Memorial High School's September enrollment was 724 students.

Premier Bennett's Pledge Recalled For Minister

The president of Booth Memorial Parent-Teacher association last night looked the minister of education in the eye and urged him to remind Premier W. A. C. Bennett of a promise made last May that financial assistance would be considered for school bands.

H. J. Marchant told Minister of Education Leslie Peterson that in May at the final night of the Prince Rupert Music Festival which Mr. Bennett attended, the premier told the audience composed of students, parents and teachers and festival officials that the department would give serious consideration to giving financial assistance to bands.

"The premier had a wonderful time and thought the band work most worthwhile," Mr. Marchant said, adding that the PTA would appreciate it if Mr. Peterson would remind the premier of his promise.

Booth Memorial High school is without a school band this term for the first time in several years, mainly due to the fact that band instruments are in such a state of disrepair that it is beyond the scope of the school or the PTA to remedy the situation.

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Two-Week Art Course Gets Underway Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon will see the start of a two-week art course to be given by Robert E. Davidson, arts supervisor of the University of British Columbia, Extension Department.

The course, to be held both afternoons and evenings in the Civic Centre Ladies Lounge for two-hour sessions at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. was originally scheduled for ten days, but will be extended to two weeks if sufficiently keen interest is shown here, Mrs. J. T. Harvey, secretary of the Prince Rupert Art club, said today.

"We will be unusually privileged if we get this two-week intensive course, as most British Columbia centres only get a five-day course," Mrs. Harvey said.

In a letter to the local club Mr. Davidson said the first day will be devoted entirely to drawings and students attending the course are asked to bring drawing boards.

Depending on registrations, one class will be held in the afternoon and the other in the evening, with both combining Sunday afternoons.

It is expected that housewives will predominate in the afternoon classes; while men, women who work and high school students will attend evening classes.

Beginners are encouraged to register in both classes.

Mrs. Harvey said that a course as long and as extensive as this cannot be expected here again.

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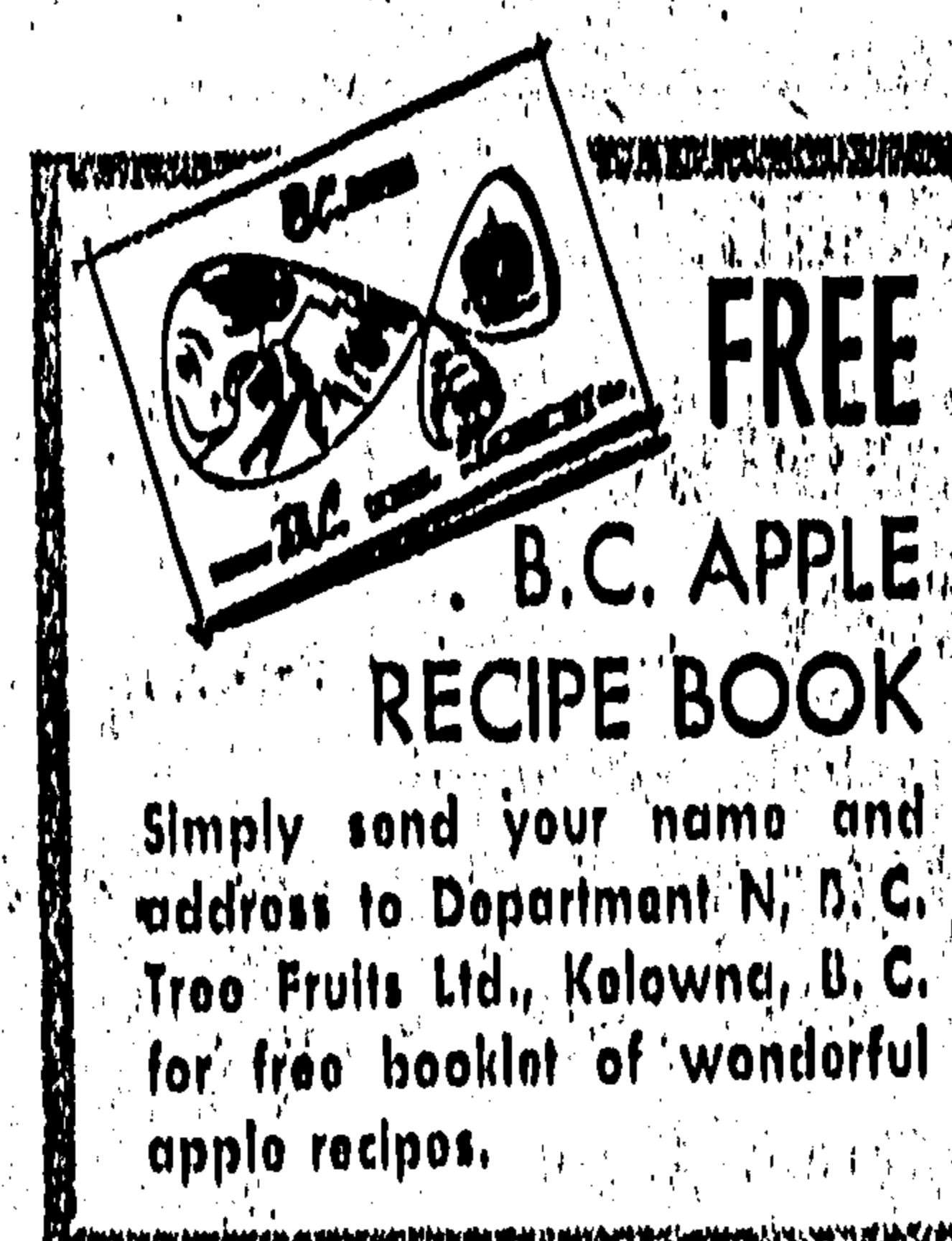
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