

Inga Ackerman Is Winner Of Public Speaking Contest

Inga Ackerman, a Grade 12 General Course student at the Technical and Commercial High School, won top honors Wednesday night at the public speaking contest held in the Technical auditorium under auspices of the Home and School Council.

The winner's topic, entitled "A Boy in the House," was judged best by the committee of four judges, K. Dennis, chairman; Mrs. Norman McLennan, T. P. Callon and H. Hyndman.

he continues to teach you such facts as how many packages of Quaker Oats you have to eat in order to obtain a hundred dollars of Howdy-Doody play money, who's who on every football, hockey and baseball team within an area of nad how many ripe crabbapple a hundred miles; when, where, trees there are in your neighborhood, and the wonder of wonders, the secret he shall never reveal to you is that a small boy can soak for an hour in the bathtub and emerge without any part of him being visibly affected.

Taking everything into consideration, he really gives so much joy which you will never be able to repay. You watch him grow from a baby to childhood and then to manhood when he will gradually leave you, for that is part of the plan, but you will always remember grubby hands and faces, the fierce clutch of bony arms, and that secret something in his eyes, the brimming heart of a boy.

Meeting Planned On Unemployed

A meeting of interested groups to discuss solutions to unemployment at the Lakehead has been called for next week by two Canadian Congress of Labor organizations here, it was learned today.

Sponsoring the meeting are the United Automobile Workers of America CCL, representing workers at Fort William plant of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company; and Thunder Bay Labor Council, made up of delegates from CCL locals in the twin cities. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. next Tuesday in the UAW hall, Bank of Toronto Building, Fort William.

Norman Bickell, international representative of the UAW here, said letters inviting delegates have gone out to the mayors of both cities; Chambers of Commerce; Council of Women; political associations; The Thunder Bay Ministerial Association; and other organizations.

St. Paul's Church Will Present Play

St. Paul's United Church will present "The Pilgrimage Play", a religious motion picture of the life, death and Resurrection of Christ, Good Friday at 8 p.m., Rev. W. C. Mercer, minister of St. Paul's, announced today.

The color film will be shown in the church sanctuary. An offering will be taken to cover expenses.

WEATHER MAP

TORONTO (CP)—Observed temperatures bulletin issued at the Toronto public weather office at 9 a. m.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	19	27
Victoria	41	51
Edmonton	31	42
Regina	27	51
Winnipeg	36	65
Port Arthur	33	44
White River	29	44
Kapuskasing	25	48
North Bay	29	41
Sudbury	30	45
S. S. Marie	37	57
Muskoka airport	30	52
Windsor	42	75
London	37	66
Toronto	38	66
Ottawa	24	39
Montreal	32	37
Saint John	31	39
Halifax	32	40

Second place was won by Jackie McLeod, Grade 10 Commercial, whose oratorical subject was "Progress in Canada." Third winner was Ronald Logan, Grade 11 General, who spoke on "Opportunity at our Doorstep."

Among those who had entered the oratorical contest were the following Grades 10, 11 and 12 students: Maureen Fraser, Shirley Kovu, Helaine Blundell, Shirley Karila, Jackie McLeod, Ian Paxton, Ted Alto, Zony Stanlęcki, Terry Axelson, Bernard Spidell and Art Young.

Subjects chosen by the student speakers covered a wide range, including credit unions, a new world calendar, the puzzling salmon cycle, the business of being beautiful, "weather or not," and the art of conversation.

Prizes for the three top speakers were awarded by the Home and School Council at the close of the contest.

RUSSIANS GATHER DATA
NEW YORK (AP)—Two Russian military attaches from the Soviet embassy in Washington have been attending an aircraft forum here and buying up all available literature, it was learned today. More than 1,000 United States aircraft designers and executives are attending the forum, sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers.

CALIFORNIA PROFESSOR DIES
BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—Dr. Gerald E. K. Branch, 67, professor of chemistry at the University of California, was found dead in his office on the campus Wednesday. He had been under treatment for a heart condition. Born in the British West Indies, he took his early university degrees in England and Scotland and had been in Berkeley since, except for service with Canadian troops and the British munitions ministry during the First World War.

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ific, "has been enhanced by my talks."

The proposed alliance would aim to stem Communist expansion in Indo-China and the rest of southeast Asia.

COMMON PURPOSE
Dulles discussed the matter this week in London with Foreign Secretary Eden and in Paris with Foreign Minister Bidault.

Dulles said "our common purpose" was set forth in joint statements issued after each of those talks.

He pointed out that Thailand already had agreed to participate in the proposed 10-nation alliance and "now, President Magsaysay of the Philippines has indicated acceptance in principle.

Dulles said he believed the proposed 10-nation alliance would head off Communist ambition to control southeast Asia.

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in Sydney by air today and were met by Russian embassy officials. Passengers on the flight from Rome said the couriers spoke to no one, and were never out of each other's sight.

Menzies deprecated the "sensational speculation" abroad over the case. He said Petrov had agreed that recently bolstered Australian security measures had "enormously increased" the difficulties of Communist spies.

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would outline departmental policies and procedures which the firm considers not the best and recommended changes.

Mr. Robeins said the investigations at Fort William "involved mostly minor things, such as payroll irregularities." His department has had an investigator "on the road regularly."

Mr. Clarke replaced C. H. Nel-

son following Nelson's resignation in 1953. Nelson's sick leave pay was subsequently suspended after he allegedly refused to answer questions by the provincial auditor's department.

"Would he need authorization for, say, \$10,000?" asked Mr. Wren. "Yes, he would," Mr. Clarke said.

"Say \$5,000?" asked Mr. Wren. "I'm not sure about that," Mr. Clarke replied.

Mr. Wren asked, if there was a miscalculation in earth fill or if grade changes were necessary could the division engineer still increase the estimate of one item without changing the over-all cost? "Only up to a point," said the acting chief engineer.

"What point?" asked Mr. Wren. "About 10 or 15 per cent," Mr. Clarke replied.

Mr. Clarke said construction project tenders issued in 1952 amounting to approximately \$8,000,000 were completed to within 10 per cent of the original estimate.

"We have some jobs which will overrun by 50 per cent but the overall is about 10 per cent."

William J. Fulton, chief survey engineer, testified the department let some contracts before pre-engineering was completed. When the certificate for final payment of a contract is signed the department relies on the field notes of the divisional engineer.

Mr. Roberts informed the committee that the attorney-general's department is attempting to have a special supreme court sitting in June at Fort William to hear the trial of A. M. Mills, former chief engineer at the Lakehead, charged with breach of trust. His trial was originally scheduled for the fall.

The trial of four other former department employees at Fort William, charged with fraud, will be heard next month. Charged are division clerk Douglas F. Cutting, clerk Donald T. Gandier, principal clerk Graham W. Turner and Thomas L. Ayers, asphalt plant superintendent.

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also opened through the Canadian ship canal. The freighter Starbelle locked through up-bound at 6:15 a. m., travelling light, and headed for Fort William for a cargo of grain after getting the green light from the coast guard.

Four freighters had entered the lower St. Mary's river two days previously but were held here until today because of the coast guard regulation restricting upper river traffic until the ice channel had been cleared.

They were the D. A. Moloney,

Carl Meyers and F. L. the Browning fleet and H. Wolf of the Gartlar Chicago. All are up-bound.

The D. C. Everest, of Athon Corporation, Mich., locked through the ship canal at 3:55 p. m. Wednesday to open the navigation.

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Thomas, Braeside, Ontario, Fort William; and Frank

The funeral will be held Monday from the chapel at 10:30 a. m. on Thursday street, to St. Andrew's Catholic Cemetery. Prayers will be at the chapel at 8 p. m.

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