

TEACHER

MRS. PEARL WEBSTER - 754 Ash Road, Richmond, B.C.

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NOT ON TAPE

Qualifications

Normal School and one year university with added courses. Taught elementary school prior to marriage. Upon returning to teaching in the early fifties, took three years of summer school in order to receive a certificate to teach home economics in the high school.

Boys in Food

- In the mid-sixties, Mrs. Webster had an "experimental" class of male students who took foods as an elective at Richmond High School
 - boys apparently had not taken the course due to lack of space
- Many "difficult" male students did well in the course and often the good work habits developed were transferred to other subjects
 - boys were proud of their achievements
 - some became very interested & majored in foods

The Chant Report

- The Grade 7 students became "elementary pupils"
 - at first there was not enough space in the elementary schools, and Grade 7 temporarily stayed at Junior High School. They were treated as elementary students and not allowed to take Home Economics
 - no facilities in the elementary schools for Grade 7 to take a Home Economic course
- Grade 8 was the only year Home Economics became a compulsory course
 - the course was altered to take some things

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from the Grade 7 and some things from
the Grade 8 level to form a new course
- less time was given to the course.

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