

PARENTS! Beware that flying saucer!

Young scientists— your big chance!

By Don Renton

If there's a science student in your family, prepare for something unusual during the next few months.

Don't be surprised if you find a flying saucer in your kitchen cupboard, or a miniature space-ship circling the lamp in the sitting-room.

Try not to get ruffled, even if the wardrobe should become crammed with dead birds or insects, or with an assortment of rocks.

Between now and next August physics students in all parts of the State will be preparing projects for the Science Talent Search organised by the Science Teachers' Association of Victoria.

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Objects of the search are to encourage independent research by students and to discover boys and girls with outstanding ability in science.

All full-time students at Victorian Schools and Colleges (including State Forestry and Agricultural Colleges) who are under 18 years and over 14 years on June 30, 1952, are eligible for the contest.



BURSARIES totalling £320 will be awarded to successful pupils to assist in their further education.

The first bursary, valued at £100, is being given by *The Argus*.

The second award, sponsored by the Australian Laboratory Equipment Supplies Association, is valued at £60; and four awards, each of £25, are being given by Westclox Pty. Ltd., Nicholas Pty. Ltd., Imperial Chemical Industries, and International Harvester.

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In addition there will be four bursaries worth £10 each, and four worth £5.

Students may select their own subjects and deal with any branch of science, but their



projects should be simple, original, interesting, and instructive.

As a guide the Science Teachers' Association makes several suggestions including:

- A report on the flora or fauna of a particular district.
- A working model of a new type of farm implement.
- A chemical investigation of solvents used in the home.
- A "thinking" electronic machine that might even play noughts and crosses!

Any student desiring to take part in the 1952 Science Talent Search should obtain full particulars from the principal of his or her school as soon as possible.

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