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WALTER SCOTT
 There was a high attendance at the October meeting of the Walter Scott Home and School Association. The speaker for the evening was Mr. Ross Waters, assistant supervisor of physical education and health in North York. Mr. Waters said that every generation complains about youth being soft, but young people today are better mentally and physically than we were at their age.

When we were small our physical education programme consisted of calisthenics and deep breathing exercises, with no concern for individual development.

Today the entire programme is based on results of observations of children's activities. A child has the opportunity to develop muscle control without fatigue.

Mr. Ross Waters then invited the audience to look in through the gym window by means of colour slides taken at various North York Physical Education classes. The slides covered all activities from kindergarten to grade 8, showing how skills are developed.

Membership Chairman Mrs. Steffan introduced the grade mothers, who had been entertained at a tea at her home, the previous Monday.

The attendance cup was won by Miss Gee's class.

The meeting ended with refreshments served by grade 1 mothers.

YORK-SIMCOE COUNCIL
 Equality of Educational Opportunity In Ontario -- this is the study project the Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations has set themselves for this year, and ways and means of studying this problem at the local home & school level were emphasized at the York-Simcoe Home & School Council meeting recently at the Summitview Public School in Stouffville.

Mrs. Mildred Woodcock of the Ontario Federation led the conference into discussing the working papers which were compiled by the federation and sent to each association. These embrace surveys on local facilities, including accommodation, equipment, playground, staff, student drop-outs, etc. methods of obtaining equality of educational opportunity, whether in central and consolidated schools, by the use of itinerant teachers, wider use of TV and radio in teaching, etc.; and the financing of education under local conditions. There is enough work in these working papers for each association to keep them interested and at the same time usefully busy for a whole year, and suggestions on how to achieve participation by all members of an association in this theme were discussed. The aim in conducting this survey all over Ontario is to obtain the best for each child according to his physical, mental, social and spiritual needs; the chance for the type of education that will benefit each child to the utmost based upon his ability, his interests and his needs.

Mrs. Mary Stapley, president of Stouffville Association, welcomed members to the conferences and introduced Mrs. W. C. Noble of Gormley, who chaired the meeting in the absence due to illness of Mr. G. Gray, council president.

"The Subject of Nuclear Arms For Canada is now uppermost in our minds," she said, "and don't be told that this is none of our business as home and school. Of course it is our business as parents, because it isn't much good giving a child an education when in the not too distant future he will be convinced one way or the other by people who know something about this problem."

Mrs. G. Keeley of Newmarket spoke about effective programming, the citizenship committee, which is of special value to New Canadians, and the duties of grade mothers, who should be the liaison between teachers and parents. Mrs. W. Acton of Richmond Hill itemized the usefulness of the publications committee and a hospitality committee, and Mrs. N. R. Clifton of Richmond Hill spoke about the Courtice Memorial Library and how an association or any members of a h & s may obtain books free of charge from the library for the period of one month, including free return postage. An impressive list of books is available through this library, especially on subjects of interest to parents and children. Vice-President, Elsie Kajola, for area "D" on the federation, then demonstrated a new study kit available to any association on the new family life program, or in other words parent education. This kit includes pamphlets and information on a great many subjects suitable for discussion at association meetings, and it is available upon request to the council, one for each association.

Two films on "Planning Your Talk" and "Using Your Voice" rounded off this interesting evening program. The films were introduced by Mrs. Stapley and shown by Mr. Beaudry, principal of the Summitview School. Refreshments served by the Stouffville Home & School concluded a very worthwhile program of activities.

PLEASANTVILLE
 The auditorium of Pleasantville Public School was the setting for a most enjoyable gathering on Thursday, October 19th.

Principal Rose welcomed the many parents and friends who came to offer proud good wishes to the fine looking group of young people. In congratulating the graduates, she spoke briefly of their development in

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Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. French were Mr. Isaac Carr of Regina, Mrs. Lily Connor and Mr. Jim Carr of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Norris of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Schlayler of Woodbridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Brown and Melodie of Welland.

Mrs. H. Gauthier of Trenton is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Goodman.

A miscellaneous shower was held on Saturday at Victoria Square hall in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Steckley of Sudbury.

Mr. and Mrs. John Farquharson left Monday to spend two weeks in Richmond, Virginia on their way to spend the winter at their home in Florida.

Mr. Jos. Jones is confined to his home with jaundice.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Goodman and girls moved on Tuesday to their new home in Belleville.

Mrs. Alvin Farmer was admitted to Toronto General Hospital on Tuesday.

Mrs. Glenn Bolender began teaching half a day a week at S.S. No. 7, Markham, to relieve

Mr. Moorby for extra duties as principal.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Hunking and Mr. Allan Doner spent Wednesday and Thursday at the Ministerial Retreat at New Dundee.

Residents of this community attended the radio banquet on Monday night at the Youth Centre.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Empringham and Rev. and Mrs. Roy Nigh visited Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd at Ivy Sunday afternoon.

Mr. A. Leek has been under doctor's care for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Wes. Hoover of Toronto visited relatives here on Saturday.

Anniversary services will be held on Sunday, November 5 at the United Missionary Church. Miss Lorraine Morrison of Toronto will be guest soloist at both services. Rev. C. Winger of St. Clair U. M. Church will speak at the morning service and Rev. Robert Lytle of Toronto will be the guest speaker on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Mel Clark and Philip of Syracuse, spent the week-end

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