



"Reading Most Complex Of Human Skills" - Inspector

(Continued From Page 1) both the 'look-say' and the phonetic approach.

He stressed that in any system of teaching reading, the initial steps had to be simplified and that the decision as to what is to be simplified is a societal one. All methods, he said, yield to the same terms—control and repetition. The area of controversy lies in the sequence of introducing the various skills involved and very little research has been done on this aspect of the problem.

In Ontario schools, using what Mr. Noble called "the all inclusive" method, the child is presented with simplified ideas initially. Simple words tell a story, heavily supported with pictures and with few words, the child begins to read much as he

learns to skate, play and piano, etc. The range and complexity of the words is gradually increased, the sentence structure is slowly made more complex and then phonetic analysis is employed.

In discussing the charge that the content of present day readers is dull and boring to the children, Mr. Noble stated that he has found the children find the stories "corking good stuff". Harking back to the "good old days" he then read an excerpt from a "story" in one of the very old Royal Readers, used in Ontario in 1893. This went on, something like this: "I see an ass. Is it an ass? Is it an ox? No it is an ass. It is not an ox" etc. etc. and elicited a burst of laughter from the audience.

In the phonetic approach to reading, the simplified factor is the word. The child starts with sounds and blends them to form words. The system uses initially, one syllable words, and the repetition of sounds, and proceeds from regular phonetics to exceptions. Even this system, Mr. Noble pointed out, must use some sight words even at the start. "You can't make much of a story without the word 'said' for instance" he pointed out.

Another major system of teaching reading is called the augmented Roman alphabet approach. This uses 43 symbols, a symbol to correspond to each sound in English speech. They are all in lower case print. "Come", for instance, appears as "kum". After learning to read with these sym-

bolis, which are really conventional letters of the alphabet with some modifications for the extra sounds, the children are introduced to conventional print by a carefully graded series of steps and should be able to read conventional print by grade 2.

The controversy as to which is the best method has not yet been resolved but Mr. Noble commented on two recent interesting studies. One in the Philippines, using a simple dialect with only seven symbols, four consonants and three vowels, investigated the relative merits of the phonetic and sight methods. After four years, all factors were weighed and it was considered a draw. A similar study was carried out in Sweden with a very stable dialect

and a half years more slowly than girls and that as in learning anything, the most basic factor in learning to read is the attitude of the pupil. "Our world is no longer dependent on print for primary information and children are better informed when they start school than people were when they left it 50 years ago" he stated.

In closing Mr. Noble quoted Mark Van Doren, a noted educationist: "The excitement of learning what our minds can do has no parallel in life. The teacher is the one who helps this miracle emerge".

Mr. Noble was warmly thanked for his contribution to the evening and his remarks were discussed with interest over the coffee and refreshments, which closed the meeting.

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Leafs Defeat Thornhill Shamrocks By 6-2 Score Chief Robbins Reports

Hustling Frankie Mashinter put together a couple of goals and an assist Tuesday night sparking the Richmond Hill Hockey Leafs to an impressive 6-2 win over the cellar-dwelling Thornhill Shamrocks.

It was the third win of the season for the Leafs and a vital one in their struggle for fourth and last play-off spot with Downsview Flyers and the Shamrocks.

All of the Leafs came up with the "good effort" but it was Mashinter-night all the way. He even managed to do some bleeding for the occasion after becoming embroiled in a high-sticking tournament with Brian Groundsell of Thornhill. Frankie received a nasty-looking gash near his left eye but stayed around for the finish.

Leafs started out in a winning mood and quickly jumped into a 2-0 lead.

Mashinter started it off at the 6:00 mark beating goalie Bev. Summer on a pass from

Matt Kinnari. Winger Bill Johnston was in the right position at 8:45 to bat the puck in with assists going to Jim Wells and Larry Bray.

The second period opened with the Leafs leading 2-0 and also leading in the play as they buzzed industriously around the Shamrocks net.

Thornhill managed to stem the tide until they ran into a rash of penalties.

Two of their stalwarts were doing penalties at the 5:00 mark when Don Haynes of the Leafs scored on a pretty effort. Again it was Mashinter who dug the puck out of the corner, got it back to Moe Williamson on the blueline.

Williamson passed it across to Haynes who faked a shot, picked his way in, and rifled a high drive to the far right corner which left goalie Summers wavering in the wind and the rain.

Mashinter was back for

his second tally of the night at the 15:15 mark on an assist from Bill Johnston to make it 4-0 with Richmond Hill looking that good.

The first blood of the night trickled its way to prominence at 16:45 when Leafs Harold Van Dyke and Gary Stamp exchanged pleasantries via sticks. It wasn't serious, though, and both boys took up positions in the sin bin. Stamp received a minor cut to the forehead.

Richard Hill was back at the 18:35 mark with Wells swooping in to paste the puck into the twines on a pass from defenceman Doug McInnis. Leafs buzzed around for the remainder of the period but couldn't score.

The final period saw the Shamrocks come out fighting and it took them only until the 1:13 mark to drive one past goalie Ross Madill. The Leafs had two men in the box at the time. Score, 5-1.

It was at the 13:50 mark that Leafs got that one back with Larry Bray potting one on an assist from Paul Thomlinson.

The Shamrocks kept plugging and their efforts paid off at 18:30 with Duke Knox beating Madill on assists from Gary Stamp and Roly Fritz.

ICE CHIPS

As mentioned above, it was a key game for the Leafs as are all the remaining ones with Thornhill and Downsview . . . the play-off spot will be won or lost for any of the three teams in their encounter against one another . . . It was hard to fault the Leafs out there Tuesday night with the offence and defence combining for steady playing . . . the game was chippy at times with some high sticks waving around but nothing serious developed . . . most dangerous spot in the arena was the timer's booth where some heavy-footed types insisted on trying to put their feet through the roof . . . they failed, though.

Big game coming for the Leafs on February 11 against Newmarket. They should be able to take it if they can muster any semblance of Tuesday night's vigour . . . but then, . . . ya neva know!

(Continued From Page 1) 56.8% and other criminal code 54%.

Chief Robbins noted that this record was as good as that of Metropolitan Toronto and in some respects quite a bit better.

Juveniles
Prosecutions under the juvenile delinquents act included 15 for theft under \$50, seven malicious damage, four break and entry, two each for arson and assault causing body harm, and one break entry and theft, contributing to the delinquency of a minor led to one prosecution.

"Don't let the juveniles mislead you" warned the chief. "They'll run wild if you let them." He claimed that Richmond Hill could claim full responsibility for juvenile offenders 27 of them coming from the Hill with 21 in Ward I and two each in the other three wards.

Only one juvenile offender came from outside the municipality. "This is not good," the chief said "Although these numbers are really down from last year."

Liquor Act
Forty-eight prosecutions were made under the Liquor Control Act. Two hundred and nine parking prosecutions were noted and 790 parking tags were paid to the office.

Highway Traffic Act
Speeding accounted for 277 of the 594 prosecutions under this act with stop street violation accounting for 156. Obstruction of marker accounted for 29 and disregarding automatic traffic signals 28.

Ninety-six alarms were answered to protected properties. Fortunately all were false but the chief reminded council that each alarm has a potential of great danger to the responding officers.

1540 summonses were served, 333 prisoners handled for courts, and 227 warrants executed. 101 places of business were found insecure, 30 transients lodged overnight, 85 autos seized or impounded and 80 prisoners lodged in cells. 73 courts were provided, found property involved 154 calls and 13 prisoners were lodged in cells.

884 dog tags brought in \$2,956, taxi licences 148, petty trades (tobacco etc.) \$1,663, bicycle licences \$238, parking tags \$1,580, witness fees in magistrate's court \$116, and transient trader licences \$2,000.

Total parking meter collections during the year were \$2,624.23, the chief noting that their operation during 1963 had been on an "on again, off again basis."

Replying to a question as to outstanding debt on the meters Councillor Walter Scudds estimated would be between \$400 and \$500. The police chief reported two payments had been made since the first of the year which would reduce this amount by over \$100.

Fines levied in the magistrate's court on prosecutions of the town police amounted to \$9,866.50.

Ward 2 had the largest number of occurrences during the year 70 in all, the chief reporting that the largest number was between Newkirk and Yonge. There were 55 in Ward 1, 36 in Ward 3, and 52 in Ward 4. Eighteen adult offenders under the criminal code came from Ward 1, two each from Ward 2 and 3, and 15 from Ward 4. 19 offenders came from Metro and 27 from other municipalities.

Liquor infractions were committed by two residents in each of Ward 1, 2 and 4 and by one in Ward 3. Twenty offenders under this section came from Metro and 16 from other municipalities.

day to be driving in Richmond Hill with 32 accidents, Saturday had 26, Thursday 25 and Wednesday 24. Tuesday was the safest day to be on the road with only 15 accidents occurring.

35 drivers and 25 passengers were injured during the year with seven pedestrians and three cyclists rounding out the list. January 12, 1960, was the date of the last traffic fatality in the municipality.

Home And School Has Been Revised

George C. Gray, chairman of public relations for the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations, Inc., recently issued a report of the achievements of that federation during 1963 and its plans for the future. Mr. Gray resides at 292 Axminster Drive, Richmond Hill.

To help in this, a new family membership fee of one dollar per year was set at the annual meeting by the members. No longer would parents have additional federation membership fees to pay if they belonged to more than one association, nor pay an affiliation fee to council.

During 1963 a number of local home and school associations disbanded from the Ontario Federation, mainly because of dictatorial or indifferent executive, the provincial group fees. Executives declined to discuss or inform their membership of the facts of the new structure. It is felt members who have isolated themselves from the federation will realize that working for their own children only does not give them the satisfaction they had when concerned with all children. This and the new vigorous outlook in the organization will, it is expected, bring a 1964 increase in membership.

At the end of 1963 implementation of this new structure was 95 per cent complete and this year should begin a period of achievement for the Ontario Federation. Its future goals are a 12-year senior matriculation curriculum, driver education for 16-19 year olds, guidance in all schools, payment of family allowances for the 16-18 age group still attending school and a federal office of education. It is hoped some of these will be achieved in 1964.

Markham Recreation, Parks Comm. Reports A Very Successful 1963

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The parks portion of the combined committee reported a year "in the black" with a total of \$12,083.42 spent out of council's 1963 allotted budget of \$12,595. This included the amount of \$2,719.40 spent on grading Grandview Park. The recreation portion received \$850 from council in 1963.

The report was presented by committee member Allan Sumner who reported the following accomplishments during the year:

- Skating rinks were constructed at Victoria Square, Bayview Glen and Grandview. Assistance is being given to the rinks at Woodland School and 16th Avenue School.

- Hydro facilities were installed at Bayview Glen and Grandview and a caretaker hired for the above rinks as well as Woodland and 16th Avenue.

- A baseball backstop was erected at Bayview Glen but owing to the lateness in the year certain work could not be completed. Grading, however, was completed at a cost of \$2,719.40.

Other projects included the paving of the parking lot at Crosby Memorial Centre and Unionville Curling Club at a total cost of \$4,414.50. The parks committee contributed \$2,000 toward the total amount.

A total of 45 trees were planted at Victoria Square, Bayview Glen, Raynerwood and Grandview Parks.

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Township Resident Gets Rebuff From Markham Twp. Councillors

A Markham Township resident received a sharp rebuff Tuesday night from councillors after registering complaints about township equipment being used on private property.

The complainant, F. R. Beard, pointed specifically to the race track located on the Markham Fair Grounds saying the equipment had been used in the past to shovel snow from the track as well as water it down on occasions.

He felt this was being unfair to himself as on one occasion he had been asked to perform a similar job on the track but had later been told the township had done the work.

"This cost me the job which I think is unfair," he said. Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble pointed out that a resolution didn't allow the township to use its equipment on private property but felt this was not the case here.

The matter evolved around whether the track was privately owned or not.

Mr. Beard didn't know but thought it might be privately owned.

Deputy-reeve Rumble said that the township was in its rights to allow equipment to be used at Markham Fair because "the benefits this township derives from it".

Councillor Cleary Palmer took Mr. Beard to task saying the occasion township equipment had been used to water the track down was "an isolated case".

"It was a neighbourly gesture to keep the dust out of township residents throats. It doesn't amount to a hill of beans. You're just trying to make an issue out of it."

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