

Final Program, Family Life Series

Education Needed Meet Challenge Today's Sex-Saturated Society

"We are living in a sex-saturated society. The only effective approach to this problem is sound and constructive education," Rev. Father Leo Lafreniere, OMI, co-ordinator of family life and sex education in the Thunder Bay Separate Schools finds the practice of this theory a full time occupation, but he is taking time out of his busy schedule to be in Richmond Hill Monday evening to conduct the fourth and final program in the family life series, "The Family And Sex Education" being presented at Wrixon Hall at 8 pm by a committee composed of church and community representatives. His topic will be "Human Sexuality And The Family In A Changing World".



FR. LEO LAFRENIERE  
Thunder Bay Educator

A Manitoba born Oblate, this gifted but humble priest has been described as the first Roman Catholic priest to take a positive, constructive, scientific, Christian approach to solve the problem of sex as it must be lived today, and is in demand as advisor and consultant to many non-Catholic groups in the field of family life education.

Father Lafreniere attended Manitoba Public Schools, Manitoba, Ottawa and Washington Universities and in addition is a graduate of the Institute of Sexology and Family Sciences, Louvain University, Belgium. He is widely known as a lecturer in Canada in both English and French and is the author of many articles for English and French newspapers and magazines on a variety of topics. A pioneer in the field of family life and sex education, Father Lafreniere introduced the first program from kindergarten to grade 13 in Canada and organized successfully the first university credit granting institute on the subject in this country. This summer some 19 York County separate school teachers will participate in this course at Thunder Bay.

In the summer of 1969, teachers, nurses and clergymen from Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and even Nova Scotia registered for the course. They represented various religious persuasions.

Most of them — the married ones in particular, were somewhat sceptical of what they would gain from the course; they felt they knew the score and were participating only to get the two credits. It was only after the second week they came to realize they knew little about human sexuality, said Father Lafreniere. What amazed him most was the willingness of the students to share their experiences, fears and anxieties with each other. Men and women who had come from all parts of Canada, per-

Neal Drive Sidewalk

(Continued from Page 1) in Richmond Hill, on one street, and you're setting a precedent," charged Mr. Plaxton. "We can be swamped with requests for sidewalks in front of other schools and we'd have to give it. I'm not ready to give it. The whole town needs sidewalks.

Every street needs a sidewalk. We have 4,000 kids wandering around on their way to and from school all over town — not just in Beverley Acres. It may sound crude but I can see no more value to a child's life in Beverley Acres than to a child's life anywhere else in town. Sure we need sidewalks. Our policy has been one of necessity because of finances. We simply can't afford them.

"Has any attempt been made to approach the people who would be concerned?" queried Councillor David Schiller. "From my office, no," replied the works commissioner. "Having regard to the time element, there isn't time. You will also have to keep in mind that on Neal Drive these people are already paying an indirect storm sewer charge of \$2 per foot frontage, per annum. It is very, very doubtful if they would agree to adding a charge for a sidewalk."

Mr. Mansbridge pointed out that time is running out. "This project must be completed to tie in with the opening of the new Reynolds plant."

The works commissioner reported he should have the necessary specifications ready to call for tenders in about two weeks.

Councillor Lois Hancey suggested the question be tabled until council has evolved a sidewalk policy. The reeve agreed that a policy was needed. "We must come up with priorities, where the need is greatest. I would say in front of schools would be a logical first priority, but we would want to spend the money available, if any, in areas where the greatest hazard exists. We have heard nothing from the police chief that safety problems are involved. We must establish a policy first and then fit it to our finances," he declared.

"We appreciate the fact that you are concerned about finances," Mr. Mansbridge told Mr. Plaxton. "But it is not a serious consideration of finances if you overlook a saving of \$5,000. If we wait it may cost us twice as much later for the extension. We are doing a project which is absolutely essential and we would be acting irresponsibly if we did not consider the \$5,000 saving."

"There's a fair amount of logic in what you have just said," admitted the reeve. "But if someone else comes in and says 'We want a sidewalk in front of our school,' we are going to have to say 'no.' We won't have enough money to do it."

More Space Needed

(Continued from Page 1) builder will have to reinforce the present roof.

"I can't quarrel with the fact the firemen need space," said Reeve Donald Plaxton. "So far tonight this council has committed itself to the spending of something over \$15,000 and there is another \$38,000 to bring it over \$50,000. This will have to go on the tax bill and I won't go for that. I don't think this is the year."

Councillor George agreed that the fire department needs the space. "But this cost is high. I think we should shop around a bit more."

"After looking over the premises the fire committee knows it is needed. We are new and we need to know the costs. We came up with a figure to place before council, although I was not looking at an expense of \$38,000," said Councillor Shaun Beggs.

"We will have to go out and get these figures so we will know where we're at," commented Mayor William Lazenby.

Deputy-reeve Ivan Mansbridge, added "I don't think the efficiency of the department will suffer if it doesn't get this extra space. Would you consider a new truck or this addition as most necessary?" he asked the fire chief, pointing out that he had been told it would be necessary to replace the oldest of the three trucks this year.

"I feel a fireman on duty all night deserves a decent bed," stated Mr. Beggs. "The fire truck is in our five year program."

"The men don't even have adequate facilities to wash up after fighting a fire," Councillor Lois Hancey pointed out. "It would have been even more costly if we had hired an architect, but fortunately we have some very talented people on our staff. We didn't think this project should be debentured."

Reeve Plaxton summed it up by saying, "The main problem is definitely one of space." He then suggested that the use of space the town already owns almost adjacent to the fire hall (the former Mrs. O. L. Wright property), if money for this project is not available this year.

Chief Stong drew appreciative chuckles from council when he commented that for the past three years he had asked that a new fire hall be built. "At this time I am asking for only half that — that a storey be added to the existing hall."



(Photo by Studio Nine)

Texas Instruments Win Industry Award

Winner of the Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce's first annual Christmas display award in the industrial section was the Texas Instrument Inc. plant at the corner of Centre Street East and Newkirk Road.

Presentation of the award was made at a recent general meeting of the local chamber. Above (left to right) President Stuart Casement is shown as he presented the plaque to Alan Cummings and Bruce Pyle, representing Texas Instruments Inc.

Frederico Inquest March 11

A sewer workman drowned Davidson estimated that 200,000 gallons of water was pumped out of the sewer.

Markham Township Police Chief Harvey Cox said safety inspectors from the Department of Labor assisted the police in investigating the accident. A stop-work order was placed on the construction job to allow a full examination of the site.

Dr. Bernard Granton, coroner, ordered a post mortem and an inquest will be held March 11 at the Markham Township Council Chambers at 6:30 pm. Constable Robert McCausland and Sergeant Donald Dukes of the Markham Township Police, conducted the investigation.

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Bottles Found Where Empty Cabins Burned

Fire destroyed two empty cabins at National Signs Ltd., 9218 Yonge Street, Richvale, last week.

Blame was placed on carelessness by unknown persons. A number of recently used beer bottles were found at the scene.

Th owners said the buildings were of no use and were of no value. The property formerly was known as Dennis Honey-moon Cabins.

Calorie Countdown Great Reducers' Help

"Calorie Countdown" was the topic for a food forum at Victoria Square Community Centre, February 25. It was sponsored by the Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food.

Discussions, food demonstrations and a question period were featured, centred around the problem of weight. Normal weight, calorie management, planning low calorie meals and guidelines to calorie cutting were just a few of the items discussed.

Cost School Sites Soars

Markham Township developers are going Metro developers one better when it comes to a price on land for school sites.

When York County Roman Catholic School Board went shopping for an eight acre site, the price quoted was \$578,600, about \$72,325 per acre.

York County Board of Education has also been negotiating for a site in the same area and was informed by the developer that the price would be about \$37,000 per acre plus \$3,000 for services (roads, sewers, etc.) for a 25 acre campus site for three schools. The developer had paid \$7,000 an acre for the land.

The Roman Catholic Board's Business Administrator Percy LaFramboise commented, "The price quoted the public school is staggering enough. The price quoted the separate schools is out of this world."

At a recent meeting of the county public school board a Vaughan Township developer told the trustees that \$60,000 an acre could be considered a reasonable price in Metro. He was offering to build schools in his development projects and lease them to the board as an alternative to high cost of land purchase and construction costs.

"Why the big prices?" asks Mr. LaFramboise in a press release. "It is high time sufficient pressures were brought to bear upon vested interests... the developer is creating the need for schools, he should be prepared to bear a larger portion of the cost involved."

Harry invites his many friends to discuss their motor-ing needs with him.



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