

SKI NEWS

Novelty race - The first four events of the season will be held on Sunday, February 4th starting at 1.30 p.m. SHARP. This event is open to all club members regardless of age or skiing ability. Enter your name on the form on the clubhouse notice board. Entries close 4.00 p.m. Saturday, February 3rd.

LEGION MIXED BONSPIEL HELD IN MARATHON

The Marathon Legion played host to twelve teams in a Mixed Bonspiel. Entries were from Marathon, Schreiber, Terrace Bay with 2, and Manitouwadge.

The Hec McLeod team of Liz Burns, third, Charlie Koski, second and Dot Koski, lead came 2nd in the A event.

The Harry Gusul team of Stella Gusul, third, Dave Gunter, second, and Jeanette Gunter, lead, won the B event

Congratulations to the Terrace Bay rinks.

Manitouwadge Legion will host the Legion Mixed Bonspiel next year.

LET'S TALK SESSION ON SEX EDUCATION

A well attended meeting took place in the Terrace Bay High School Sunday evening, sponsored by the Community Church Library Board, as one of a series of "Let's Talk Sessions"

The topic was sex education and members of the Community Church and St. Martin's were present.

Moderator for the panel discussion was Mrs. Charlotte Slomke. Members of the panel were Mr. Jon Ferguson, Physical Education and Health teacher, Terrace Bay High School; Miss Claire Belliveau, Grade 12 High School student, Mrs. M. Chisholm, a concerned parent, and Rev. Leo Lafreniere, O.M.I., Supervisor of Family Life Education for Fort William Separate School Board. Rev. Lafreniere is noted as a Sexologist and Family Life Specialist.

Each panelist spoke briefly. Mr. Ferguson said that the only previous course taught here had been on Venereal Disease, taught to Grade 12 students, with their parents consent. The Ontario Dept. of Education has authorized a Sex Education Course for Secondary Schools beginning at the Grade 9 level.

Mr. Ferguson outlined the new course of study, which considers sexual development from puberty to adulthood - 'Boy to Man' - 'Girl to Woman'. He discussed methods of presentation, such as Audio-visual Aids. He stated that moral issues are discussed, but no answers are given.

Claire Belliveau said she felt that Sex Education should be started in the home. She felt no student should go into a Sex Education class 'cold', without some preparation. She stated that proper attitudes towards sex were best developed in the home. A Father-daughter, Mother-son relationship is ideal. A value system must accompany the course. Mixed groups and discussions, not lectures, were the best setting for such a course, she felt.

Mrs. Chisholm stated she would like to see Sex Education taught at upper elementary levels. The right person to teach would be extremely important, and must be completely relaxed with the subject and the class. The clinical, psychological and anatomical aspects must be taught. She felt that morals can only be taught at home and at Church. Parents should give honest, wholesome guidance, and there is a need for good communication between parents and children.

Father Lafreniere stated that Sex Education is a human problem, rather than local or sectarian. A family life program has far reaching consequences. Such a program requires total community participation. He defined such terms as sex, sexuality, sex education, and sex instruction. Sex education deals with the will of the child, it imparts a value system regardless. Sex instruction consists in giving a child information. It is inadequate because it deals only with the intellect.

He gave specific rules for teachers and parents. First and most important, is to tell the truth. Responsibility for sex education lies primarily with the parents. Schools must help with trained teachers. It is the joint responsibility of both parents, who are meant to take God's place on earth.

A discussion period followed, with questions from the floor.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST TO BE HELD

The Ontario School Trustees' and Municipal Councillors' Association Elementary School Public Speaking Contest sponsored by Ontario Hydro North Shore Division will be held on Saturday, February 3rd at 7.30 p.m. in the Terrace Bay High School Auditorium. Everybody welcome!