

SCHREIBERTOWN TOPICS

The Schreiber Elementary Home and School Association regular meeting will be held Thursday, December 3rd at 8 p.m.

Please note that parent-teacher visitation will be extended one hour from 7 - 8 p.m. December 3rd only due to report cards being issued November 30th.

The Christmas Hamper Committee will hold a meeting in the Town Hall on Thursday, December 10th, at 7:30 p.m. All interested organizations are invited to send a representative to this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Reino (Ray) Ahola and family of Minneapolis visited Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tookenay this week.

Mrs. Tom Whitton and Mrs. Bill Thrower are in Rochester for medical treatment.

Mrs. Pat Bolan is in the St. Joseph's Hospital, Thunder Bay.

Miss Debbie Armstrong spent the weekend in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Burke Trowsse and daughter D'Arcy of Dartmouth, N.S. visited with Mrs. Lester McCuaig and other relations, en route to Thunder Bay to visit Mr. McCuaig in McKellar Hospital.

PUBLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Mrs. Margaret Averill, special Education Consultant of the Lake Superior Board of Education, was guest speaker at the Schreiber Public School Open House, introduced by G. Saumur, school principal.

In part, Mrs. Averill said, the special education program is concerned with the needs of the exceptional child - ranging from the brilliant creative one to the one suffering learning weakness because of physical disability in one form or another.

The assessment program set up to deal with such problems, begins usually, with the teacher observation and report. A diagnostic clinic is available when necessary, at the Lakehead and the co-operation of parents is of great importance.

An effort is made to keep the child in his peer group by adjusting his program.

It has been proved that many children deprived of parents regress - children must be talked to, sung to, held and these early sensations are of utmost impor-

tance in preparation for entering school.

Certain children cannot tolerate certain rules so, when it can be arranged time away from regular classes is set up. Some of these problems can be solved by teaching the other children to understand. In most cases the response from the child comes from the kindness shown.

There are thirteen major skill areas in reading and many minor ones. Everyone needs facility, regardless of position. And a child's interest in reading is most frequently achieved by having parents who read - first to him and later, sharing pleasure.

In the Special Education Resource Centre in Marathon there are many books and new equipment to be used in district schools. One aim is to set up reading clinics, with some diagnostic work if time can be arranged for the children to spend there. In addition grade schools, it would be advantageous for high schools to do research.

Following Mrs. Averill's address, Robert Cressman spoke briefly and Mr. Saumur explained the new report cards being used in the school, distributing samples to the very large audience attending the occasion.

Following a tour of the school a coffee hour was enjoyed to end the evening.

left to right - Robert Cressman, Supervising principal, Lake Superior Board of Education; Mrs. Margaret Averill, guest speaker; Special Education Consultant, Lake Superior Board of Education and G. Saumur, school principal. Photo by I. McCuaig.

SCHREIBER COUNCIL QUOTES

Reeve F.V. Harness, at the November municipal council meeting, stated an agreement has been reached (pending approval of the Department of Education)