

EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Lake Superior School Division held an educational Conference in the Schreiber Public School on April 13th, attended by some 105, with R.A. Cressman, principal, and Tom Quinton vice-principal, the hosts.

Don Davey of Terrace Bay Public School, welcomed the gratifying number attending the conference, introducing the honoured guests, and asking E.J. Morgan, Director of Education Lake Superior Board of Education, to speak. Mr. Morgan, mentioning his retirement, said that it was indeed a pleasure and an assurance of the continued welfare of education to see so many young teachers engaged in a conscious effort to better their profession.

The guest speaker, Dr. J.M. Beniskos, of the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Education was introduced by Ken McLeod, principal of Terrace Bay Public School.

Dr. Beniskos' subject was "Beyond the Teacher - the person". Using visual aids and music tapes, Dr. Beniskos, stressed and enlarged on Love as a means of communication at every level and every age, using the following points: what it means to be a teacher; the trauma experienced by most parents when they first bring a child to school; what they expect; and what they find; what it means to be a person - love, in the relationship between adult and child; education has been, at times, in the past a brief meeting of the child with textbooks - from which they walked away with little impact made; in our new concept of education, communication between teacher and student is realized as the important factor - accepting each child's capabilities, in an expression of Love which realizes he is a person, with an individual value; freed from the tension of failure or success, realizing he is just a person, loved, the student is able to accept academic knowledges; the teacher faces the challenge of being able to enter into the child's world - alert to their triumphs and equally import sorrows.

The teacher, still has one great resource available to all - Prayer - or, by whatever name it may be called - thoughtfulness, reverie, or meditation - it can be a fountain of strength; methods, techniques or curriculum are not in themselves important, education will always be the ability to share or impart knowledge to another and this can only be done by the sure bridge of interest in the child, of which at any age he is very well aware of or - the lack of it, and by no other means, than Love - communication - concluded

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TODAY'S CHILD

BY HELEN ALLEN

THE TORONTO SUN SYNDICATE

Peter loves people, and part of his happiness in companionship is being helpful. This 11-year-old is a willing volunteer for all sorts of house and garden chores and he even goes around the neighborhood looking for projects he can help with.

Peter is a handsome lad with smiling dark eyes, brown hair and medium complexion. His background is English and French.

Small for his age, he looks two or three years younger than he is. Born prematurely, Peter was slow to develop. He is in excellent health, with only minor co-ordination problems. He attends special classes for non-academic students and will continue to need this type of special training.

Peter is a lovable, even-tempered boy, well-mannered and eager to please. He is aware that he is somewhat behind other children but his good nature and real spunk make him keep trying. He likes to tease, is full of conversation and shows interest in everything going on. His co-ordination makes organized sports difficult but he loves to play for fun. He is enjoying learning to swim.

This lad gets on well with children of all ages. He thrives on warmth, understanding and stimulation. With his winning personality, he can be a joy to a family who will accept him as he is without placing high academic expectations on him.

To inquire about adopting Peter, please write to Today's Child, Box 888, Station K, Toronto.



LOVES TO BE HELPFUL