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*Joe R. Chapel and Ronald A. Crowell*

Again this year an outstanding program has been planned for the Homer L. J. Carter Reading Council. The theme for the year is Current Challenges in Reading. Five programs have been scheduled and, in looking over the speakers and topics, we think you will agree that this should be an exciting year.

Dr. Ralph Robinett, the director of the Miami Linguistic Reading Series will speak at the first meeting on September 18th. His topic is "Linguistics and Reading," with special reference to language handicapped children.

Mrs. Gladys Stoughton Scholten of the Kalamazoo Schools, who was formerly a consultant to Houghton Mifflin, will be the guest at the November meeting on Thursday the 20th at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Scholten's message will revolve around the theme "Motivation for Better Readers."

The winter meeting on January 15th will be a panel of Kalamazoo teachers who will discuss "Parents: Their Role in the Reading Achievement of Their Children." Mrs. Jennie Schneider, the past President of the council will be the moderator and members of the panel will be Sheila Hood, Emogene Schuck and Darlene Schenck. This will be a potluck supper and, if you wish to attend, the supper will begin at 6:30.

On March 19th the Reading Council will hold its first annual Drive In Conference featuring Dr. Dolores Durkin, nationally known educator and researcher and the author of numerous articles and books in the field of reading. The conference will begin at 4:30 and last until 9 P.M. This should be one of the highlights of the year for reading teachers in this area.

In an attempt to provide information on current issues in the field and better communication regarding what's going on in the field the last meeting of the year, on May 14th, will depart from the usual format. This will be a dinner meeting at the Gull Harbor Inn and will be a "Report From Anaheim." Those people who will have attended the 1970 IRA convention will report on the proceedings. This should be an extremely valuable meeting.

All meetings this year, except the final dinner, will be held at the Little Theater in Portage North Junior High School. All interested people are cordially invited to attend these stimulating meetings.