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TRAPPED!

Two tiny mice (five-year-old Tanya Gunn and Blake Butler, 6) cling together in fear of terrible tiger Laura Barrett, age 9. The girls were in their colorful costumes for the Acton Figure Skating Clubs annual carnival, "Under The Big Top," Saturday at Acton Arena.

(Herald photo)

Threats to MP by riding members

By DAVE ROWNEY
 Herald editor
 Brampton-Georgetown
 MP John McDermid says
 that he has been threat-

ened by fellow Conservatives in his riding for his support of leadership candidate Joe Clark. "I have made my

choice for leader. Because of that choice, I am sorry to report I have been threatened both directly and indirectly over the past few weeks by fellow Tories in this riding," he said.

Speaking at a special riding association meeting to elect delegates for the June 8-12 Conservative leadership convention, Mr. McDermid said he regretted the type of attitude where threats are necessary.

"I'm supporting Joe Clark for many reasons which I will not go into tonight. I only ask that you respect that I have the right to make that decision. Whoever is chosen leader, I will abide by the convention decision as I hope everyone in this room will do," he said.

Mr. McDermid said he had riding members tell him that they wouldn't

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TD bank robbed by lone man

A 47-year old female teller at the Toronto Dominion bank on Georgetown's Main Street South was held up by a lone man Wednesday at approximately 11 a.m.

Halt regional police said the teller handed over an undetermined amount of cash to an unmasked thief in his mid-twenties, wearing a baseball cap.

The man had given the teller a threatening note which said he was in possession of a gun. Police said, however, no gun was produced.

There were no injuries during the hold-up, and the bank robber escaped on foot. The bank re-opened for business at 1 p.m.

Police are investigating.

Fisher claims spot for local Tories

By DAVE ROWNEY
 Herald editor
 Georgetown has a representative to Ottawa for the Conservative leadership convention June 8-12.

Betty Fisher vice-chairman for the Halton board of education was selected as one of four delegates from the Brampton-Georgetown riding Wednesday night.

The riding association meeting at Chinguacousy Secondary School lasted past midnight, as Mrs. Fisher captured the last delegate opening by narrowly defeating Mr. Everette Biggs 121-119 on the fifth ballot.

Mrs. Fisher said her victory shows that grass roots politics does work. In supporting leadership candidate John Crosbie "I felt that I had to take a stance. That's my style,"

she said. Of the 18 delegates vy-



BETTY FISHER

ing for the four open positions, four said they would vote for John Crosbie at the leadership convention if they were elected, while two said they would not vote for Joe Clark.

John Crosbie would make a fine leader because he is politically astute, capable and frank, Mrs. Fisher said in her speech. She described what type of leadership abilities Mr. Crosbie would have as leader, using a series of adjectives and short phrases: "flexible, sense of humor; a motivator, bright, must inspire the party"

A number of observers felt Mrs. Fisher did well because she outlined who she would vote for and made a strong case for his leadership potential.

There were a number of prospective delegates from Georgetown. Kevin McLean, from Georgetown dropped out after the third ballot after receiving 51 votes. The 18 year

resident of Georgetown supported John Crosbie in his speech. Eric Stone from Georgetown also dropped out after the third ballot, collecting 21 votes.

Mr. Stone said he would support John Crosbie for his abilities on managing the finances of Canada.

Ric Morrow and Ab Tennant ran as uncommitted delegates from Georgetown, but they dropped out after the second round.

Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid was happy at the turnout of delegates and found their speeches filled with enthusiasm. He is hoping the interest in selecting delegates will carry on into the next election.

'Rare incidents' blown out of proportion: MP

The media are to blame for blowing "rare incidents" out of proportion in reporting on delegate meetings across Canada, Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid said Wednesday night.

Speaking to members of his riding association, Mr. McDermid said he doesn't "believe in selling memberships in senior associations to those under the voting age or to those who may be shipped in from a mission who have no interest."

But the media has missed the point in reporting these issues which is really "the genuine interest in the Progressive Conservative party. Individuals who feel welcome and comfortable within this party," he said.

"In this riding, our membership has increased with many new faces and I genuinely welcome them. With an election anytime within the next 18 months, your support and active work with the association and campaign team will be very much appreciated," he said.

Betty Fisher, who won a delegate position on the fifth ballot said Georgetown's Newfoundland Club was not involved in a number of supporters coming to the association meeting casting ballots for a John Crosbie delegate.

"It's all part of a grassroots movement deciding

who should win the leadership race," she said. "To say the club is getting involved is untrue and unfair. The (leadership issue) is not an activity of the club."

She says that people who bought memberships are good hard-working and long-standing Tories, not the "five-day" variety seeking to get caught up in the excitement of the current leadership campaign.

Gord Lane, president of the Newfoundland Club in Georgetown said he never approached any members of the club to ask them to join the riding association. To his knowledge only two members had recently taken memberships out in the riding.

Membership chairman, Gordon Smith Fitzpatrick, said a number of memberships from Georgetown came in to the riding in bulk, but the number of overrated. The total membership in the riding is now about 700, but only about half turned up at Wednesday's meeting.

Judging by the first vote in which riding president Tom Hendy was selected as a delegate, the number of former Newfoundland residents at the meeting was overrated, Mr. Fitzpatrick said. He estimated only about 70-80 in the audience opposed Mr. Hendy's status as a delegate.

Teachers agree to settlement

After a full day of negotiations Tuesday, the Halton board of education's salary committee and the Halton elementary teacher's association (HETA) reached a tentative settlement.

Details of the new contract for the 1982-83 school year will not be released until the board and teachers ratify the agreement. Staffing had been the

contentious issue, stalling an agreement for nearly eight months. Teachers wanted the board to increase their numbers by 36, whereas the board was offering to increase staffing by 24.

Elementary teachers have already been offered a nine per cent increase retroactive to September 1982, which is the maximum allowed within the

guidelines of the provincial government's inflation restraint act passed in December. This offer pro-

vides a weighted average salary of \$31,756 for an elementary school teacher.

Fraud charge

Furniture worth \$940 was obtained with an invalid credit card Jan. 24 from Brown's Furniture store on Georgetown's Guelph Street. A Weston woman was charged with fraud in connection with it Wednesday.