

Police ask for input

Got any good suggestions on how policing can be improved in Halton? Halton regional police are listening. The public is being asked to help them develop a plan for the future of Halton police.

questionnaires are anonymous and responses are to be kept strictly confidential. You can write the chief at Halton regional police, Box 2700, White Oaks Boulevard, Oakville, Ontario L7J 5C7.

To be completed October, the preparation of the "Strategic Plan" includes the mailing out of a two-page questionnaire randomly to Halton residents. The



KIM LACEY



KATHRYN SHIELDS



CHARLIE GIBBS

Public Speaking

Shields named Lions district winner

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff

There was no time to worry about knocking knees: the most important thing about a competition sponsored by the Georgetown Lions Club Saturday was "effective speaking".

The local club hosted the Lions Multiple District Effective Speaking competition which drew 16 teenagers from all over south-

western Ontario. The competition was held at Georgetown and District High School.

Speaking in French, Kathryn Shields of Georgetown successfully passed through the regional competition Saturday afternoon at Georgetown High.

Later that evening, she was named a "district" winner as well and will compete against speakers from Quebec, Labrador,

Ontario and the Magdeline Islands in Windsor in May.

Miss Shields, a Grade 11 student at Georgetown and District High School, chose as her main French topic "The Mysterious Bonds of Identical Twins".

Although not a twin herself, Miss Shields told The Herald she has studied the subject for some time.

While they didn't win the district competition,

Kim Lacey and Charlie Gibbs did well in the regional event, edging out competitors from the Brampton and Erin area.

Miss Lacey, a Grade 13 GDHS student, says she has been working at public speaking for three years. Her topic, The Top Ladders of

Life, dealt with the growing phases people go through.

Grade nine GDHS student Charlie Gibbs talked about The Alamo, the 1836 battle between Texas and Mexican forces.

Rules in the competition kept the prepared speeches to five to seven minutes in length. In

addition to the main topics, contestants were also judged on impromptu speeches. After drawing a topic from a hat, contestants had 15 minutes to prepare a speech.

Richard Sowery top speaker

Georgetown Optimist club oratorical winners Richard Sowery and Lisa Carter competed in the zone finals in Orangeville, Saturday, March 24, 1984.

Contestants represented Orangeville, Hillsburgh, Erin and Georgetown Optimist Clubs. Richard Sowery of Centennial Public School was declared the winner of the boys' oratorical contest and he will proceed to the district finals April 7 in Burlington.

The Sowerys, Carters, friends and Optimist president Dan Martin accompanied the contestants to the zone finals.

Family centred birth

"Family centred birth" and "siblings at birth" are the discussion topics for the April 2 meeting of the Brampton Birth Alternatives Coalition.

Speak up for Canada

Toastmasters competition

Got a lot you want to let off your chest about Canada? The Halton Hills Toastmaster Club is giving you a chance to air your feelings April 9 at the Glen Williams Town Hall.

The club is holding the first Canada Day Speech Contest with the Canadian members of Toastmasters International.

The first round of this contest is being held at 8 p.m. and entries must be registered with the club by April 4.

Contestants must speak on one of the following titles: Proud to be Canadian; This land is our land; The great white north; Beavers and bilingualism. Speeches are limited to between five and seven minutes.

The contest is open to all residents of Canada 18 years or older.

The department of the secretary of state has granted \$2,000 to sponsor the contest.

National winners, one English, one French speaker, will deliver their speech on Parliament Hill in Ottawa July 1.

For more information, contact John Walker at 877-0658.

Carnival worker

Local man charged in loan operation

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

A travelling carnival worker from Georgetown was charged Thursday with conspiracy to possess payments of interest received at a criminal rate.

Walter Chomski Jr., 31, was released on a \$1,000 surety by Brampton provincial court Judge John Smith Thursday afternoon when he made his first court appearance for a bail hearing.

He's due in Brampton court tomorrow (Thursday) to set a date for a preliminary hearing into the charge.

Peel regional police Inspector Noel Catney said Mr. Chomski Jr. operated a game booth from spring to fall with a major touring company, Conklin Shows.

The Inspector said Mr. Chomski Jr. travelled the province and Western Canada with the carnival company and the rest of the year helped his father out.

The charge was laid following a 13-month

investigation by Peel regional police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Also arrested was Walter Charles Chomski, 54, of Mississauga, father of the Georgetown man. He was charged with 51 counts under the loansharking section of the Criminal Code of Canada, 31 counts of agreeing to receive interest at a criminal rate, 18 counts of receiving payment of interest at a criminal rate and one count of attempting to receive such payments.

Bradley Peter Chomski, 25, of Caledon East was charged with four counts of agreeing to receive interest at a criminal rate and three counts of receiving payment of interest at such a rate. He's Mr. Chomski Jr.'s brother.

Two Toronto men have also been charged with attempting to receive interest at a criminal rate.

Insp. Catney said there were no victims from Halton Hills. The 62 victims interviewed

by police were from the Brampton, Toronto and Mississauga areas.

Some of the victims of the loansharking operation were paying interest as high as 14.104 per cent a year. Interest in excess of 60 per cent is in violation of the Criminal Code, the inspector said.

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