



Liz Weststeyn and Chris Cizmar are spending summer working for the Halton Hills Recreation Department as Leaders for the Musical Theatre Camp. They work with children between the ages of 9-13. (Herald photo)

Theatre Camp Leaders enjoy working with children

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Liz Weststeyn, 18, and Chris Cizmar, 17, are two Georgetown teenagers who have taken on a different type of summer job this year. They are working for the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department as Leaders for the Musical Theatre Camp. They work with 21 children between the ages of 9 to 13.

It is a three week camp that allows parents to involve their children in different aspects of a stage production.

It is held at the John Elliot Theatre, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The children spend the time building sets and rehearsing for their own personal production, co-ordinated by the Leaders. The finalized play is performed at

the end of the three weeks.

The play this year, "Oops, We're Out of Perrier," was held at the John Elliot Theatre, Thursday. Written by Liz and Chris after sitting down with the children and discussing what they would be interested in doing, the story is about a group of wealthy travellers stranded on a desert island.

They encounter difficulties with natives, pirates and crocodiles. The ending however, turns out to be a happy one for all.

Liz, who has worked at the Y.M.C.A., applied for the job as Camp Leader because she likes working with kids and feels especially oriented towards music. She wrote one of the 7 songs that the children performed.

Chris also enjoys working with youngsters and although he's not sure, feels he might like to go into teaching someday.

The camp has given Liz and Chris experience in planning and working on their organizational skills. There are also special guests who aid the leaders and children by giving them valuable insight into the various aspects of the theatre.

Some of the guests have included: Dale Hamilton, a playwright from Rockwood who assisted in the script; Debbie Tilson, a singing and piano instructor who aided the children in the acting and vocals; John Thomas, musical director for Godspell who gave a general workshop on performing and Claudia Carolina, who operates a dancing school in Madrid and was able to teach the children certain dances, including the "Flamenco" dance the children perform during the performance.

Although the program is over, Liz and Chris are on to new projects with the Recreation Department.

Liz will be working with a day camp in Georgetown located in Cedarvale and Chris will be off to Acton for a Summer Activity camp for children between the ages of 9 and 14.

Court reform plan to begin Sept. 1

TORONTO - Attorney General Ian Scott has announced that the implementation of Phase I of court reform will occur on September 1.

"The objective of court reform," said Ian Scott, "is to arrive at a simpler, more convenient and more expeditious system of courts for the benefit of the people of Ontario."

Under Phase I, the Ontario Court of Justice will be created. It will have two divisions. The Ontario Court (General Division) will bring together the District and High Court, along with the Small Claims Court and Surrogate Court. The Ontario Court (Provincial Division) will amalgamate the current provincial criminal and family courts.

Phase I will also ensure that judges with superior court jurisdiction will be available in all provincial counties and districts. It will no longer be necessary for people outside Toronto to wait for a judge to be sent from Toronto to their area to hear certain kinds of cases. "This will allow Ontario citizens greater access to the court system," said the Attorney General.

Another major change under Phase I is the regionalization of the judiciary. Regional senior judges, representing the general division and the provincial division, will manage judicial assignments in each of eight judicial regions across the province.

Each region will also have a regional courts management advisory committee. These committees,

composed of members of the judiciary, the private bar, Crown Attorneys, court administration and the public, will work cooperatively to help ensure the smooth operation of the court system.

The increase of the Small Claims Court monetary limit to \$5,000 province-wide is another key initiative of court reform. Although this increase will not be implemented on September 1, it is anticipated to be in effect by the end of 1990. The ministry is currently making administrative arrangements in small claims court in order to handle an anticipated increase in cases.

The implementation of Phase I is part of a series of comprehensive proposals for the structural reform of Ontario's courts to be completed in two phases. These proposals were announced by the Attorney General in May, 1989.

Under Phase II, the unification of the trial courts will be completed. The General and Provincial Divisions of the Ontario Court of Justice will be combined into a single trial court, consisting of three informal divisions specializing in criminal, civil and family matters. Phase II will also include the reform of the appeal structure of the court system.

Town gives go-ahead to Lake Ontario Cement

The Town of Halton Hills received the go ahead from Halton Region to issue a permit for Lake Ontario Cement after negotiations over the reconstruction of Regional Road 9 reached an agreement yesterday.

Town building inspector, Ron Shettell, said the region provided the necessary recommendations to issue the permit for the Regional Road 9 and Highway 5 cement plant which began construction illegally.

The permit application for the plant was paid for, however, the town could not release a permit, said Mr. Shettell, because the plant officials and the region were in a deadlock position over the requirements to reconstruct Regional Road 9 to handle high truck traffic, he said.

The town was ready to lay charges under the Ontario

Building Code for illegally building the cement block plant Aug 3, said Mr. Shettell. But as the plant was new in town and would be a valuable asset, the town wanted to be a good corporate host, he explained.

Had the cement company been convicted, it could have faced a maximum fine of \$10,000 with an extra fine of \$100 each day work continued without a town-issued permit.

An original road reconstruction estimate was given to the cement company by Region Commissioner of Public Works, Robert Moore, of \$400,000. When factors of relocation of utilities and some property purchases were added, the company was told by the commissioner it would have to foot a \$750,000 bill to reconstruct Regional Road 9, Mr. Shettell said.

However, Halton Region told the company it was prepared to refund the difference between the two estimated costs. Mr. Moore has claimed.

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