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Markham area students sweep Legion oratorical

Winners to Zone Finals

By KATE GILDERDALE
 STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Branch 459 of the Canadian Legion hosted its first annual branch-sponsored public speaking contest, Sunday.

Organized by Rae McFadden and Norman Dunn, the competition was open to all area school and included students from Grades 4 to 8.

The results were based on three major areas — delivery, material and language and literary form. Judges were — Carol Averill, Len Kaspick and Danielle McPherson.

In the category of Grades 4 to 6, there were thirteen entries. Topics ranged from the 'History of Teddy Bears' to 'Fears and Phobias'.

Winner in this division was Kris Wilde, 9, of Grade 4 at Ramer Wood Public School, Markham. Kris delivered a spirited talk on "Gruesome, Gross, Slimy, Scaly, Revolting, Hideous, Stinking monsters". Runner-up was Shelly Dev, 11, of Grade 6 at Highgate Public School, Milliken Mills. Shelly spoke on "Exercising". While Shelly didn't spare her audience the less pleasant aspects of her subject — rising at 6 a.m., puffing and panting, and taking tips from those paragons on the 20-Minute Workout, she also told of the many advantages.

Winner in the Grade 7 to 8 category was Salvatore Migliore, 12, of Grade 7 at St. Edward's School, Markham. Salvatore explained the pros and cons of "Becoming a Teenager". He'll mark his 13th birthday this year. He summed up the dubious joys of adolescence in terms of pimples, puberty, peer pressure, used cars, frustration, confusion and lectures, lectures, lectures. The runner-up was Krystyna Stoic, 13, also of Grade 7, at St. Patrick's School, Markham. Krystyna spoke on "Equal Rights For Children". Needless to say, adults in general and parents in particular came in for some criticism. However, Krystyna concluded that "her parents weren't really so bad and she'd probably put up with them" especially when I start thinking about our vacation trip to Florida.

Mr. McFadden praised all the contestants for their efforts.

"This is our first attempt at holding a public speaking event. We've learned a lot from it," he said.

The winners will advance to the Zone Level, Feb. 21 in Aurora.



Kris Wilde, 9, of Ramer Wood Public School, Markham, and Shelly Dev, 11, of Highgate Public School, Milliken Mills, placed first and second respectively in the Stouffville Legion-sponsored Jr. Division public speaking competition, Sunday. Cheques were presented by Rae McFadden.



The Sr. Division was won by Salvatore Migliore, 12, (left), of St. Edward's Public School, Markham. Second was Krystyna Stoic, 13, of St. Patrick's School, Markham. The cheques were presented by Norman Dunn, Chairman of the Legion's Youth Education Committee. —Jim Thomas

Ex-minister eyes regional chairmanship

PICKERING — George Ashe, the politician, now George Ashe, the private citizen, hasn't yet recovered from the bite of the political bug.

He's lived with it eighteen years, and enjoys it. So much so, he's eyeing the chairmanship of Durham Region.

"I could do the job," he's been quoted as saying. "I know the region and I know the people."

The position is currently held by Gary Herrema of Leaskdale.

Liberal Norah Stoner of Greenwood is his successor.

Mr. Ashe, 55, is a former reeve and deputy-reeve of Pickering. He then moved up the ladder to become MPP for the riding of Durham West. He retained this post until the Peterson steamroller swept across Ontario, carrying with it many Conservative office-holders including Ashe.

His salary when he left the Cabinet was \$72,000 a year.

Mr. Ashe held four portfolios in the Davis and Miller Governments including Minister of Revenue.

At present, he's the president of his own company called G.A. Consultants, having to do with the rezoning of lands "or assisting those who don't know their way around the government and bureaucracy," he explains. His office is located in the home, 417 Victor Court, Pickering.

De-signed

STOUFFVILLE — Improving the appearance of Stouffville's Main Street is a top priority with Council. The Bylaw Enforcement Department, The Tribune was told, has been working hard to clean up the area. In the last six months, at least fifteen A-Frame signs have been removed.

The latest 'victim' in the current campaign is the Blue Orchid Restaurant, 124 Main Street West. The owner had asked for a minor variance to permit an A-Frame sign detailing hours. The request was refused.



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