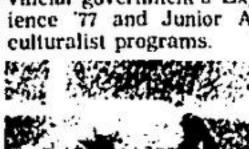
Students say: no jobs in Acton

Many local high school students have already started looking for summer jobs but most of them are finding it rough going.

Dave Jones, a counsellor at Acton high school, says that from the experiences, of the students he's talked to "things will be pretty tight" for any of the school's 650 pupils who want work.

Mr. Jones said his department posts any information they receive about summer jobs but so far this year he has only heard from the provincial government's Experience '77 and Junior Agri-





"We have a file on the four or five companies that have shown an interest in hiring students in the past," he said. "and we've sent them letters this year. But so far we haven't heard from any of

Half have jobs An informal poll conducted last week at the high school shows that of the students who want work only half have found it and many of these jobs came through family members or from employers

can now preregister for sum-

mer work through Student

Manpower at the counselling

office in the high school. Al-

offices will not be open in

until May Brampton Man-

power counsellor Wendy

jobs are now available and her office has already begun

But she stresses that it is still

too early in the year for many

employers to know just how

many students they will be

She was at the high school

on Monday to give the student

registration cards to guid

ance counsellor Dave Jones

and to outline her agency's

Open in May

office in Georgetown will

open in mid-May in the same

The Student Manpower istered

needing in the summer.

find summer work.



Mary Vinski

for whom the student has

worked in the past. Many students who can't find work are willing to take any job offer but have been unable to secure anything. Howard Shaw, a grade 12 student, says he has been



Brenda Galbraith

Friday. Andrews explained

Keep in touch

come into the office anytime

in regular contact with the

office once they have reg-

checking in. If the, do the stu-

town, she said.

Keep in touch

Acton high school students be on duty for a half day each

plans to help local students to ask questions and to keep

-- Manpower

summer work for the last six months. He filled out a card at Manpower but doesn't believe "it will do much good."

He thinks there will be farm work available in the summer but says "the idea today is to make money and you're not going to make it that way." Mary Vinski is in grade 11 and has been job junting for the last two months.

"There are no jobs in Acton at all," she said. "Everybody tells you you have to have experience but how can I get

that if I can't get a job?" She's not discouraged though and intends to keep on looking "for as long as it

Rotten Grade 10 student Brenda Galbraith has just started looking in town and says her

"luck has been rotten." "I've looked in grocery stores and things like that and it's going to be really hard to find a job. Nobody is hiring,"

she said.

Some students said that a lack of transportation keeps them from trying to find work outside of town. But Rob

Paterson, a grade 12 student, has found somebody else with a car and they both got jobs at a factory in Toronto. Even he



had to spend the last two months submitting applications before he came up with the job.

Several students are already working part-time in town and are hoping for fulltime work with the same employer in the summer. Some others have managed to find work with the help of family members.

Jennifer Krapek is a grade 12 student who got a job as an usherette at Mohawk Raceway through her mother, who works there full time.

"If you don't know somebody then you havent got a chance," she said. "Before I got this job I looked all over Acton and had no luck at all." Baby sitter

Grade 10 student Jackie Newman will be doing parttime babysitting for her sister in Belleville this summer. She'd only been looking for work for two weeks when her sister made the offer. "It seems to be pretty hard

to get a job but I was lucky and got mine offered to me," she said. Brad Buchanan, grade 12,

Jackle Newman

mer in Milton for the last two summers and works for him on and off during the school

"I've put in an application with C.N. but if that doesn't come through I can work on the farm again this year," he has been working for a far- said.

Odd-job file on hand in Y

High school students who year. can't get a summer job or who The service takes job orders odd-job type work. The want to make a little extra from local residents and biggest demand was for lawn money during their holiday farmers and passes them on to mowing and hay baling.
might keep in mind that the teenagers who have She still has the names of Community Services Centre in registered for work. the Y will be operating its job Mrs. Terry Grubbe, who and is willing to take new referral service again this operates the centre, says that names anytime, she says.

last year students did mostly those who registered last year

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Don't be choosey in your job is advice from Manpower

"If you can get a job, any job, take it!" is the advise Jim Ross, a counsellor at the Brampton Manpower office, has for local high school stu-

has seen students turn down some jobs because they didn't work the hours demanded but with the tight employment situation this year they can't afford to be as choosey.

"They are going to have to take the jobs that are there," A survey of some local

employers carried out last week bears out Ross's con-Really rough

ger at Beardmore tannery, year. says things will be "really tannery usually hires about 30 students in the summer but Mr. Duby says that right now there is a lot of pressure from family people who need work

"In the past it has been our policy to hire as many students as we could but with the that the counsellor will spend don't know," he said. the rest of the day making

contacts with local employers applications for summer though Student Manpower - to find out where the jobs are. work but says he doesn't want Although Acton will not to mislead students about Brampton or Georgetown have a Student Manpower their chances of getting a job counsellor she suggested that at the lannery. Laid off

students who can't get to Andrews says some summer Georgetown go into the Queen The plant manager at the St. Manpower office here on Building Products factory, Fridays. The counsellors Brian Lockhart, said the to forward some student there will have job listings company normally hires summer but this year they

> She encouraged students to make use of the Student Man-"We are shutting down one operation here and laying off power office when it opens a number of men. So for this and had some suggestions that might help them find a summer we are under an obligation to try and hire back as many of them as we She advised students to can," he said.

Conditions are much the same at Disston Ltd. Harry Murdock, who hires for the plant; says things there are too quiet.

Rub Peterson

"We have hired students in Ross said that in the past he the past but we won't be able to this year," he said. Smaller employers seem to

like the pay or didn't want to . have been less hard hit by this year's economic slump and many, like the Olympia Drive-in Restaurant, will be needing the same number of students as they hired last

> Works, recreation Job prospects are brighter

for students who apply to work in local public works or recreation projects. There could be more than 35 jobs Les Duby, personnel mana- available in these areas this

Bob Austin, the town rough for summer jobs." The engineer for Halton Hills, hopes to have 15 students working for him this summer. He had the same number last year but right now those jobs depend on whether or not the region's finance committee gives its approval to his new budget. If the budget passes present economic situation I Mr. Austin will need people on road crews and to do care-Mr. Duby is still taking taking work in local parks

and cemeteries Recreation co-ordinator Anne Pickering said the Recreation department will have work for at least 20 students in town this year A

Applications Miss Pickering also said

she has submitted "several applications" to the federal government's Young Canada Works program but she does not yet know if any of her proposals will receive funding.

The program is intended to provide summer work in the area of community service for students 18 and older. It is similar to the now defunct Opportunities for Youth that, community agencies rather than young people themselves originate and supervise the projects it

There, will also be two provincial summer work programs in the area but it is unlikely that either will provide jobs for more than a handful of Acton students.

Experience '77, co-ordinated by the Ontario Youth Secretariat, offers 31 positions at the Agricultural Museum in Milton for both

secondary and post-secondary school students. The program is also providing work for three or four students in the development of recreation opportunities at Ontario Housing projects in Guelph.

Own ideas

Students over 18 who are interested in self-employment and come up with their own ideas for a summer business can also apply for interest free loans under the plan.

Last year's Junior Agriculturalist program is being repeated this year. But Bob Jones, a counsellor at Acton high school, says the number of students who will be hired depends on the interest of local farmers. Last year only one or two students got farm work through the program.

Applicants must be 16 or 17 years old and have no experience with farm work. They must also be willing to work 12 to 15 hour days for \$11 a day plus room and board. Jones said he already has six applications from students.

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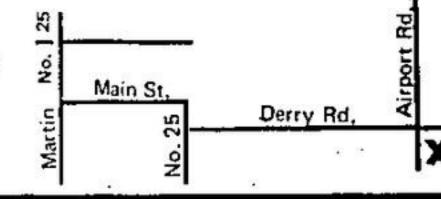
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minimum of ten people will be needed to supervise playground programs for local children and another ten will applications to employers. from Brampton and George- about five students in the be needed at the Lions swimming pool, she said. Although Miss Pickering won't be taking any on. already has more than enough applications she is willing to consider others that come in before she has PHONE 853-1846 PHONE finished interviewing applicants. The interviews will take place on Thursday, Fri-





