

Where are jobs? Unemployed ask

Some of the problems employees of Domtar Fine Papers have experienced were presented to last Wednesday night's unemployment meeting in Brampton by Gwen Korzack of the Halton Hills Concerned Citizens.

Mrs. Korzack said that of the 97 men and 25 women left unemployed because of the April 1 plant closing, 42 men and 22 women were still looking for work when the HHCC committee held its last meeting in June.

Five men, she said, are taking retraining courses, for which there doesn't seem to be any need. She said the average age of the Domtar workers left unemployed is 40. Some of them had 15 years service or more.

"Older people are having a

difficult time finding work, even though they're experienced," said Mrs. Korzack. "Employers are selective in their hiring. I hope things pick up to get us back into the work force again."

Reg Benoit of Georgetown, a member of the Brampton and District Labor Council's full employment committee, suggested the Unemployment Insurance Commission is providing misleading information.

"At the bottom of the letter they send out to people who have been unemployed for three or four months it says 'In your area alone there are over 200 opportunities,'" said Benoit. "What the hell is an opportunity? It's the same baloney we saw on TV where there were 200 opportunities, they went to 300 doors and

there wasn't even a job there." Cecilia Palmer, who worked for 10 years at the Brampton Northern Telecom plant before she was laid off, said she applied for a job at American Motors but wasn't

accepted because she is a woman. Buzz Hargrove, chairman of the full employment committee, said the UIC's Brampton office is paying claims to 5,033. However, he said the correct figure of

unemployed in the area, including students just finished school, is closer to 21,000. "The government hasn't given unemployment the priority it deserves," said Hargrove.

Dams may play havoc with fish

The Ministry of Natural Resources hired biology students to study dams on a number of Southern Ontario rivers to find out what effect the structures have on fish. Studies focused on the ex-

cellent trout waters of the West Credit, Speed and Eramosa rivers. And throughout the summer a two-man crew determined what changes in water quality the dams and diversions have caused.

Past experiences have shown some landowners erect dams or divert stream flows without considering their effect on fish or the fact that such practices require government approval. An innocent looking dam may block fish from spawning beds and raise water temperatures to critically high levels. A simple stream diversion may leave choice spawning areas high and dry.

Bob Catton, District manager, says that through this study his staff hope to learn about the types of structures which affect water quality and how severe these effects are. Eventually, this information would be used to set guidelines on the types and locations of structures permitted in cold water streams.

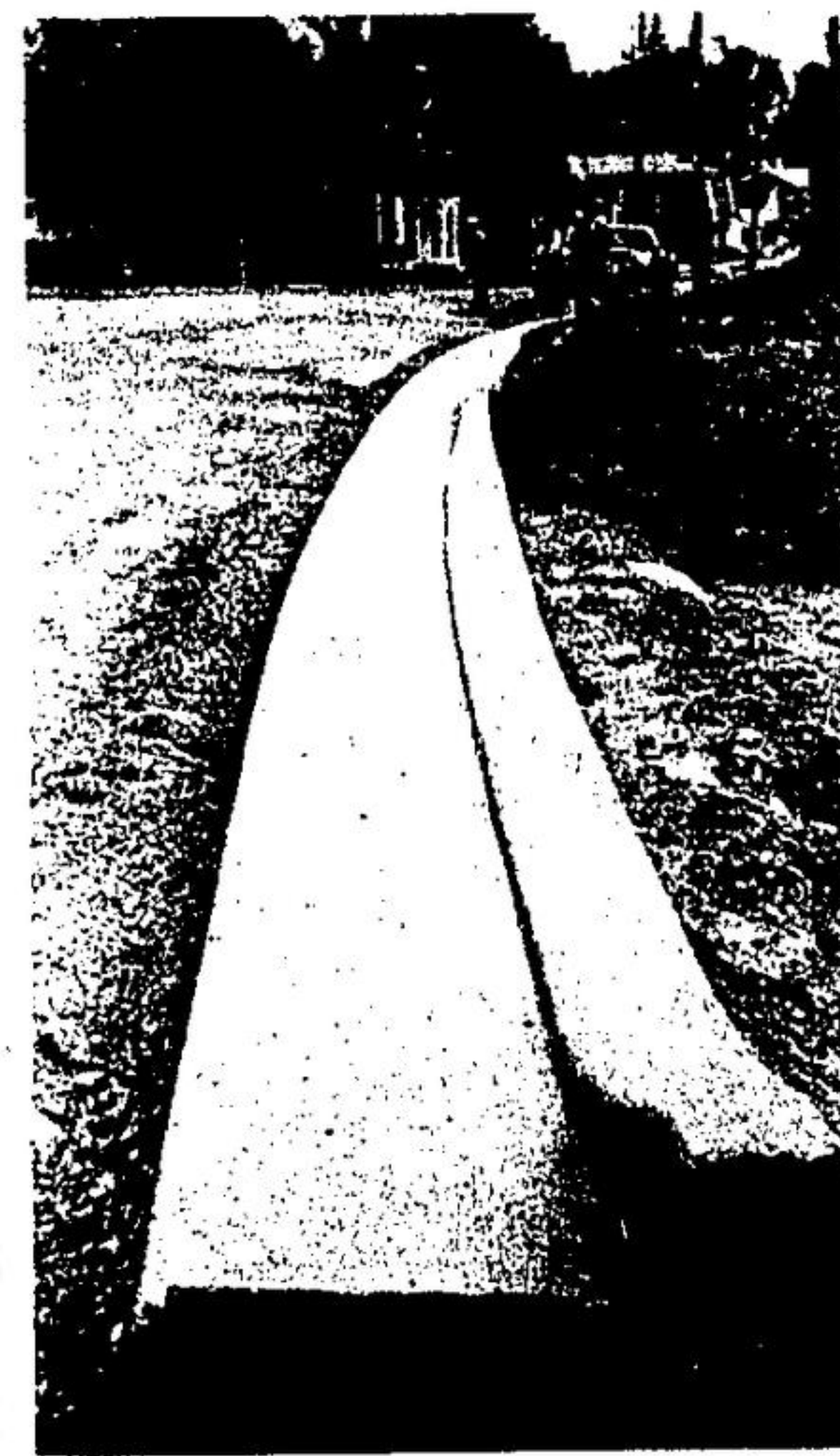
Dams aren't the only problem facing streams. In some areas on the north shore of Lake Erie, water is removed from streams for irrigation, especially during dry periods in July and August. Permits are required for such water removal but when a number of farmers are taking water at the same time from the same watercourse the stream could be pumped dry.

Fisheries staff at the Ministry of Natural Resources Simcoe office say that a combination of increased use of well water, night irrigation, staggered irrigation times and the use of dug-out ponds would significantly decrease the impact on the stream and its diverse fauna.

They agree that cool, clear trout streams are becoming rather scarce in much of Southern Ontario and anything that can be done to lessen the excessive influences of man on them would be worth it.

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Campbell on 'what is truth'

Renaissance Founder Ken Campbell will make his second appearance in a TV debate Oct. 16. The program hosted by Charles Templeton, "What is Truth" was taped recently.

In a press release about the program the Renaissance Committee makes the claim that partially because of its input to the Ministry of Education many of the educational fads of the 1960s have been replaced by more educationally sound policies.

According to the Campbell Renaissance issued the call for the return to basics in the elementary schools and a return to a core curriculum in the high schools before the Ministry moved in that direction. The press release issued by the group also claims some credit for raising concern at the Halton Board of Education over what some parents felt were obnoxious books.

During the TV program to be shown on Channel 11 host Charles Templeton claims that Campbell has moderated his stand over the last three and a half years.

But Campbell says it is not his stand but Templeton's perception that has changed.

"I've always been a nice guy but it's taken you a while to get that picture through the distortions produced by reactionary educators and media coverage," Campbell said.

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Halton region's official plan may be one of the first to include health and social policies.

Traditionally, official plans dealt primarily with land use. The formation of regional governments brought with it the call for health and social planning, according to Halton planner Rash Mohammed.

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It is not a large organization. In fact, it employs only one person, in her own home, in her spare time. Cathy Slaney is one of the many young housewives who has found a good job, yet can stay at home with her young child.

Business has been good for the three week operation. Cathy offers flea baths, medicated baths, hair cutting, nail clipping, and basic grooming. Because of her extensive animal background, she is able to detect any abnormalities in the dogs, and refers the owners to a vet if needed.

Eight years ago, Cathy started working for a vet in Toronto. She then moved on to Oshawa, and worked as an animal technician for another vet. She is currently attending the university of Guelph part time studying animal behaviour, and is taking an honors psychology course.

She and her husband Ken have a registered kennel, called a Brickstone. They also have one showdog, Tauny, a champion Airedale, and a maltese-poodle dog called Oliver, who can cap-

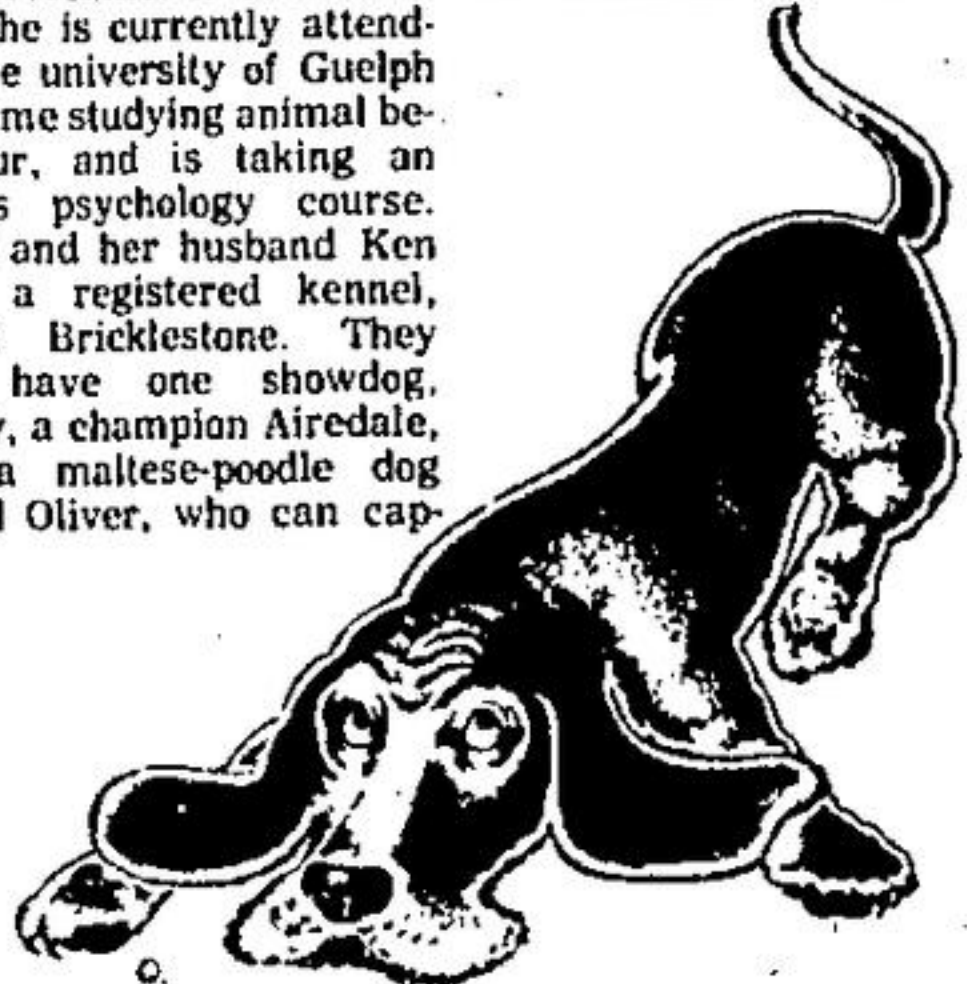
ture a person's heart as easily as the character Oliver did in the movie Love Story.

Cathy has done clippings privately for friends before, but her latest venture is the first time she has expanded to strangers' dogs, while on her own. She has never had to refuse a dog because of misbehaviour or size, she says. Sometimes she has had to call on her husband to hold down a particularly jittery or strong dog, but for the most part, Cathy says, she can handle the average dog by herself.

A well groomed canine can lead to a much happier animal, Cathy explains. She explained that when a dog is clean and well-groomed, it feels better, thus making it a healthier canine. If the pet is cleaned regularly, the owner would come to recognize any abnormalities and seek medical attention when needed.



CATHY SLANEY of Cathy's Canine Clippery combs her pet Oliver at her Mill St. home. She accepts any size of dog for grooming, baths, etc.



Urge mileage control

Warning signs for Third Line

Appropriate signs will be placed on the Third Line, north of the Scotch Block, to warn drivers of traffic hazards.

Councillor Ituss Miller wants Watch for Children and S curve signs placed on the road. He says it is a dangerous area and many children live in the vicinity.

Monday, Halton Hills works committee decided to leave the problem in the hands of engineer Robert Austin. He will decide what signs are appropriate.

He told the committee 'Watch for Children' signs aren't subsidized by the province and not really acceptable. Austin noted sometimes residents pay for the number of other advance warning signs which could be used.

Some members of Halton Regional Council want tighter control over money paid to councillors for mileage allowances.

The region's administration committee recommended that staff be authorized to overexpend the budget for councillor mileage after learning that 95 per cent of the budget had been spent so far this year.

Burlington Councillor Pat McLaughlin said that as far as he was concerned, once the budget is spent, that's it.

"If it is overspent that's too bad. We receive \$3,000 tax free and that should be enough to pay for mileage," McLaughlin said.

Councillors Mac Anderson, Archie Donaghey, Harry Barrett and Carl Eriksen all noted the need for tighter control.

A report will be filed from the Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid recommending a system of checks and controls on that budget.

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