

Offer free labor for insulation jobs

In a further attempt to encourage Canadians to conserve energy, the federal government is sponsoring the Ener-Con-Sulation program.

In this special program, those people coming within certain guidelines will have the labor provided free of charge so they can afford to have their homes better insulated. All they have to pay is the cost of materials.

Under another recent grant, anyone living in a house built before 1946 is eligible for two-thirds off the cost of materials. In reality, some people may find they can get the job done for a very small fraction of the price.

Those eligible for the free labor would be senior citizens, widows, widowers, handicapped, those with poor health, etc. All must be reviewed by an advisory board before the work is okayed, however.

Steve Russell is a project field worker and works out of the Brampton office. His area covers Brampton, Georgetown, Orangeville, Acton, Guelph and Mississauga.

Steve and his crew of six go into homes, on request only, and check the existing insulation, see if more is necessary, how much more, costs etc.

Steve can be reached in Brampton at 416-458-3691.



MAX NORRIS CHECKS the insulation in a local home. Mr. Norris is working as part of the Ener-Con-Sulation program.

Four Africans train at school

Four men from Kenya and Tanzania are enrolled in a special training program at the Sheridan College Heavy Equipment School in Milton. Their visit is the result of a college fact-finding mission to Africa earlier this year.

Sheridan was contracted by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in February to review and research heavy equipment operations in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and Mombasa, Kenya.

The college five-member team spent five weeks examining if efficiency of utilization of the Canadian equipment, provided by CIDA to the East Africa Harbors Commission, could be increased by the user service.

The study included all aspects of heavy equipment operations, equipment repair, repair and overhaul facilities, logistics support and stevedoring.

After the visit Sheridan outlined recommendations in a report to CIDA which then arranged to bring four heavy equipment operators from Africa to Canada for a special upgrading course at the Milton campus.

During the three-week training program at Milton, they are staying at the Sheridan Credit Valley Campus residence in Mississauga.

The program has been specially designed to meet their needs in the area of fork lift and auto equipment repair. The young men, ranging in age from 28 to 39, are fluent in both English and Swahili.

"They are already at a skilled level," said program co-ordinator George McDonald. "What we're doing is upgrading their skills and introducing them to new repair shop tools which they can make when they return home."

Part of the training program has involved visits to several equipment companies and manufacturers to observe various machine repairing methods. "Upon completion of the training session, they could act as instructors of mechanics at home," said McDonald. "It's their first visit to Canada, and they are adapting well to the program and the environment. They are easy going, friendly and are mixing well with the other students at the campus."

The four Africans agreed that the only adjustment they had to make was getting accustomed to the daylight hours. In Africa it gets dark at 7 p.m.

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