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Government loan helps teens' jobs

G & B Entrepreneurs is just that—two 18-year-olds who in their quest for a summer and after school job started their own business. They are now employing other students to work for them.

Gordie McArthur of Churchill Rd. and Brent Vickery of Wynford Place, the G and B in G & B Entrepreneurs, recently got a \$1,500 loan from the Ontario Youth Secretariate to set up their business. Their duties mainly entail painting and chimney sweeping, but they also will remove and take away television antennas. They are both grade 13 students at Acton High School.

Even though they have been in business only a few weeks, they already have a satisfied customer.

Steve Goy, of Acton Terminal Warehouse is extremely pleased with the work the pair did when they painted the interior of the building. Their work was "just excellent," Goy states.

Two girls have been hired for any wallpapering the company may be hired to do. One of the girls, explains McArthur, is taking interior decorating in school.

All the materials are bought at Lakeview Centre, where professional help is available. Prices vary depending on the type of paint used and the size of the room.

And in keeping with their name of Entrepreneur, the teenagers have a deal worked out with Halton Cable TV Systems Limited. G and B will pay for the installation of the cable and the first two months of service, if the new customer will allow them to take down and keep their tower. McArthur explains they can resell the aerial to cottagers or others.

Woodburning stove chimneys should be cleaned once a year the Acton High School students explain.

Gordie and Brent went out with a chimney sweep from Guelph on a school assignment and decided it looked like a good job. They purchased the equipment and are all ready to do the job.

They hope to develop annual customers for this job, thus keeping the business alive through the fall and winter.



Gordie McArthur and Brent Vickery have gone into business for themselves.

Unlike many student programs, G & B Entrepreneurs must pay back their Youth Secretariate loan. They had to each invest \$150 of their own savings and have already spent \$2,000. in the setting up of their business. They purchased all their own equipment and even a truck. Because of all the expenses, they are not sure how much profit they will make this summer. So far they have just been working after school and on weekends, but once the summer comes it will be a full-time job.

Hiring students has definite advantages, Gordie points out.

He and his partner can charge less than a professional, yet give professional results, and have little overhead.

"Students are conscientious," explains Brent, "you have to prove you can do the work."

"A lot of people stereotype teenagers," Gordie points out. His business strives for responsibility and reliability.

"You have to do a good job in order to compete," Brent explained.

Other students hired by the pair are just as reliable and responsible Gordie says. He notes they do not just hire friends, but students who apply for their jobs and are interviewed the same as a regular business.

Hopefully the business can operate through their university years too. Gordie is hoping to get into business management and Brent wants to take economics and geography. Their education in their own business will be invaluable to them.



A double investiture took place last week for Trinity Cubs and Scouts. Beavers to Cubs are: front row, left to right, Sean Gibbons, Andrew Patterson and Kevin Patterson. Back row are the Cubs going to Sea Scouts, Andrew Bartoo, Chris Griggs, Drew Ramsden, Stephen Shaw and Bill Wirth.



Ann Berry and Isabel McDonald display a cake for Mother's Day for which draw tickets were sold at Friday's Golden Age bake sale.



Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Redekop and Carol Clark look over items for sale at the CWL rummage sale Friday.

Knox Ladies' Aid Give cleaning hints

by Laura Dennis
The Knox Ladies' Aid held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon with a fine turnout of members. Opening the meeting with the verse "My God is No Stranger," Mrs. Harry Murray, president, presided. Many helpful hints were given on the timely subject "Spring Cleaning" as the roll call was answered by the ladies. Devotions were taken by Mrs. H. Besley reading the Scriptures and Mrs. J. Berry leading in prayer. Routine reports were given by Mrs. C. Armstrong, secretary and Mrs. J.C. Dennis, treasurer, which were quite favorable.

It was noted that a repair job at the church had been completed and ordered paid. Catering to a wedding in July was requested and accepted. Also two or three projects for the group were discussed. A humorous reading, much enjoyed by the ladies namely, "The Testament of a Farmer," was read by Mrs. H. Besley. Winners of a contest, conducted by Mrs. J. Berry were won by Mrs. W. Kennedy and Mrs. A. Near. Thanks were extended to the committee of the month by Mrs. Murray for an enjoyable program and lunch following the meeting.

Petition..

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position to give us the assurance that he will announce his decision this week?"

Gray replied the government has an "abiding interest in the welfare of this industry and its employees." He said cabinet was considering the various representations received, but he couldn't say if a decision would be announced during the last week in April. Obviously there was no announcement.

La Salle countered he knew Gray was giving the matter "serious thought" and should be aware "the footwear industry cannot wait much longer."

"In the interest of thousands of workers who are living in an atmosphere of almost intolerable uncertainty, could the minister at least inform us when he intends to announce his decision and explain why, after so many weeks, he is still unable to respond positively to recommendations made by the industry, which is not asking for money or subsidies but only for a decent measure of protection on the part of the government?" La Salle declared.

Gray answered that quotas are a form of subsidy paid by all Canadian consumers. He also said he hoped to "obtain a review at cabinet level as soon as possible."

Radio set stolen

Thieves in Rockwood want to make sure they are heard loud and clear.

Guelph OPP report a radio transceiver, radio crystal and microphone valued at \$1,750 were stolen from the gate house at the Rockwood Conservation Area sometime between 8 p.m. May 3 and 10.15 a.m. May 4.

Thieves gained entry into the building by breaking a window.

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