

Volunteer students are scarce

Response to the new student volunteer program set up in Acton by the Halton Social Planning Council has been far from enthusiastic, but summer co-ordinator Connie Roberts is not discouraged.

Six students have volunteered for jobs to date, all of them having offered their services at approximately the same time two weeks ago.

A lot of kids are either working or are on holiday, said Roberts, a third-year child studies student at the University of Guelph.

"If the program does nothing more than make people aware that there are volunteer opportunities in the area, then that's enough," she said.

Roberts works closely with the North Halton Volunteer Centre in Georgetown, which covered Acton and Milton until the Acton Social Services Centre organized the student volunteer program this summer.

Roberts has already received positive comments from the various organizations to which the volunteers have been sent.

"A couple have said that they're really pleased with the kids and that they've been a big help," Roberts said.

All six volunteers are from Milton. Two are working at the Milton YMCA, two are at the developmental centre at E.C. Drury school in Milton, one is at Cherish Parent-Child Day Care Centre, and one enquired

about Milton's toy lending library which is associated with the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

Roberts said she hopes the program will continue next year and that numbers will be higher.

Police beat

Disturbance

Two men were arrested when police tried to break up a disturbance in front of the Sittling Bull Tavern about 2 a.m. Saturday. Police report they were dispersing a group of youths causing a disturbance when a 19-year-old Main St. man refused to leave. The Acton resident was charged with obstructing a peace officer. In the same incident a 33-year-old Milton man was arrested for causing a disturbance by shouting obscenities in a public place.

Dangerous weapon

There were no injuries when a woman began wielding a large butcher knife during a dispute with neighbors Friday. The Storey Dr. resident was arrested for possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace.

Window Broken

A storm window at the back of Bread Basket, 12 Mill St., was kicked in Saturday. The window is valued at \$75.

Vandalism

Two windows were smashed at the taxi stand at 9 Mill St. Police report rocks were thrown through the windows valued at \$150.

Marijuana possession

A 17-year-old Toronto man was arrested Thursday for possession of marijuana. Police were checking out a car parked in the Mill St. parking lot and found a quantity of the narcotic.

Meanderings

Plight of the pea-pickers

A lot of us are suffering from a common complaint this time of year. It certainly isn't life-threatening but it can make us feel miserable for a while.

You are probably thinking I am talking about the summer flu, when in fact I am talking about sores under the thumbs.

What causes them? Shelling peas of course. If we are going to prepare them for the freezer, we have to shell them and peas

have a way of growing extremely fast even as our back is turned. So it means shelling about every second day for a couple of weeks.

I try various ways of positioning my fingers but the thumbs seem to suffer the most. I suppose there is such a thing as a pea-picker but hands seem to work so well we put up with the discomfort for the few days necessary to shell the peas.

Firemen put out night fire

Firefighters were called out in the middle of the night to put out a grass fire on Churchill Rd. Thursday. The fire department did not say what caused the fire.

The only other call of the week occurred last Tuesday. A truck caught fire at Lot 30, Concession 2, causing an estimated \$250 damage.



HUNGRY MAN'S DINNER

Terrific weather and gloriously juicy roasts of beef helped make the annual Halton-Peel Cattleman's Association barbecue another rousing success at the Legion recently. Beef producers Jim Lindsay of Georgetown was keeping an eye on the roasts while Eva Cutting of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary sneaked a peek. Hundreds attended from a wide area.

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