

Halton Hills job opportunities beginning to pick up

The number of job placements by the Georgetown office of Canada Manpower during the period August, 1975 to January 1976 almost doubled over the same period the previous year, according to Bernice Tolson, Manpower counsellor.

Tolson told the Herald this upswing in activity is due to the improvement of the economy which began last fall and also to the increased confidence of the public in the Manpower office which 18 months ago was open in Georgetown only one day a week and now is open five days a week.

Tolson pointed out that

meaningful and reliable statistics on job placements was, if not impossible, at least extremely difficult.

He said that about one-third of jobs available come through the Manpower offices and that the rest were secured through traditional means such as direct applications and newspaper advertising. He noted that job vacancies appearing in newspapers had been "creeping up."

Another reason for the unreliability of statistics, he said, is because many job seekers register not only at the Georgetown office but at Guelph and Brampton as well. Further, many who get

jobs fail to inform the agency with the result their registrations remain on file, he said.

The job market "is starting to waken up now," Tolson said. "I feel it will continue to pick up."

As an example of the unreliability of job placement statistics and of making predictions based on past records, Tolson noted that four times as many people got jobs in December, 1975 over the same month in 1974.

"I don't know why," Tolson said, adding that usually December is "deader than a door nail" for job openings.

He said those people who are skilled or semi-skilled

have the best chances of obtaining work. For the unskilled there are various programs to upgrade job-getting abilities if they meet "certain con-

ditions" and are prepared to endure long waiting lists.

But to put people through retraining programs, some of which take almost four and a

half years, is costly, he said. With only a limited amount of money available, those without marketable skills are chosen first, although each

case is judged individually. As an example of people chosen for retraining, he said that if a plumber came in and said he was sick of being a

plumber and wanted something else, it would be unlikely he would be chosen over someone who had no marketable skills at all.

"The money must be used to the best advantage of the entire population," Tolson said. "We first help people who need help the most."



Public speaking contest winners. Displaying their trophies in the North Halton Public speaking contest sponsored by the Georgetown Optometrists are (from left to right) Tracey Morgan, third place; Julie Harrison, second place; and Marilyn Morrow, first place. Waiting to give Miss Morrow her first place trophy is Larry Ciglens, president of the Optometrists Club.

Winning speaking contests is nothing new for Marilyn

The winner of the North Halton Public Speaking Contest is Marilyn Morrow, 13, of Stewarttown Senior Public School, who spoke on "Fun."

Second place was earned by Julie Harrison, 11, of W. I. Dick Public School in Milton, who spoke on "Violence in hockey" and third place went to Tracey Morgan, 13, of Martin St. School in Milton, who spoke on "Parenthood."

The speaking contest, sponsored by the Georgetown Optometrists Club, was held Thursday afternoon at the Howard Wrigglesworth Public School.

Judging the efforts of the eight contestants were Judy Alexander, chairman of the Halton Board of Education, John Graham, superintendent of special services, of the Halton Board of Education and Rev. Peter Barrow, Timekeeper was Mrs. M. Clements, language arts consultant.

Each speaker was required to speak for not less than three minutes and not more than five

minutes and after finishing their talk had to answer questions put to them by the judges.

The other speakers were: Adela Rodriguez, 11, of M.Z. Bennett Public School in Acton who spoke on "Canada"; Brneda Wieland, 11, of Howard Wrigglesworth school who spoke on "Christmas"; Laurie Early, 13, of Brookville Public School, who spoke on "Auctions"; Linda Kay, 13, of Fairview Public School, who used placards to illustrate her talk on "Mung"; and Corrina Moreau, 14, of Robert Little School in Acton, who spoke on "Moving from home."

For Marilyn Morrow, winner of the speaking contest, it was not the first time she has won such a contest. In an interview after the contest she told the Herald that two years ago she won first place in a speaking contest sponsored by Ontario Hydro which sent her a form letter thanking her for participating in the contest.

Miss Morrow plans to enter the next speaking contest which the Optometrists Club will be holding in March. The topic for that contest is "Tomorrow's Promise." Chairman of the Optometrists Club's next speaking contest is Dave Peach.

Mung!

Do you know what a "mung" is?

A what?

You heard it right the first time.

A "mung".

According to Linda Kay, 13, who was a contestant at a recent public speaking contest, a "mung" is a kind of fun thing you use to make laughs.

During her presentation, Miss Kay had 70 parents, children and teachers roaring in their seats as she showed posters she had drawn of various kinds of "mungs" (which are triangular beings).

For example, there was the Royal Canadian Mungted Police, the Loch Ness Mungster, a bird called a flamungo, a triangular racket used to play badmungton, a triangle in a circle which represented the mung in the moon, a black belt in the oriental art of Mung Fu and one poor triangle with the Germung measles.

Miss Kay's speech was among the funniest of the speaking contest.

Terra Cotta pays tribute to Les Icam


The Terra Cotta Community Hall Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting last Wednesday evening in the Terra Cotta Community Hall.

Bob Elwood of Terra Cotta stepped down as chairman of the board but he is remaining as a trustee on the board. Mr. Art VanAuben, also of Terra Cotta, was appointed as the board's new chairman.

Other trustees on the board include: Carmen Nardo, Jim Buchanan, Mary Cassidy, Ken Pearson, Irwin Countryman and Bruce Underhay, secretary-treasurer.

At the Wednesday meeting the board of trustees paid tribute to a long-time Terra Cotta resident, Les. Icam. Mr. Icam has loyally served with the community hall board since arriving in Terra Cotta in 1914. For his many years of hard work, Mr. Icam was presented with a sketching of the community hall by one of Terra Cotta's local artists and, incidentally, a board trustee, Jim Buchanan.

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