"Did your teeth chatter?"

"I don't know, we don't

sleep together."

HIGHER THAN BELIEVED

Unemployment estimate tops 19,000: Labor

By MAGGIE HANNAH LORITAYLOR Recald staff writers

A figure of 19,000 unemployed in the area by February which the Brampton district 5,000 homes in Brampton labour council predicted last because they have been fall may be a conservative assured that this will provide a estimate according to the chairman of the council's full employment committee.

Bill Cumpsty says there will veyed later and then be at least "19,000 to 20,000 Mississauga. unemployed in the area by February as close as we can figure,"

"We know the January figures will be up," he said. "We were getting about 42 calls a day; now we average 65 inquirles daily."

While there has been an increase in overall unemployment, he says that women in particular have been getting laid off in great numbers. Part of this he attributes to the laying off of sales staff from stores after the Christmas

The number of women being laid off from office staffs, however, comes as a surprise

to him. "We get a lot of women coming in with three or four years experience in an office as receptionists or typists or something telling us they've been laid off. Businesses seem to be reducing their office staffs for they aren't replacing these women they let go," he

The government unemployment figures are not complete, Mr. Cumpsty says, because they do not include the large number of 16- to 24-yearolds leaving school and unable to find a job. Nor do these figures include the surprising number of unemployed people who do not register with the Unemployment Insurance

Commission for benefits. "We know they're out there because every so often we hear

about someone who hasn't

in the past 212 months, the said

Picked Up in Passing

Art Meunier, the Acton resident who is fighting to

improve Canada's prison system after having spent 42

years of his own life in various prisons, will be a guest on

the Shulman Files this Sunday (Jan. 22) at 10 to 11:30 p.m.

Others on the panel are Toronto Police Commission

Chairman Phil Givens, Ontario Corrections Minister

Frank Drea, Queen's University law professor Ron Price,

and a criminal lawyer, Brian Levy. The program will be

Winter survival tips will be available this weekend

William Mackness, vice-president and chief econo-

Coun. Roy Booth has resigned his position on the

An orientation for those registered for the Date

for visitors at the Credit Valley Conservation Authority

Area at Terra Cotta. Among other activities will be horse

drawn sleigh rides, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

mist of Pitfield, MacKay, Ross and Company Ltd., will be

dinner speaker at a joint luncheon held by the Mississauga

Board of Trade and the Peel-Halton Chapter of the Society

of Management Accountants of Ontario Jan. 24. The

meeting begins at noon at the Ramada Inn on Dixie Road.

board of directors of the Children's Aid Society. In his

letter of resignation to the community and social services

committee of Halton, Mr. Booth cited a conflict of CAS

meeting with two at the local level. The resignation takes

Carnegie course sponsored by The Herald will be held

tonight at 7:33 p.m. at the Georgetown Lions Hall. Session

1 of the course will be held Jan. 25 starting at 7:01 at the

Carnegie course begins

Resignation from board

Acton man on panel

Winter survival tips

Economist to speak

Halton Hills Community Legal

Clinic have assisted "a fair

number" of people who need

legal advice on a type of

problem lawyers don't handle,

clinic worker Peggy Balkind

repeated Jan. 28.

effect immediately.

Lions Hall.

applied for benefits," he says. The committee is in the process of preparing a survey to look at various aspects of unemployment. They will be visiting a random sampling of fair picture of the situation in the area. Georgetown or

possibly Acton will be sur-

The survey will attempt to learn how many residents in the homes surveyed are unemployed; whether all the unemployed people have registered for unemployment benefits and why they have not done so if any unregistered residents are found; and how many of the unemployed are

people just leaving school. If any of the unemployed are found to be immigrants they will be asked if they feel discrimination played any part in their inability to find or keep

found to be women or young

The committee will be researching whether families actually need two incomes in the present economic climate, Mr. Cumpsty says, because one of the old cliches the government keeps spouting is that so long as the husband has a job the wife doesn't really need to work.

"The trouble with that theory," he says, "is that when women get laid off most of the time they aren't replaced by men. Most of them just aren't replaced. Therefore, keeping women out of the work force isn't doing anything for men." Once the survey is com-

pleted and the results are available the committee hopes a task force will be set up in the area with representatives from industries, government officials, politicians and members of the committee to see what can be done about increasing local employment.

Legal clinic aids many

Mrs. Balkind said that con-

sidering the newness of the

clinic, "quite a few people"

have sought the advice of the

clinic's community legal wor-

kers, and she and Bill Cumpsty

since opening in fall

Sometimes the committee hears that employers are looking for workers to fill skilled jobs and can't find them. Mr Cumpsty says occasionally the committee is able to send a skilled worker to a particular job.

He lays part of the blame for this situation on the politicians because although Canada does have an apprenticeship scheme whereby companies can get back a large percentage of an apprentice's wages industries seem to have

According to Buzz Hargrove the full employment commitpublic relations director and an international representative for the United Auto Workers Union, the recently released unemployment figures for Canada and the United States reflect the efforts each government is making to fight unemployment.

In the figures released last week, Canadian unemployment statistics were at a post-Depression high, while the number of Americans out of

work actually dropped. "The Carter Administration is doing some positive things to the economy, and building confidence in it," Mr. Hargrove said, "Obviously the Canadian government has to stop worrying about inflation and start thinking about unemploy

"The government had the opportunity during the period of controls or 'supposed' controls to spur employment without inflation," he said.

Mr. Hargrove said the economy is working at 80 per cent capacity, and there shouldn't be any of the shortages which cause inflation.

"It's not by accident that we have the worst employment record in the west and almost the highest standard of wealth," Mr. Hargrove said.

a fellow worker, are known.

There are two community

legal workers in Halton Hills

and four duty counsel lawyers.

two in each town, who are

available at certain times to

answer questions, and recom-

wide range of areas. Many of

the problems presented to

them so far are domestic, Mrs.

Balkind said, but there is a

The clinic will advise people

of their rights and the legal

procedures involved in dealing

with the Workman's Compen-

sation Board, the Unemploy-

ment Insurance Commission

and welfare difficulties. These

problems come under the hea-

ding of administrative difficul-

Other Categories include do-

mestic and family problems,

employer-consumer problems,

housing-property problems

and immigration difficulties.

Traffic offences and bylaw

violations are also areas where

"It has been proven by the

number of cases that there is a

need for this service in George-

The clinic opened on Oct. 31.

It is oneof two branches of the

Ontario Legal Aid Plan, from

town," Mrs. Bolkind said.

the clinic can help out.

The clinic offers advice in a

mend legal action.

wide variety as well.



LOOKS EASY, EH?

finger, a trick of delicate daring. It is not an easy trick but world of magic on the second front.

Budding magician Jimmy Manning, 8, has mastered using a little ingenuity you can do it. this feat of balancing two coins between his thumb and Herald staff writer George Evashuk takes a look at the

10% success in court ICG meeting is told

A lawyer hired two years ago to defend the rights of landowners municipality against Ontario Hydro's expropriation plans for the Bruce to Milton transmission corridor told his clients Thursday they have

less than a 10 per cent chance of winning the battle in court. Two days after the Ontario Supreme Court denied leave to appeal last months government decision to approve the expropriation of land, lawyer Dick Howitt admitted the possibilities of stopping the corridor through the courts are

virtually exhausted. Mr. Howitt told some 50 supporters of the Interested Citizens Group (ICG) in Stewarttown last night that his client's bill for legal fees had reached \$33,000 before a portion was paid recently. The total expenditure by landowners along the entire proposed corridor route was estimated to exceed \$100,000.

Gathered to plan continuing strategy in the wake of this week's court of appeal rejection, ICG members whose proprities line the southern section of the 109-mile long corridor route through Halton Hills and the central section Acton tax increase likely

Halton Regional Chairman

Hic Morrow told about 100

Acton citizens Monday that

their community faces a sub-

stantial tax increase if region-

al council fails to adopt a

recommended policy govern-

through Erin Township voted tentatively to abandon any further legal action against the

The ICG will instead concentrate on several remaining options in the corridor battle while at the same time planning fund-raising activities aimed at recovering aceumulated legal ex-penditures, Mr. Howitt's fee for landowners in the southern

section alone stands at \$27,000 with similar amounts pledged to solicitors who worked on the central and northern section The feasibility of obtaining legal aid to help pay expenses is currently being in-

vestigated, ICG spokesman John Minns reported. Mr. Minns also claimed that some Halton Hills councillors have suggested the ICG return to council with another appeal for funding. Council gave the group \$1,500 two years ago to help in their efforts on the town's behalf. At the same time, he war-

ned, an injunction awarded by the OMB could only halt the line's construction and not the expropriation of land. The construction itself, as well, could be ultimately approved above and beyond the OMB

if equal assessment vetoed

ner-meeting of the Acton

Chamber of Commerce, Mr.

Morrow explained that 1978 is

the last year of a five-year

period during which provincial

grants are available to regions

Speaking at the annual din-

decision by an order-in-council being pessimistic, but it's my of the Ontario cabinet.

"The question is, do you want to carry on ourselves. Do you want to get some help from legal aid, or do you want to pack it in?" ICG vicechairman John Schneider explained last night.

Landowners from both the central and southern sections responded with expressions of interest in the legal aid possibility, but balked at spending more of their own money on continued court skirmishes.

Mr. Howitt pulled no punches in spelling out the grim reality of the legal situation to his clients at the meeting.

report by a private consultant which condemned the Bruce and Milton route, Mr. Howitt said, and despite the citizen's comment that grave injustices have been committed in the corridor's name, this week's denial of leave to appeal the matter would weigh heavily upon any future court actions.

"Maybe I'm too close to the controversy," Mr. Howitt speculated, inviting his clients to seek another legal opinion of their chances. "I'm not trying to discourage you and I'm not

ton has received \$2.9 million in

such grants for its action in

other servicing areas, he said,

sewer and water service re-

main in the "charge-back"

category leaving each area

municipality to cover its own

duty as a lawyer to lay it on the line for you.

"The courts are not going to be dissauded by picky points of law concerning this line,." He continued, "If they felt there's been some colossal injustice done then they must give the appeal the green light Basically, the courts are very loathe to interfere with a

political decision."

Mr Howitt reminded the landowners that the forum provided by the forthcoming Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing into the proposed zoning amendment necessary for the construction of the corridor through Halton Despite a recently-released Hills is still open to them. He advised them to invest the \$6,000 it would cost for another divisional court action into the town's battle against the project before the OMB in-

> Mr. Minns and Mr. Howilt instructed the landowners as to their rights concerning Hydro's impending take-over of their properties. Land must now be surveyed for the corridor's southern and enetral sections, they said, but any Hydro employees can be barred from the owners properties until an offer of sale or lease has been accepted and, if the owner so chooses, until the money actually changes hands. Ontario land surveyors hired by the utility can enter the property anytime, however.

Mr. Minns advised the owners that their counterparts along the northern section of the route, where the corridor is nearing completion, have received up to 500 per cent increases on Hydro's original offers because they

Nursing home need clear: Lewis

Herald staff writer

The need for chronic nursing home beds in Halton Hills is clear, former Ontario NDP leader Stephen Lewis sald last

In a telephone interview with The Herald, Mr. Lewis said, "It seems to me, based on information from the hospital administrator, briefs and (New Democratic Party researcher) Mary Morrison, that the case for chronic nursing home beds has been made and made well."

Mr. Lewis said alternate chronic nursing home facilities might relieve the pressure onactive treatment beds at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. It has been a major point in the arguments of GDMH administrator Fred Morris that the lack of chronic nursing home beds has been causing problems at the hospital, since active treatment beds are being used for chronic care patients.

"The figures of four tehronic nursing home) beds per thousand of population may now be high in terms of what the

province is using in their calculations," Mr. Lewis said. He went on to say that in some cases, the ratio has been lowered to 3 85 or 3.5 beds per thousand.

"Leaving aside the formulae and the numbers game, I think the case has been made," Mr.

Lewis said. The situation is "dreadfully complicated" by the district health council, Mr. Lewis sald. "I hope they won't think I'm being presumptuous, but I think it's time they did some

thing, and did it fast, and gave

it priority," he said. "The health council has an obligation to get to the job." "One senses it's taking so long for the health council to do the job that the province is off the hook," Mr. Lewis said. He pointed out that the health council in Brant County had

completed a study on the same topic in short order. "I'm not in a position to say if an addition (to the hospital) is needed," Mr. Lewis said, "I don't have the numbers they-'re using. But the problem is critical enough that the health council should get together and solve the problem

No panic, chairman says

"I don't choose to be panick- council had been set up ed by Mr. Stephen Lewis's comments," Halton district health council chairman Terry Baines said, when informed of Mr. Lewis's comments on chronic care facilities in Halton

Mr. Baines for his reaction to position of having the closing Mr. Lewis's statement about chronic health care facilities in Hallon Hills, Mr. Baines's init- formed. ial reaction was "no comment." He said the health study of the situation.

'Ir. Baines said the committee established to study extended care facilities in Halton has not yet resolved the discrepancy between the figures provided by the ministry of health and those from Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

"The study may confirm one or the other, or it may go right down the middle" Mr. Baines said. "What it will do is provide a set of statistics to work the study being done by the

In reference to the Brant County health council's study, Mr. Baines said the ministry of health had itself commissioned the study in long-term care a

"It was given to the health council to bring the results to light," he said. "I won't say they got credit for something they didn't do, but they did get something of a head start." Mr. Baines added that the

Brant County health council When The Herald contacted had been in the unenviable the Paris Hospital facing it from the day the council was The Halton district health

council was formed a year and council is proceeding with its a half ago, Mr. Baines said, but the council has only had "a good committee organization' since last May.

"Then during the summer months, it was difficult to get people together," he said.

The Health council will be sponsoring a two-day meeting with health care professionals in February to discuss health care problems in Halton. The seminar, which will be closed to the public, will make use of background information from long-term care committee and information from other sour-

"We feel we get farther by co-operating with people in the field, rather than saying 'Here

month or two before the health it is," Mr. Baines said.

Fear of charges is unfounded

Halton Regional Police that we are going to get tough Superintendent Floyd Schwantz says there is no foundation to Georgetown high school students' fears that they will be charged with obstructing traffic because they are walking on the road in-

stead of using sidewalks. "The officer who spoke at the assemblies at the high school went up there with my blessing to ask for the students' co-operation in preventing an accident,' Supt.

Schwantz said. "The officer was put on the spot by someone who asked if there was any basis in law for this, and the officer read some sections of the code. But there was never any indication that we are going to lay charges."

Supt. Schwantz said the object of the officer's visit to the school was the safety of the students who have been walking on the roads when the sidewalks haven't been cleared. It was a matter of asking students to walk facing traffic and follow other safety

rules, he said. "There was no indication and start laying charges," he concluded. "Someone was responding to it, mistaking the fact that we were asking for

Meanwhile, Halton Hills works supervisor Frank Morette said that the works committee would be discussing the problem of keeping sidewalks clear at its next meeting.

A report that Halton Police are going into schools and warning students that unless they stop walking on the road and obstructing traffic, they will be charged is "unfair to the police," Halton Hills council heard Monday.

What the police were doing, Coun. Pomeroy said, was asking students for assistance. The students were advised to walk facing traffic, he said. "It does not have an adverse effect on the police."

Coun. Mike Armstrong said another major concern of the police was students walking four abreast on the road.

which it receives it funding. ing payment of sewer and which adopt equalized assess-"held out" as long as possible. Continued on Page 23 ment popules. Although Hal-Cont'd. On Page 13 water servicing costs. 'Serious deficiencies' on regional roads

The regional road system in Halton has "the most serious deficiencies of any region," the director of public works told the region's public works committee Wednesday.

"We may shortly be faced with such serious deficiencies that excessive sums of money will be required to catch up and restore the system to adequate condition," Robert Moore said.

According to figures he released, the 173-mile regional road system in Halton is only 54.3 per cent adequate as compared to 83.9 per cent for Peel, 71.5 per cent for York, 87.2 per cent for Hamilton-Wentworth and 78.4 per cent average is 75.9 per cent.

for Waterloo. The provincial Mr. Moores said that regional council will have to stop scrimping on road spending to

bring the roads back up to condition and if not, "... we will find ourselves within several years with a road system which is inadequate for more than half its total length."

In an interview later with reporters, Mr. Moores said the regional has not taken the full amount of provincial subsidies for road construction that it could have in 1977. The shortfall was close to \$250,000.

The 1978 budget recommendations are the same as in 1977, "so we are falling further behind," he said. Mr. Moore told reporters

that the road system won't become hazardous "for a perlod of time", but service will decline with the result it will cost a lot to bring the roads to standard.

The roads will become rougher to travel and will

require more maintenance. Mr. Moore said. The region isn't doing anything about intersection improvement, isn't paving gravel roads and doing little to relive traffic congestion, he added.

Jack Raftis, public works chairman, told the committee the matter will be brought up at budget time to try and increase the amount spent on

Mr. Raftis agreed that the road system has deficiencies, "but we don't say atrocious." Halton council has spent

only 80 per cent of the total ministry of transportation and communication funds available, a decision based on keeping taxes down to ratepayers, Mr. Raftis said.

He said that the majority of the county road system is in north Halton and that he has

never heard the north make un issue of road conditions. North of Highway 5, traffic is minimal, he said.

The region has had reports on dangerous situations on its road system and is making good Improvements where necessary, he said.

The road situation is not as bad as was stated, Mr. Raftis said. The public wants water, sewers, health service, police and fire protection, he added,

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