

"I got so cold last night I couldn't sleep, I just shivered."
"Did your teeth chatter?"
"I don't know, we don't sleep together."

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HIGHER THAN BELIEVED
Unemployment estimate tops 19,000: Labor

By MAGGIE HANNAH and LOHI TAYLOR
Herald staff writers
A figure of 19,000 unemployed in the area by February which the Brampton district labour council predicted last fall may be a conservative estimate according to the chairman of the council's full employment committee.

Sometimes the committee hears that employers are looking for workers in fill skilled jobs and can't find them. Mr. Campsey 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 ignored it.



LOOKS EASY, EH?
Budding magician Jimmy Manning, 8, has mastered this feat of balancing two coins between his thumb and finger, a trick of delicate derring. It is not an easy trick but using a little ingenuity you can do it.
Herald staff writer George Evashuk takes a look at the world of magic on the second front.

Nursing home need clear: Lewis

By LOHI TAYLOR
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The need for chronic nursing home beds in Halton Hills is clear, former Ontario NDP leader Stephen Lewis said last week.
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."

No panic, chairman says

"I don't choose to be panicked 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 Hills.
When The Herald contacted Mr. Baines for his reaction to Mr. Lewis's statement about chronic care facilities in Halton Hills, Mr. Baines's initial reaction was "no comment." He said the health council is proceeding with its study of the situation.

10% success in court ICG meeting is told

A lawyer hired two years ago to defend the rights of landowners in this 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 month's government decision to approve the expropriation of land, lawyer Dick Howitt admitted the possibilities of stopping the corridor through the courts are virtually exhausted.

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 accumulated legal expenditures. 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 investigated, 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.

Mr. Howitt pulled no punches in spelling out the grim reality of the legal situation to his clients at the meeting. Despite a recently-released 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 being pessimistic, but it's my duty as a lawyer to lay it on the line for you."

The courts are not going to be dissuaded 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 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 instead.
Mr. Minns and Mr. Howitt 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 central 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 "held out" as long as possible.

Legal clinic aids many since opening in fall

In the past 2 1/2 months, the Halton Hills Community Legal Clinic has assisted "a fair number" of people who need legal advice on a type of problem lawyers don't handle, clinic worker Peggy Balkind said.

Mrs. Balkind said that considering the newness of the clinic, "quite a few people" have sought the advice of the clinic's community legal workers, and she and Bill Campsey

Picked Up in Passing

Acton man on panel
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 a.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 repeated Jan. 28.

Winter survival tips

Winter survival tips will be available this weekend 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.

Economist to speak

William Mackness, vice-president and chief economist 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 Hamada Inn on Dixie Road.

Resignation from board

Coun. Roy Booth has resigned his position on the 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 effect immediately.

Carnegie course begins

An orientation for those registered for the Dale 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 Lions Hall.

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 recommend legal action.
The clinic offers advice in a wide range of areas. Many of the problems presented to them so far are domestic, Mrs. Balkind said, but there is a wide variety as well.
The clinic will advise people of their rights and the legal procedures involved in dealing with the Workman's Compensation Board, the Unemployment Insurance Commission and welfare difficulties. These problems come under the heading of administrative difficulties.
Other categories include domestic and family problems, employer-consumer problems, housing-property problems, and immigration difficulties. Traffic offences and bylaw violations are also areas where the clinic can help out.
"It has been proven by the number of cases that there is a need for this service in Georgetown," Mrs. Balkind said.
The clinic opened on Oct. 31. It is one of two branches of the Ontario Legal Aid Plan, from which it receives its funding. Cont'd. On Page 13

Acton tax increase likely if equal assessment vetoed

Halton Regional Chairman Eric Morrow told about 100 Acton citizens Monday that their community faces a substantial tax increase if regional council fails to adopt a recommended policy governing payment of sewer and water servicing costs.

Speaking at the annual dinner-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 which adopt equalized assessment policies. Although Hal-

ton has received \$2.9 million in such grants for its action in other servicing areas, he said, sewer and water service remain in the "charge-back" category leaving each area municipality to cover its own costs.
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'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 for Waterloo. The provincial average is 75.9 per cent.

In an interview later with reporters, Mr. Moore 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 period 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 relieve traffic congestion, he added.
Jack Rafis, public works chairman, told the committee the matter will be brought up at budget time to try and increase the amount spent on roads.

never heard the north make an 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. Rafis said. The public wants water, sewers, health service, police and fire protection, he added.