

Apprenticeship training subsidy

To alleviate critical shortages of skilled workers in Ontario's manufacturing industries, the Ministry of Colleges and Universities will initiate training schemes worth up to \$8 million during 1978-79.

The minister, the Honourable Harry C. Parrott, DDS, told the Legislature that the funds, provided by the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission, will subsidize employers who participate in a new employer-sponsored skill training program.

Under the new program, local training needs will be determined by community industrial training committees representing employers, labour, local government, local offices of the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission, local educators and others.

Employers will receive subsidies to help meet their training costs. "This plan will allow employers to help develop a pool of skilled workers without running the risk of losing their training investment if a trainee leaves to work elsewhere," Dr. Parrott said.

Discussions are now underway with several communities to establish employer-sponsored training. Announcement of project details will begin in the fall. Dr. Parrott said that several thousand people will begin training within the next year.

Dr. Parrott also said that he hopes for a three-fold increase in the number of apprentice tool-and-die makers, mould

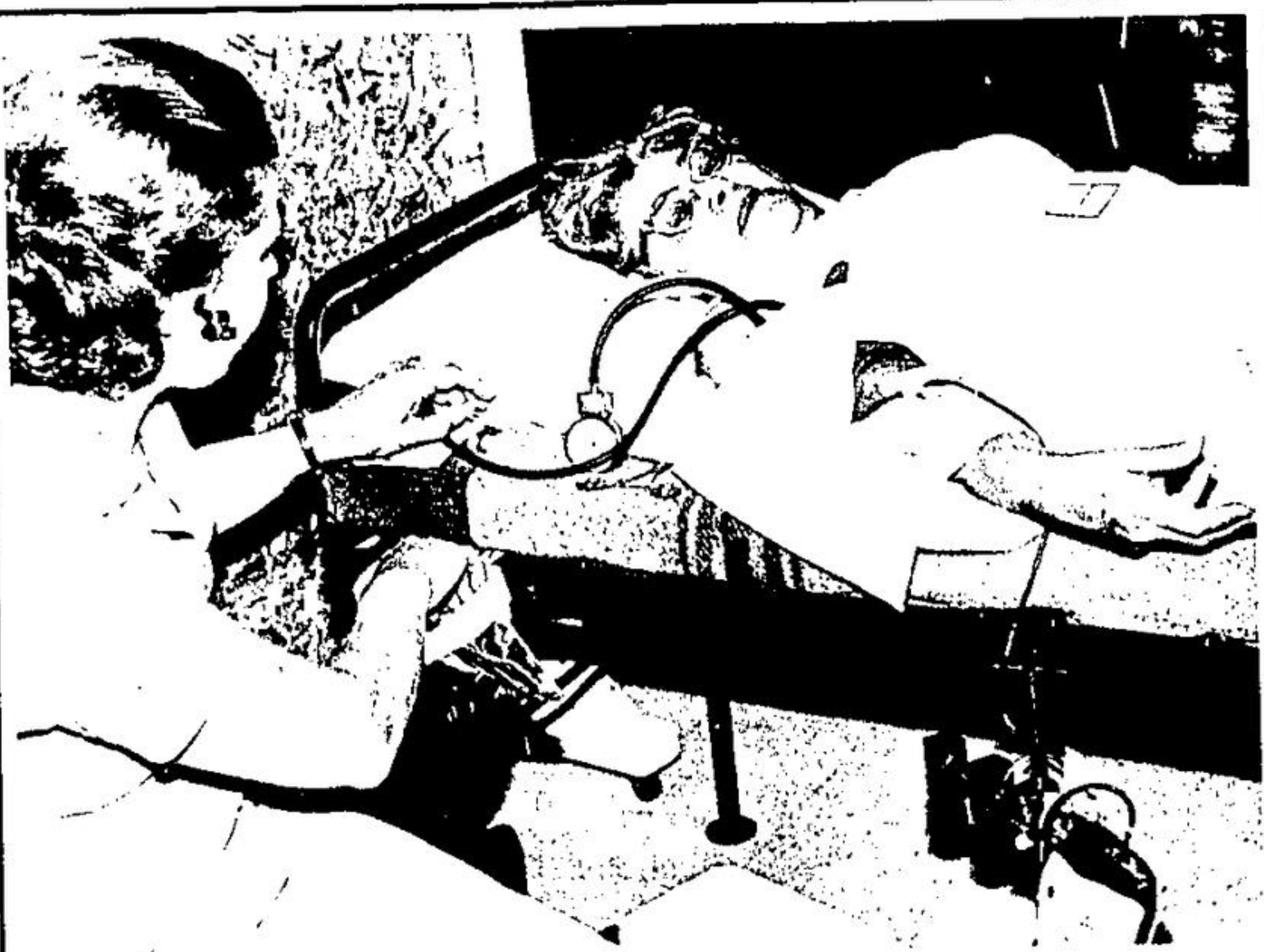
makers, and general machinists. As a result of an agreement by management and labour regarding training standards, apprentices in these three trades may now earn a Certificate of Qualification under The Apprenticeship and Tradesmen's Qualification Act.

To increase apprenticeship training in manufacturing industries, the Ministry will visit up to 5,000 manufacturing companies not now participating in the Province's apprenticeship training program.

Dr. Parrott also told the Legislature that his Ministry has agreed with the Ministry of Education to reduce the amount of time that some apprentices spend in the classroom. In the trades of baker, cook, hairdresser, and motor vehicle mechanic, credit will be given for technical training in high school, thus reducing in-school training time during apprenticeship.

The minister also informed members of the Legislature of cooperative arrangements between the Windsor School board and St. Clair College of Applied Arts and Technology which will allow some students direct entry to the second year of the College's toolmaking technician and plastic mould making technician programs.

"This scheme should become a model for other locations and trades," said the minister. "It will enable apprentices to become qualified journeymen at a younger age and will reduce employers' training costs."



BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

The Red Cross Blood Clinic in Georgetown, Monday, collected 416 blood packs from a total attendance of 453. 37 people were rejected for various reasons. The request for negative blood was filled.

The next regular scheduled clinic for Georgetown is Monday, September 11, at Holy Cross Church auditorium, but in order to overcome summer blood shortages, a special clinic is planned for Thursday, July 20, at the Elk's

Hall. A special appeal will be made for new residents and new donors from the Hilltop area to help beat the summer shortage. Regular donors must have three months between donations.

More donors could have been accommodated at this June clinic, but the Red Cross extends appreciation to all persons who took time to attend.

School picnic

Children of the North Peel Hebrew School and their families celebrated the end of the school term at a picnic at Terra Cotta Conservation Area June 4.

Members of the North Peel Jewish Association joined in the activities, participating in an afternoon of picnicking and games in honor of the spring harvest festival of Shavuot.

The North Peel Jewish Association was formed last fall to provide social, cultural and religious contacts for Jewish residents of the Brampton, Malton, Bolton and Georgetown areas. Over 60 families have taken part in parties and festival celebrations offered by the association.

Further information about the Association or the school can be obtained by calling the Jewish Information Service at 789-7279 or Brampton Information at 457-9612.

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Study launched of chemicals

OTTAWA — Environment Minister Len Marchand and Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin have marked for investigation a number of chemicals which are either known to be harmful to human health or the environment or are suspected of being potentially harmful.

The chemicals are named in a new list of priority chemicals published in the Canada Gazette. The list is divided into three categories:

CATEGORY I Lists substances for which regulations are being developed. It includes chlorofluoromethanes (used in aerosol propellants), mirex (a flame retardant), polybrominated biphenyls (flame retardants for plastics), and polychlorinated biphenyls (transformer fluid).

CATEGORY II Names chemicals believed to pose a significant danger to the environment or human health. These are being investigated in depth to determine the nature and extent of the danger, and the appropriate counter-action. It consists of arsenic (a byproduct of copper and gold smelting), asbestos, benzene (a solvent used in paints), lead, and mercury.

CATEGORY III Lists substances which will be studied to determine whether they pose a danger and whether controls are necessary. It includes cadmium (used in electroplating) and six classes of organic chemicals such as chlorobenzenes (solvents), phthalate esters (plasticizers), and triaryl

phosphates (high temperature lubricants and plasticizers). The list was compiled by the Environmental Contaminants Committee of Environment Canada and National Health and Welfare. Some chemicals on the list have already been regulated under the Environmental Contaminants Act or other federal statutes.

Since the Environmental Contaminants Act was passed two years ago, federal government attention has focused on well-known chemicals that have been in use for some time. In the future, more emphasis will be placed on newer chemicals as the industrialized nations with which we trade move towards joint preventive measures, such as pre-market testing.

A second list, called "candidate chemicals", is also being drawn up by the two departments. As information is gathered about chemicals in this second group, some may warrant detailed investigation and may be included on the priority list.

The candidate chemicals list will include such substances as bromobenzenes, bromoethylenes, chloroethanes, chloroethers, chloroethylenes, chloronaphthalenes, chlorotoluenes, diethanolamine and triethanolamine, hexachlorobutadiene (HCBD), isocyanates (organic), and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). PAHs are byproducts of fossil fuel combustion. The other substances have many uses as solvents and chemical intermediates.

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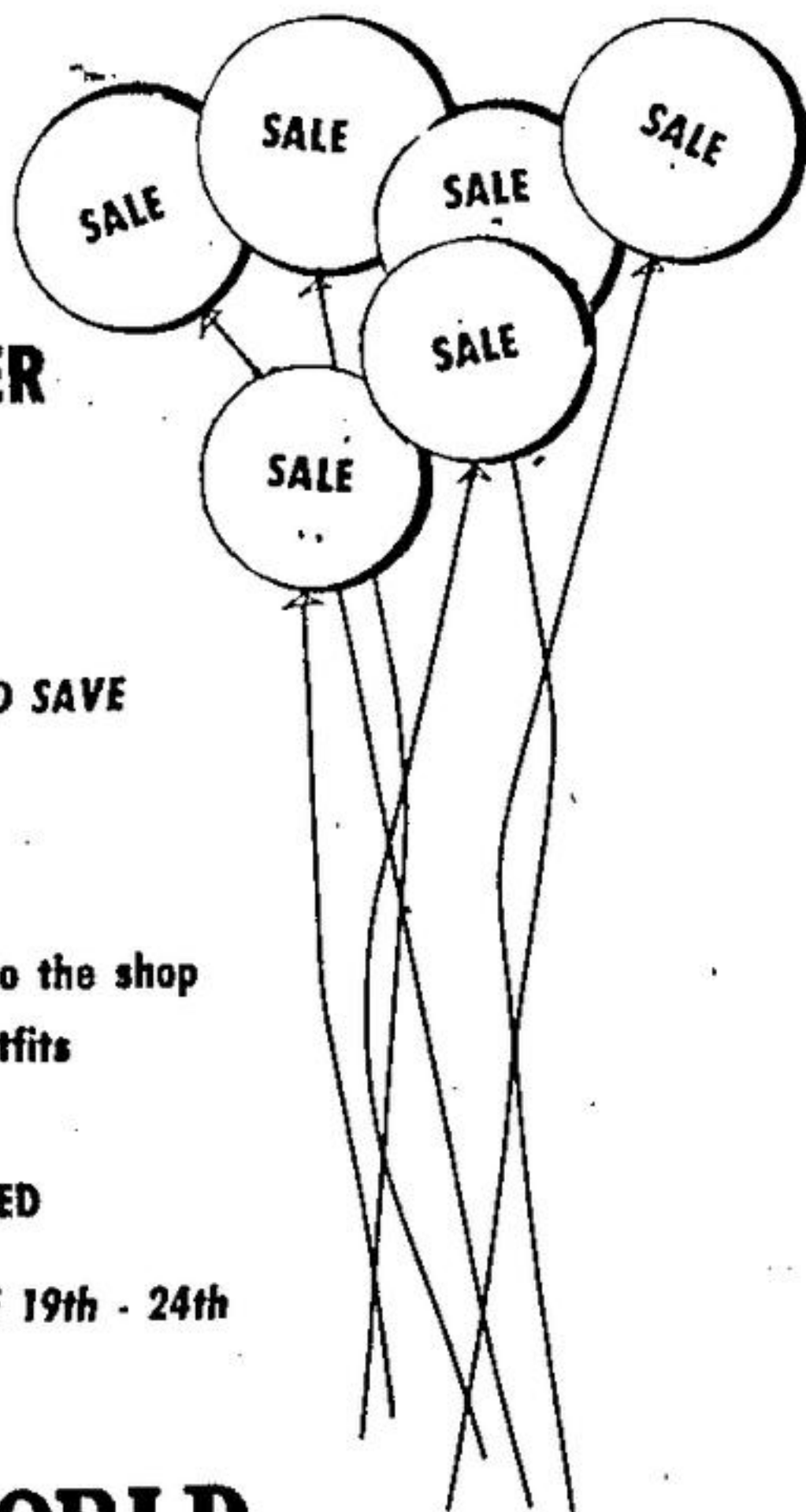
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