

Work wanted: 500 apply for 150 jobs

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As a number of new businesses prepare to open their doors in Georgetown local students are proving they are ready and willing to work.

With the opening of Frank Vetere's Pizzeria and Soppalotti House, the planned opening of the Georgetown Cinemas 3 in early March, and the planned opening of Miracle Mart late in May, there has been a sharp increase in the number of part-time jobs available in the Georgetown area for both students and adults.

When it comes to part-time jobs, the students are definitely interested. The three new businesses mentioned above have received over 500 applications for 150 part-time jobs, and at least half the applicants are students.

Doug Hall, manager of Frank Vetere's, said he had 250 applications for 43 jobs, about 23 of which are part-time.

WHAT WE NEED

"Initially, we hire what we need, plus some, because we lose people over the first couple of months," Mr. Hall said. "We'll be hiring more people between now and summer, and we do look at the applications we have on file when we have a new opening."

Because Vetere's is licensed to serve liquor, waiters and waitresses have to be 19 or older, but the other part-time staff ranges in age from 15 to 20. Anyone under 16 can work at Vetere's but it is a company policy to have teenagers under 16 present a letter from their parents acknowledging that they are aware their son or daughter is working.

Mr. Hall said they don't keep their younger staff working right until closing, but they might be working until late in the evening.

Tom Cleaver, manager of the Georgetown Cinemas 3, said he received about

254 applications, with about 170 from students.

"I felt from what I'd been hearing, with the unemployment situation so bad right across the country, and with the local Manpower office telling me that they have a steady flow of people through their office, looking for part-time work, I knew a lot of people would be interested," Mr. Cleaver said.

"It's very hard to come to a decision as to which people to hire, because we've had so many good people apply," he said. "Those who don't get hired, we'll certainly

keep their names on file."

Mr. Cleaver said he has been doing personal interviews, and he has found there are "good workers here in this town." He said he has been impressed with the students and the way they have conducted themselves during interviews.

Aubrey Pickels, manager of the employment office of Miracle Food Mart, said the store has received about 80 applications and they have not actively begun recruiting staff yet. He expects to have 70 to 80 part-time people in the store, with about half of them being adults who would be available during the day. About 50 of these employees will be trained as cashiers.

GIVEN TRAINING

Mr. Pickels said the employees will be given training in one of the other Miracle

Mart stores, or here in Georgetown, with a special transportation arrangement made for training in Brampton.

Miracle Mart won't hire students under the age of 16, and normally the students are in grade 11.

Mary Patterson, guidance department head at Georgetown District High School, said the school does not get actively involved in finding part-time jobs for its students, but if a prospective employer calls the school looking for part-time help the school will pass the message onto the students. There is no formal counselling on looking for work, although Mrs. Patterson said she believes the business department does cover the topic with their students.

Doug Murcock, supervisor at the

Georgetown Manpower office, said students here in Georgetown are better off as far as jobs are concerned than students in Toronto. Here in Georgetown, there are about 1,500 high school students, while an area in Toronto of similar size, with a similar number of stores, would have about 5,000 students. Competition is much more stiff in Toronto, he said.

"For the number of students in this area, there are a lot of jobs," he said.

Mr. Murcock said the people who get the jobs are the sharp ones, who are out there "hustling." He said there were people who applied to Miracle Food Mart for a job when the sign went up announcing that a store was being built on that spot.

"Those are the ones who get hired," he said.

Your Morning Smile

"How awful," the retail antique dealer exclaimed, "you've just broken a piece that's more than 1,000 years old."

"Thank goodness," the customer replied, "at least it wasn't new."

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This Week



BARBELLSCHRIM

Costume designer

The Georgetown Little Theatre's upcoming production "When We Are Married" is a period piece and costumes play an important role in the show. The GLT has enlisted the help of professional costume designer Barbellschrim to design the costumes for the play. Mrs. Schrim explains the problems and pleasures of costume design in this week's Herald.

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HQ problems

It may be new and flashy colored by Halton region's headquarters has been plagued with problems ever since its grand opening last year. The builder may have trouble collecting his fee.

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Re-open jail?

The Halton Regional Police Commission is asking the provincial government to re-open the Milton jail, which was closed early last summer, because it's costing them too much money to transport prisoners to Halton's courts from detention centres in Hamilton and Toronto.

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French immersion

The Halton board of education is looking for applications for students to participate in a partial immersion French program in grade seven next September. Helen Mitchell and Peter Spencer answered parents' questions about Halton's immersion programs Monday at Joseph Gibbons School.

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MAGI-KISS FROM MAGICLOWN

Ten year-old Jeanny McLaughlin gets a 'hello' kiss from Abra the 'MagiCrown' at the Georgetown Flea Market held last weekend in the old Domlar plant on Rosetta St. The flea market will again be operating this weekend, despite complaints from

local residents that the event violates zoning by-laws. Council will consider the issue at a future meeting.

(Herald photo by Michael Hollett)

Shopping centre consultant disrupts council meeting

A consultant for Landawn Shopping centres Ltd. was on the verge of being physically ejected from the town council chambers Monday night during council's debate over a request by Acton merchants to have a public meeting on the massive commercial plaza proposed by the company post-poned.

Members of council were

strongly critical of an angry verbal outburst by Landawn consultant Henry Joseph, but the majority agreed to stand by their previous commitment and hold a public hearing Feb. 14 at Acton District High School.

At that time, members of the public will be allowed to individually address the town planning board with regard to the 80,000-square foot plaza pro-

posed by Landawn for development just east of Acton's urban boundary at Churchill Road and north of Highway 7. According to a recent survey undertaken on Landawn's behalf by Acton high school students, 96 per cent of Acton shoppers support the proposal.

OUTLINED OBJECTIONS
Planner Ron Burnett, who last month outlined several objections to the proposal for

the planning board on behalf of the board of management for Acton's Business Improvement Area (BIA), sat quietly through council's debate over his clients' requests a month-long delay of the public hearing.

According to a letter from Henry Stachyra, chairman of the BIA board, the merchants wish to undertake an independent market impact analysis that would "identify the potential effects of the Landawn proposal on the presents shopping facilities." The study could also uncover "an alternate solution", Mr. Stachyra added.

Support offered for the merchants' requests by councillors Harry Levy and George Maltby prompted loud complaints from Landawn president Jerry Sprackman, Mr. Joseph and several Acton residents seated in the gallery.

When Coun. Maltby introduced a motion that would have seen the public hearing postponed until Mar. 13, Mr. Joseph rose to his feet to angrily protest.

Despite repeated demands by Acting Mayor Roy Booth to keep quiet, Mr. Joseph challenged the intent of the motion and implored council to heed the will of the people by honoring its commitment to a Feb. 14 hearing.

The consultant claimed that Clerk-Administrator Ken Richardson had invited he and Mr. Sprackman to the council meeting, but was reminded that Mr. Richardson was sim-

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Couple share Georgetown's 'citizen' honors

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Widely remembered as the proprietors of Georgetown's first commercial dairy operation and greatly respected for their ongoing work with the Canadian Cancer Society, Irwin and Joyce Noble have been selected as the community's Citizens of the Year for 1979.

Ernie Sykes announced the selection Friday on behalf of

the Georgetown Lions Club, which will honor Mr. and Mrs. Noble at a special banquet Mar. 2.

GREAT HONOR

Georgetown residents for the past 30 years, Mr. and Mrs. Noble told The Herald following the announcement that they were "surprised and humbled" by the news that they had been selected to receive what many consider the community's greatest honor.

Although Mr. Sykes explained that the Lions Club tends to look toward each service group in turn to find a recipient for its annual token of community gratitude and regards Mr. and Mrs. Noble as being representative of the local chapter of the Cancer Society, he pointed out that the couple's many other achievements and affiliations were factors in the club's selection.

Chief among the contributions taken into consideration by the Lions Club is the couple's 15 years of voluntary service to the society, for which they continue to drive cancer patients to Princess Margaret and Sick Children's Hospitals in Toronto for regular treatments.

In 1976, Mrs. Noble was presented with the Cancer Society's most distinguished honor, the coveted Service Award, for her voluntary work as a driver and canvasser.

She and Mr. Noble were nevertheless modest last week in appraising their selection as Georgetown's Citizens of the Year, insisting that there are many other local volunteers who are much more deserving of the community's acclaim. Mr. and Mrs. Noble are among the handful of Georgetown's Cancer Society volunteers who respond to a co-ordinator's requests for transportation services

al's parent company, S.B. McLaughlin Associates Ltd., concerning the company's subdivision proposal.

FORMER COUNCILLOR
The former Georgetown and Halton Hills councillor stressed that the opposition he previously expressed toward the Focal proposal still stands. But if a comprehensive study that examines all facets of urban growth in the Georgetown area, rather than just the land owned by Focal, deter-

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Morrow says Focal will fund housing study

Former Halton regional chairman Ric Morrow has emerged as a persuasive new mediator in the long-standing dispute between Focal Properties Ltd. and the town of Halton Hills.

A luncheon date with Ernie Bodnar, local representative for the development company that wants to build some 1,740 homes just south of Georgetown, led to Mr. Morrow's appearance before town council Monday night, where he outlined a proposal for a comprehensive feasibility study to be undertaken at Focal's cost.

In a recorded vote, council agreed 8-2 that Mayor Pete Pomeroy should appoint a special committee of council that will set terms of reference for a feasibility study aimed at "redefining the boundaries of the Georgetown urban area." The committee will also select an independent consulting firm to conduct the study at Focal's expense. Such a study would take four to five months to complete, in Mr. Morrow's estimation.

SPECIAL STUDY

In an effort to accommodate the study while at the same time expediting provincial approval for the Halton region official plan and the forthcoming Halton Hills official plan, the town will also seek to have special study areas designated in the draft versions of both documents.

Councillors Walter Blehn and Marilyn Serjeantson were the sole opponents of the lengthy resolution placed before council following Mr. Morrow's presentation. Voting in favor of the study were Mayor Pomeroy and councillors John McDonald, Ross Knechtel, Russ Miller, Roy Booth, George Maltby, Harry Levy, and Mike Armstrong. Councillors Les Duby, Ed Wood and Pat Patterson were absent.

Mr. Morrow, a Summit Lane resident, told council that he was appearing with regard to the Focal matter "as a very interested citizen," but admitted that he felt "somewhat uncomfortable" with the knowledge that his remarks about the highly-contentious issue might be misinterpreted.

Mr. Morrow reported that he was invited to have lunch with Mr. Bodnar early last month and subsequently visited both Mayor Pomeroy and Bruce McLaughlin, president of Foc-

HERALD WINS NEWSPAPER AWARDS

The Halton Hills Herald has been awarded a second place standing for overall excellence as well as judged to have the best sports pages in the province in the Ontario Weekly Newspaper Association's category six, for newspapers with a circulation of 10,000 to 15,000.

First place went to the Aurora Banner while the Newmarket Era was third.

The OWNA awards honor the top member newspapers and this year's awards will be presented at the association's annual convention in Toronto on March 2.

Herald editor Michael Hollett and sports editor Tony Panacci will be on hand to accept the awards.



WINTER CARNIVAL

Christine Davenport makes final adjustments to her skates before joining in the fun on the rink at Norval's Community Day, held last Sunday afternoon.