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Going back to the land may be a dream for some, but these young people are living it for a summer at least. Working for a summer youth employment program called Agricrew, (left to right) Bob Bingham, 17, of Georgetown, Dave Leslie, 16, of Acton and Sharon Leslie, 19, of Rockwood are busy cleaning out barns, forking manure, cutting and baling hay, trimming apple trees and doing other farm work. Hired by farmers at the rate of \$90 a day, the four member crew has farming experience behind them. To hire them, up to a maximum five days, contact Pat McCabe at 878-2313 at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. (Herald photo by Ani Pederiali)

Province's 'Agricrews' help local farmers

Tough work, but it's fun

By ANI FEDERIAN
Herald Staff Writer

Praying for sunshine is a nightly chore for Dave Leslie.

The 16-year old Acton youth wants the sun to shine Monday to Friday so he can work. Rainy days mean staying home and not earning money.

This summer, Dave is a member of Agricrew. Part of a crew of four youth working for the ministry of agriculture and food, he's helping out farmers in Halton Hills and gaining basic farm maintenance skills and knowledge of harvesting techniques. There are two such teams of Experience '82 students working in town.

Experience '82 is a government of Ontario program providing summer jobs in provincial ministries; agencies and commissions to young people 15 to 25 years old.

From baying to hauling, to fencing and forking manure, the young people are available to work from one to a maximum of five days for Halton Hills farmers.

For \$90, farmers can hire a team of four to work an eight-hour day doing

chores like hoeing, weeding, haying, hauling, fencing, stacking wood, pruning and spraying trees, taking soil samples, picking fruit and cleaning barns.

It's Dave's first summer working on Agricrew. He's not unfamiliar with farm

chores, however, having worked on his dad's dairy farm until it was sold in 1978, and on a beef farm the last two summers.

"I like farm work," Dave said. "But there's no money in farming, so I want to be an architect or

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In it for the 'Experience'

- students get plenty

Over 30 young people in Halton Hills are in it for the experience, not for the money.

Once again, government ministries and community organizations are providing summer jobs to young people through the Experience program.

Whether secondary school students or college or university graduates, the young men and women on Experience '82 all earn the provincial minimum wage. For those under 18 years of age, that means \$2.65 an hour, and for those over 18, \$3.50 an hour.

The young people on the program are obviously not in it for the money. Working from eight up to 16 weeks at such wages doesn't give savings much of a boost for September.

But that's not the intention of this program offered by the Ontario government. Experience '82 gives other benefits.

Designed to complement the academic and career interests of those 15 to 25 years old, the various positions offered give youth career-related

employment that makes resumes stand out to future employers.

Young people interested in agriculture conduct studies on plant nutrition and pest control; they assist in developing new methods of producing mushrooms; they work with beef and dairy cattle, swine and poultry.

Others work in day nurseries, children's aid societies, homes for the aged, sheltered workshops, probation and aftercare offices and mental retardation facilities.

The opportunities available are tremendous. They give young people a taste of what a career in a certain field would be like. The exposure helps them weigh careers more realistically and develop useful contacts for the future.

Although young people taking part in the program's tenth year won't end their summer with a large bank account, they will have a better idea of career choices open to them once they're through schooling.

'If Halton Hills council can't do job, we will'

Region clears Cole, Coun. unconvinced

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer

Milton Coun. Bill Johnson

was adamantly refused to apologize to Halton's

medical officer of health (MOH) for comments

made recently following

allegations that a health

check last year at Cher's

Rest Home in Acton was

improperly handled.

And, Coun. Johnson told

regional council Wednesday,

he will continue pressing

for a special committee

to look into the dispute

between Cher's and the

health department and report

by Oct. 17.

He said he has several

allegations from witnesses

at the rest home saying

they saw MOH Dr. Peter

Cole break the lock on a

medicine cabinet in the

home's kitchen... apparently

looking for drugs which

had passed their expiry

dates.

Dr. Cole has denied the

charge, explaining that a

key to the cabinet was

voluntarily given.

Last week, the health

and social services com-

mittee declared that the

charges which Coun. Bill

Johnson supported, were

groundless, asked that

council extend an apology

to Dr. Cole and suggested

policies to be followed in

the future when a council-

or accuses a staff member

of improper behavior.

Council endorsed the re-

commendations Wednesday.

G.W. Punnett, a lawyer

hired by the rest home's

administration, failed to

attend last week's com-

mittee meeting to hear or

dispute the allegations. A

delegation from the rest

home attended this week's

council meeting, but coun-

cillors decided not to hear

their presentation, argu-

ing it should be made at

the committee level.

Coun. Johnson claimed

that he receives calls

every week "with fresh

allegations" regarding

events at Cher's and sug-

gested that Halton Hills

reps aren't doing their

jobs.

"If the (councillors) in

Halton Hills can't handle

it," he said, "I'll gladly do

it."

However, Halton Hills

Mayor Pete Pomeroy

charged that Coun. John-

son was capitalizing on the

"sensationalism" of the

issue "to get his name in

the paper."

Coun. Johnson also

charged that Dr. Cole

conducted an examination

on a Cher's resident with-

out ensuring that privacy

was maintained.

There was concern ex-

pressed last week that

Coun. Johnson's allegat-

ions were unfounded.

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Very carefully and studiously, little Naomi Assenheim put the red kidney beans and shells on her art work. She sifted through the boxes of pine cones, wood scraps, bottle caps, felt, rags and other materials moms had collected for the children's art afternoon behind Knox Presbyterian Church last Tuesday. (Herald photos)

SMART ART

Pine cones make great trees and bushes. Diana Morrow, 8, had fun pasting neat rows of them onto a flat piece of board she was converting into a house and garden with her friend Sarah Geh, 9. The two Georgetown girls made use of pink cotton prints to decorate the interior of their open air home last Tuesday behind Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown.

Town bucks the trend in housing starts

From the Ottawa Bureau
of The Herald

First quarter housing starts in Halton Hills ran against the downhill trend established by the nation's economy and settled at eleven compared to three in the same three-month period of 1981. Statistics Canada has reported.

The federal agency recorded no starts in March compared to three a year ago. During the quarter there were 11 completions while in the same period last year the agency registered 19.

Another 110 units were still under construction at the end of the January to March period compared to 81 in 1981.

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What I did for summer vacation: AHS students become film stars

Herald Special

With the approach of summer vacation parents brace themselves for a barrage of complaints from their young folks who have nothing to do and mutter quietly about finding their own amusements when they were young.

A couple of Acton high school students have linked with a young Georgetown man to do precisely that; make their own fun and possibly provide entertainment for others along the way.

Richard Gardin, 15 of RR 2, Rockwood and Daryl Johnson, 15 of Ballinafad will be in a movie directed by David Lowe, 19 of Metcalfe Court, Georgetown.

Richard and Daryl became close friends last year at school. Both have a yen to act and when David advertised for actors to audition for roles in his movie they decided to give it a try.

Richard, who has been in school plays, had a drama course last year at high school and classes himself as "a natural born ham" wound up with the co-star's role as the villain of the piece.

Daryl, who also has leads in school plays to his credit as well as a year of lessons at the former morning studios in Georgetown, will play supporting role as the good guy's best friend.

It will be the first time in front of a camera for the boys but stage fright hasn't set in yet and they're looking forward to it as they learn lines and practise a wrestling scene where Richard beats up Daryl.

The movie, "An Image Too Many", is a learning experience rather than a commercial venture or a school project, its young organizer said. David is studying photographic arts at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto and has just completed his first year. He aims to be a movie director eventually although his courses will only provide the technical knowledge and it will take time, skill and persistence to reach his goal.

SUPPORTING ROLE: "Image" won't be any high budget extravaganza for use in regular movie theatres. It's a modest half hour story of two brothers' battle for the only photograph of themselves and

both their parents. Prior to their divorce, when their father dies he gives the photo to the elder of his two teenage sons and the younger brother's jealousy perpetuates the conflict.

BEGAN JUNE 30

David estimates shooting will take a month. He expected to begin June 30. His original version would have taken more than an hour and required a budget of roughly \$3,000. A public appeal for financial support produced very disappointing results and the script had to be chopped. As a result of those cuts the "fourth generation script" as he calls it, now takes half an hour, is largely set outdoors and should be filmed for \$800 to \$1,100.

Instead of building sets he finds he's been given access to homes and buildings for his filming and he'll work with available situations.

"For example, Ron Hill, who plays the boys' father has been given permission to die in my mother's bed," David chuckled. "And we had similar offers for the use of an apartment and a swim-

ing pool for instance."

This is David's second film venture. His first film done two years ago, was a science fiction movie which is still in need of final touches. He had problems with the sound during the editing of that film but thanks to a tip from the firm renting him his camera he hopes to avoid them this time.

Since the sound runs parallel to the picture frames in super eight there is an inherent problem with editing the pictures without destroying the voice track which should accompany the appropriate frames, David explained. Thanks to his tip he'll be sending the finished film to an Ottawa firm which replaces the sound. Once the editing is completed, the film is returned to the Ottawa company and the voice track is replaced.

FINISHED PRODUCT

While this film won't fit projectors in established theatres David plans to screen the finished product for interested citizens, possibly at the Halton Hills cultural centre. He has also talked to Halton Cable Television and been

assured that there is a process whereby his film can be shown to their viewers. It has even been suggested that Pay Television might be interested in viewing the finished product if it turns out as well.

A young Acton woman, Karen Mulligan will also be participating in the film in a dual role. Ms. Mulligan will be Richard's girlfriend and continuity controller. A marketing clerk at Dupont Canada in Meadowdale, Ms. Mulligan said she is familiar with cameras and equipment because of a year of behind the scenes work in a television studio in Red Deer, Alberta but this will be her first time in front of a camera. She decided to become involved at David's request when they met at Georgetown Little Theatre.

David credits GLT with providing a great deal of support and tips to him. His adult roles have been filled by GLT volunteers and their enthusiasm helped greatly when he began running into financial problems.

—Courtesy Guelph Mercury



THE SHOW GOES ON

Among the parks and recreation department members who were helping paint faces and who put on an impromptu variety show Thursday afternoon in Glen Williams were (left to right) Brenda Archer and Cathy and Susan McGowan. The trio is running the town's

summer drama program for youngsters and encourages residents to find out more about what they have in store in the way of fun and games on stage. For information on the program, call Susan at 877-5185.