

## Futures

## Youth program stresses education skills, goals

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In a second floor room of a downtown Georgetown office, young women are discussing how important wearing a dress can be to getting a job. And as long as there is a chance they might not get a job without a dress, they agree it should be worn, even if normally it is not.

Finding and keeping the right job is what the women are learning. Like most of the young men and women who have taken the same seminar, these women have had difficulty keeping a job. A lack of qualifications is part of their problem. Very few of them have education beyond Grade 12, said Colleen Bulla.

Mrs. Bulla conducts seminars for the young and unemployed. She is a staff member of the North Halton Youth Employment Service (YES), an organization that finds jobs for Halton's youth.

Mrs. Bulla is an employment counsellor for YES. Part of her job is helping participants in the Futures program.

Futures is provincially funded and is designed to help youth find jobs. Candidates for the program are out of school and without work. Candidates for Futures receive training in jobs where they receive training they lack, said Mrs. Bulla. Wages for on the job training are minimum wage (\$4.35) and are paid by the Ontario government, Mrs. Bulla said.

Participants stay with an employer for a maximum of 16 weeks, and if they continue in the program, they will be transferred to another job for another 16 weeks. Three 16-week placements are allowed. Many of the employees end up being hired by the company where they are placed, Mrs. Bulla said.

Jobs for Futures candidates could consist of anything: day care, sales, hair dressing or apprenticeships with plumbers or electricians, Mrs. Bulla said. Statistics collected for January and November 1986 show that 33 young people started the Futures



CAREER COUNSELLOR-Colleen Bulla is an employment counsellor for the North Halton Youth Employment Service. One of her duties is giving seminars on finding and keeping a job. (Herald photo)

program, said Christine Arbic, local co-ordinator of Futures. Of those who completed the program, 76 per cent of them were kept on with an employer. Five per cent received offers with other employers and 9 per cent went back to school.

Of the 33 who enrolled in Futures, 19 did not complete the program. Almost half of those found other jobs and others returned to school. Still others were referred to another employment agency, Ms. Arbic said.

Education is an important part of the Futures program. Students with less than a Grade 12 education are encouraged to get their high school diploma. In order to stay in Futures, participants must continue to upgrade their education, Ms. Arbic

said. For some, upgrading is not their major stumbling block. Their "life skills" are poor, Ms. Arbic said. These participants are given 16 weeks of pre-employment training at Sheridan College. They learn skills which will help them in the working world and they set career goals, Ms. Arbic said.

After completing their pre-employment courses these participants get their placement. They also continue to upgrade their education, Ms. Arbic said.

In addition to the upgrading of education, participants continue to receive counselling from the YES staff. Workshops are part of that counselling. Through discussion and instruction, students learn more about the work force. Safety, motivation, job satisfaction, work values and interviews are some of the topics tackled in such workshops.

Mrs. Bulla supervises the workshops, and she admits that the Futures participants aren't the only ones benefiting from them. "I love this job. It's great! I really like working with students," she said.

Colleen Bulla has a BA in sociology. She is from Milton. Christine Arbic has a BA in social sciences and is from Acton. The North Halton Youth Employment Service has offices in Milton and Georgetown. In Georgetown, offices are at 37 Main St. South. The number is 877-6979.

## Empty-handed

After entering an apartment from the balcony of the sixth floor of a John Street apartment building thieves stole nothing. The apartment was entered between Dec. 23 and 24. A bottle of rum and other property was moved, but nothing was taken, police said. To get into the apartment the balcony door screen was ripped off.

## \$6,500 damage

Four Brampton people received injuries in an automobile accident at Maple Avenue and River Road Dec. 22 at 4:40 p.m. One driver travelling over the centre line while making a turn was the cause of the accident, police said. Injuries to two passengers from one car and a passenger and driver from the other car were not serious, police said. Damage totalled \$6,500.

## Tools stolen

An estimated \$290 in tools was stolen from a tool box at ESSO Building Products at 300 Main Street North in Georgetown. The tools were taken between Dec. 19 and 22. To get to the tools, the tool box's lid had to be unscrewed. A drill, pliers, measuring tape and more were taken.

## Snowblower thief

A snow blower on the lawn of a Kingham Road home in Acton was taken between Dec. 21 and 22. The red five horse power blower is worth \$764, police said.

## Minor injuries

A Georgetown woman received minimal injuries in an accident involving an Erin man whose car went out of control, police said. The accident was Christmas Eve at 10:30 a.m. and damage to the Georgetown woman's car was \$3,000. The Erin man was south-bound on the Ninth Line at 60 kilometres per hour when he lost control and collided with north-bound traffic, police said.

## Crosses the line

Two vehicles received \$1,000 damage Dec. 23 when one of them crossed over the centre line on a curve. A Georgetown woman east-bound on McNabb Street at Mill Street in Georgetown crossed the centre line and collided with a Georgetown man's 1981 Chevrolet, police said.

## Cars collide

A Rockwood woman making a turn from Acton's Queen Street onto Longfield Road collided with a Fergus man's vehicle Christmas Eve at 2 p.m. Damage to the cars totalled \$2,500, police said. Nobody was injured.

## Out of control

An accident in which a Georgetown woman passed improperly caused a total of \$2,500 damage, police said. The accident was Dec. 23 at 1:05 p.m. on Guelph Street at Brucewood Street. The Georgetown woman and a Norval woman received minimal injuries.

## Fire beat

## Porch blaze

A faulty electrical cord extension attached to a portable heater resulted in a porch fire Dec. 26. Halton Hills firefighters were called out to 11 Margaret Street at 4:05 a.m. Damage was estimated at \$1,000.

## Garage fire

Firefighters were called out to extinguish a small garage fire Dec. 26 at a home on Lot 7, Concession 9.

Hot ashes from a fireplace were vacuumed into a central vacuum unit in the garage. Firefighters responded at about 3 a.m. to the home, located on the Ninth Line just south of the 10th Sideroad. Damage was estimated at around \$10.

## Stop the press

A fire alarm went off at the Independent newspaper on Main Street in Georgetown Saturday at 9:42 a.m. The alarm was false, however. The unit had just malfunctioned.

## Chimney fire

It was too late to bother Santa Claus, but a chimney fire must have put a worry into residents of a home on 188 Mountainview Road North.

The fire started Dec. 28 at 9:20 p.m. There was no damage, according to a fire department spokesman.



## Hits the jackpot

A Georgetown mother of three is the winner of a free, all-expenses paid trip to Freeport, Bahamas. Jill Russell (seated) will be heading out soon in the new year to work on a winter tan with her husband Jim. She says it's her first time winning a free trip and laughs she'll probably never win again. Congratulating her on her win Monday were Herald Advertising Manager Carl Sinke and

Golger's manager Suzanne Lake. The trip was the prize in a five week promotion sponsored by the following local companies: Cross Ways Donuts, Outdoor Power Equipment, Dave's Service Centre, Georgetown Fabrics, R.E. McCall Men's Wear, G. Cooper Equipment Rentals, The Herald and Golger's. (Herald photo)

## Host a student from another land



## Snow job

Hitching a ride is always more fun than working, Jim Rogers is seen here with daughter Ivy, 5, clearing away snow in front of their Main Street North driveway in Acton. (Herald photo)

Interculture Canada, a not-for-profit organization for intercultural exchange has officially launched its host family search campaign in Ontario.

Thanks to Interculture Canada, Ontario residents now have the opportunity to host a young foreign student who will live as a member of their family for almost a year. After being carefully selected in their own country, 168 young students will spend the 1987/88 school year in Canada. They come from 35 different countries and are between 15 and 18 years old.

Interculture Canada pays special attention to the twinning of the student with the host family. Because of the wide range of applicants, Interculture Canada is able to choose a youth having common traits with the family in terms of interests, activities or even personality. This way, families and students not only discover their similarities but also enjoy the richness of their differences.

Each year, hundreds of families live a wonderful experience. One host parent of a Japanese student wrote: "We have a very deep relationship with Yuku. Through her, we came to know the customs of another country. Our 'new daughter' has become a real friend too."

Families interested in getting more information about hosting a student may call 1-800-361-7243 or write to Interculture Canada, 59 rue St-Jacques, Bur. 700., Montreal, Que., H2Y 1K9.

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Legion Lines

By JIM HAYES

## Don't forget Legion's New Year's Day Levee

deadline for those wishing to pay their 1987 dues, and qualify for the Early Bird Draw. Do it now.

Presidents Levee, New Year's Day from 2 until 5 p.m. Music in the Lounge by Norm Eyr.

On Saturday Jan. 3 The Backstage, Jan. 10 Boots, Jan. 17 Arrow.

Not too much happening at the Branch in the way of organized activities, no Friday night Euchre results to report.

CAR CLUB DRAW: Dec. 25 winners: 374 Al Marchand, 289 Bruce Clarke, 110 Carl Deforest, 493 Alex Zillio, 393 Len Malenfant, 442 Bob Marchand. Jan. 1 draw winners: 165 Ken McIsaac, 388 Earl Cuthbert, 361 Fred Harris, 324 Jessie Tost, 456 Scott Haines, 105 Carole Norton.

I take this opportunity to remind you and myself to spare a few moments to think of those who are sick at home or in hospital. A visit can do so much.

The Branch Clubroom will close at 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve, that is the

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20mm (3/4") Water Services increased from \$1,280.00 to \$1,550.00

## SUB-DIVISION CONNECTION CHARGE FOR A 18x20 mm (3/4" x 5/8") METER

Increase from \$185.00 to \$205.00

R.F. Boon, Chairman

J.D. Markle, Commissioner of Public Works

## Tasty Recipes

## EGGNOG

- 4 egg yolks
- 3 lbsp. sugar
- 4 cups milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla or rum
- 4 egg whites
- nutmeg

Beat egg yolks; add sugar. Add milk and flavouring. Beat egg whites stiff; fold in. Pour in tall glasses; sprinkle with nutmeg. Serves 4.

## Foodstuffs

92 MAIN ST. S. GEORGETOWN 877-6569

## HOLIDAY HOURS

NEW YEARS EVE CLOSING 3:00 P.M.

CLOSED Thursday

BACK TO BUSINESS AS USUAL Friday (2 Jan.)

Foodstuffs

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## Furniture Stripping (UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT)

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Open Saturday from 9 a.m. NEW NUMBER

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