

# Industry, labor, education keys to success

By Oksana Buhel

The Canadian economy will be strengthened by linking industry, labor and education.

This was the message which prevailed throughout the Halton Industry Education Council's (H.I.E.C.) Breakfast with the Mayors, held Tuesday morning at the Muddy Duck Restaurant in Milton.

Town of Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller and Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz joined business operators and owners, political representatives and members of both school boards to listen to predictions and recommendations for the industrial future.

"Manufacturing is absolutely critical for Canada to gain wealth," said Paul Nykanen, vice-president of the Canadian Manufacturing Association. Nykanen, keynote speaker of the meeting, addressed the issue of meeting the challenge of rapid change in manufacturing.

"We will see more changes in the next 10 years than we have in the last 50," he predicted. Some of the changes mentioned were robotics and laser technology. Nykanen stressed the need for a system which would allow for the manufacturing of one product one day, and another product the following day. "We better find the answer, or our competitors will," he warned.

Nykanen criticized the attitude that Canadian products are not good enough to market in other countries. "Foreign trade is essential to our growth," he said and suggested four ways Canada can improve its trade - "We need products and services which are new, good, fast and cheap."

Research and development were listed as the essential basis for new products. "Cheap" referred to the lowering of costs while maintaining labor standards. "High labor and low costs can, and should, go hand in hand," Nykanen insisted.

He added the two key factors on which Canadian industry should focus is "good" (quality) and "fast" (high flexibility and rapid response to consumer and industrial demands).

Regarding flexibility, Nykanen predicted "in the near future, thousands and thousands of people will not have jobs as we know them today. They will have their own small companies and will be applying their skills to various tasks."

He acknowledged the fact that many Canadians are concerned about job security, but stated "jobs are not the measure of a person." Nykanen insisted changes are forthcoming and said employees and employers will have to be prepared.

According to Nykanen, changes will also have to be made in schools, where "not enough emphasis is placed on languages, mathematics and sciences." He advised business owners to help with more co-op programs, scholarships and bursaries, "to

prepare the youth for the future."

"We must get rid of the entitlement feeling of most Canadians and embrace change, to become a society with a new sense of purpose."

Joe Caldarelli, president of Varian Canada Inc. in Georgetown, agreed with Nykanen's views. Varian, which exports 95 per cent of its product (electronics), deals closely with Georgetown and District High School, providing funding and training for students. Caldarelli said company employees annually undergo 30-50 hours retraining.

He commended the work of the H.I.E.C., focusing on the council's new career centre in Burlington.

The centre, which has been in existence for slightly over a year, provides career education programs for Halton students, as mandated by the Ministry of Education, for students from Grade 7 onwards.

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Recreation and Parks announced bids had been submitted to clean up the area, but because of faulty equipment, the project has been postponed.

Councillors Anne Currie and Norm Elliott, both board members of the CVCA, were asked to inform the authority of the town's position and staff was instructed to keep in contact with the CVCA until the Willow Park situation is remedied.

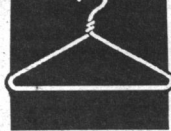


Georgetown District High School student Dana Leslie reads the story book to Park Public School student Karla Stephan they both created called "Harry & Fuzzy's Adventures in the Forest". Twenty-four GDHS students from Ken Castledine's Grade 11 English class worked on projects with Karen Harrison's Park School Grade One class as part of a joint writing program. photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW

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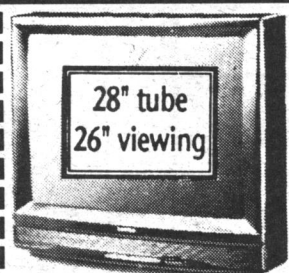
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