

Apply now for summer jobs

Job situation bleak, but Manpower optimistic

By Linda Kirby

Despite a bleak unemployment situation, student Manpower officials in Oakville are optimistic about summer employment for high school and university students in Milton.

"Every year there are bad reports on hiring, and summer jobs are as scarce as any job, but we usually manage better than we anticipated," stated Linda Zing, assistant student placement officer for Milton and Clarkson.

May 1 will see the opening of the Manpower student employment office in the Milton post office building, in preparation for the onslaught of high school students looking for summer jobs. But the campaign to find the jobs has already begun for Miss Zing.

"Letters go out to all employers in the Milton area and then follow through with a door-to-door call to industries, businesses and retailers," she explained.

Last year approximately half of an estimated 1,000 registered high school and university students were placed in Milton, according to Miss Zing.

"The majority of the students, however, are secondary students, aged 15 to 18 and 19 years of age," she stated, adding that Milton students attending university in another town frequently stay the summer in that town. "The number of post-secondary students is minimal, really."

Working with a young age group as well as graduating students means checking for a wide variety of jobs.

"For 15-year-olds and any younger, I will approach home owners for house painting and lawn cutting, service clubs or any avenue I can think of," she said.

Summer may seem still a while off, but Miss Zing advises early applications. "They should register in advance, and I can then approach employers knowing people available for work."

In addition to the registration booth at Milton District High School, a booth will be set up in Milton Mall to receive applications.

The Milton office also works in close conjunction with Experience '78, Ontario's annual special summer employment program which has more than 13,500 job opportunities this year.

The provincially funded program is likely to include job opportunities in Milton, according to Manpower officials, but specific job open-

ings are still not known. In previous years, both Kelso Conservation Area and the Ontario Agricultural Museum employed students as part of the Experience program.

Halton Region Conservation Authority remains uncertain whether it will employ students this year however, as part of the program. A decision is expected at the end of the month, according to Bill Warwick, spokesman for Halton Region Conservation Authority.

The Ontario Agricultural Museum which last year employed approximately 30 students as part of Experience '77, will again employ between 30 and 35 students. These will include both secondary and post secondary students, stated Mary Zwolman, a Museum spokeswoman.

The students will be involved in the cataloguing and restoration of artifacts in the area, including the reconstruction of farm buildings."

More than 100 applications have already been received, she said, but the Museum is still accepting applications.

"The response from Milton employers is good," said Miss Zing, adding Milton was a sufficiently close-knit community that employers helped out with getting summer students employed.

Many area industries contacted by The Champion expressed doubt, however, on employment of students for this summer.

"With the lower level of economy we do not anticipate hiring summer students," stated Jack Horn, personnel manager of P.L. Robertson Manufacturing.

"We are really not in a position to consider students, but we will hire extra people if we need them."

Four students were hired last year at Canadian Meter, but there are no promises for this year.

"The plant will likely be shut for a period of four weeks this summer, when many full-time employees take vacation," explained Glenna Rusk, personnel assistant.

"A skeleton staff with many junior staff filling in will look after the plant at this time." Student applications are kept on file, she said, and



STUDENTS at Milton District High School were busy Tuesday morning signing registration forms with Linda Zing, Manpower official. Miss Zing has already begun contacting local Milton businesses and industries in an effort to find jobs for students this summer.

the plant will often approach Manpower when there is a need.

Students working on the assembly line in the plant are paid the going rates, she stated, and "they do make a fair fair wage."

Applications for positions on assembly line production at Rockwell International are presently being accepted, said Dennis DeVries, personnel manager at Rockwell, but recent lay-offs at the plant still make the situation unpredictable.

"We have to bring back the remaining 19 employees laid off before we can think of hiring students, but I feel we will require students for the summer," he said.

Seventy students were hired last summer, but he stated "at this time, I have no idea of how many will be brought in."

Past experience has been to hire students previously employed for summer employment at Rockwell, in an effort to help out students going on to college or university.

"We like to give kids an opportunity, the ones who are really intent on furthering their education," he continued.

"That is the whole purpose of the student program. There have been occasions when someone will walk in off the street telling us they are going back to school, but in fact they only want a few bucks to go south."

"Some students we will take in May or later on, but we are advising all student applicants to make sure they put on their form their availability date."

"If we have sufficient volume of production, we will hire students," according to Bob Little, plant manager at Hand Chemical Industries. The summer is not normally a high season for

production, he continued, adding that May and June is the time for firecrackers, and the company is busy making deliveries of firecrackers.

"We have always been impressed with the kids we have had," he added.

Younger students unable to work in industrial situations often get jobs with fruit crops, stated Miss Zing, adding that Milton and area students are recruited for picking the annual cherry crop.

"It works out quite well, with our only problem being the weather." Bad weather can damage or totally ruin a crop, wiping out all possibilities for summer employment in that area, she said.

Regular farm work is also available for older students, but there have been problems, she pointed out.

"There is a misconception among students about farm work. They tend to view it as glamorous, a return to nature, when in fact it is very hard work and very demanding."

"Students, especially the younger ones are very apt to give up and become quite discouraged about the job," she stated.

"Some are just not prepared for the responsibility of committing themselves to the job, and we have to suggest to the farmer to have patience with them."

Mrs. Zing stated she does not get around to all of the farms, but makes an effort to contact as many as possible, to see if any help is required.

"Despite bleak predictions, we are pretty optimistic about the coming summer. It is the only way to approach the situation," she said confidently.

With the opening of the summer student employment office in Milton, programs on career counselling and job counselling will also be available to interested individuals.

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It's weeks until the trout and salmon season, but Halton Regional Police are checking whether they are responsible for patrolling the Bronte harbor.

Burlington commissioner David Coons wants the police commission to get its lawyers' opinion concerning the policing of Bronte harbor. He also asked during Thursday's meeting at Oakville, for an estimate of the cost of policing the waterway.

Commission chairman William Hourigan and Oakville mayor Harry Barrett disagreed over the question of responsibility. Hourigan said the commission accepted

some responsibility in the past. Barrett said the Halton force is not responsible for the harbor.

Halton chief Ken Skerrett said a meeting between police and harbor officials was slated. He also said police do not want to order people off the piers. He said police wanted the people to enjoy the fishing.

Barrett said patrols in the harbor take place during the summer with students. A letter from the commission from W.G. Winnett of Oakville Harbors Development Authority asked for consideration for leaving the police boat in the water until November 1, and also that it be manned by adult officers.

Last year the chief decided to put the patrol boat back into the water and man it with officers, Barrett told the commission.

Chief Skerrett said the cost of the patrols was a problem as far as the manpower was concerned.

About 500 boats are in the harbor during the salmon run, Barrett said.

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