

Saleable Skills And Books And "Nothing" Jobs Can Lead To Better Things

One of these days, in all probability, you'll be looking for a summer job. In the last few years, these have been scarce, but there have been some interesting ones for certain persons. Those

persons have got those particular jobs because they have had some ability, some skill, some know-how that was required for that job. Of course it might have been good luck, or it may

have been — and this is much more likely — planning ahead.

LIFEGUARDS

Last week, for example, the Toronto Parks Department sent out an SOS on the

radio for people who had passed Red Cross tests and RLS tests to be lifeguards. They had to cut out certain swimming areas because of the lack of guards. Now in Thornhill there is very little reason for not having passed those tests and being ready for such a job. Just think of the tan you'd have after serving as a lifeguard, besides the other compensations!

SKILLS HELPFUL

Everybody applying for a job needs a sense of responsibility, a willingness to work, and a pleasant manner; that's basic. Beyond that — any experience at working is good. Typing is a real asset and it is not difficult to learn, either if the opportunity presents itself at school, or at a course at night school. Out-door-skills — well enough learned, or crafts, will often get you a job at a summer camp or a playground.

In planning ahead it is sometimes necessary to take a poor job in order to have a better one next year. (But even the best jobs have times when they are boring, or hard work, or interfere with your private life; you have to remember that.)

LIBRARY WORK

I interviewed some people who have jobs that they like. There's Shirley Marchant, for instance. She has just graduated from Thornlea. She came head of the list, and is an Ontario scholar; but she didn't tell me that! Three years ago she went into the Thornhill Public Library and asked if they needed one like her. Besides being prepared to work she had one year of typing. She worked there for the summer, and has worked Friday evenings and Saturdays, the year round last summer and again this summer. She returns books to their right places on the shelves, looks after the desk where people return books and take them out, helps people look up references, answers the telephone and types.

People are friendly (the librarians set that example; they are so friendly themselves and always willing to help the borrower.) "And you get to know a great many of the regulars." Shirley told me. That builds up self-confidence and one becomes more outgoing.

Shirley also said "I have become so much more interested in books, having them all around and hearing about them. I'm always taking an awful home these days."

Her other interests are gardening and golf. This fall she starts University, specializing in science. Biology and zoology are the ones she likes best, and she hopes to go into research eventually.

OUTDOOR SKILLS

The jobs which Shirley Tucker has held throughout her college days are entirely different. She worked at day camps for two summers, using her out-door skills and her interest in children for that. Then she went off to Europe by herself for a summer. The arrangements to go with a friend had fallen through, but that didn't stop Shirley. (She made use of the youth hostels. If you are going to travel you should find out about them.) Last summer she worked

as a gardener for Markham Parks. She wanted to be outside and was not in the least afraid of hard work. She is handy with tools thanks to her father's teaching her about them. She enjoyed the gardening very much. "At first every muscle ached but you soon got used to that."

SWEEP

This year she is doing something entirely different. She is with the Metro Conservation Authority attached to "SWEEP" — Students Working for Environmental Enhancement Program. The students may find themselves working with one of the conservation areas, or the new Zoo, or in an office giving out information. Among the things that Shirley has been doing is "Displays", full of information for particular places. There are metal tubes which fit into each other, and so can form a structure to suit requirements. Then the structure can be used to hold figures, posters, etc.

Shirley has learned so much about flood control, conservation areas, educational programs, Black Creek Pioneer Village, etc.

One of the greatest satisfactions that this job gives her is the contact with students from a variety of courses: science, environmental work, etc. Since she hopes to teach as her profession, all this gives her a much wider outlook and she is very pleased.

CAMP COUNSELLOR

Beverly Martindale should be taking a Councillor-Training Course in order to be a Councillor at Camp Big Canoe. However she has been the grade as a counsellor because she is an outstanding sing-song leader. She belongs to a musical family, and has profited by that. Also she has made use of this talent in the church clubs and organizations, to such an extent that when the director of the camp saw and heard her leading a sing-song he said that he needed her on staff.

She enjoys her work immensely. In the first camp it was working with 10 and 11-year-old girls, in conjunction with another counsellor. They both taught camp skills such as swimming, canoeing, archery, crafts and nature hikes. They helped the campers work and play together, led in Bible study discussion, and assisted them in planning their cabin campfires.

Next camp the campers will be older, and at another camp perhaps... she will go on a canoe trip with the campers.

"What do you get out of it?" I asked for I know camp honorariums are small.

"Satisfaction in teaching and sharing something you have with the campers who haven't the knowledge yet. Friendship and fun with other counsellors. A feeling of growing-up."

"I've enjoyed my campers so much. They're great kids," said Beverly. I hope she enjoys the rest of the summer as much as the first part.

A BOOK TO READ

If you are one of the people who loves horses, here is a story for you: The Winged Colt of Casa Mia by Betsy Byars.

It contains a great deal about horses and also about a horse-crazy kid called Charles who knows all the theory and none of the practice. It is a fantasy with a difference because although the horse has wings of all things, the horse facts are there, and the relations of the boy and his horse breeder uncle are quite normal. Read it and find out about the horse for yourself.

TREE HOUSES - STILTS

Speaking of the library, there is a book there that some of you might find worth looking at: Every Man His Own Mechanic — a do it yourself encyclopedia. For example it has five plans for tree houses, and Mrs. Carlington, the librarian in charge of books for younger people says she wanted to start in and build three of them! There is another article with directions about making stilts. And I'm sure you could find kites in another. If you do want such directions I'd advise you to get them zeroed and then you wouldn't have to worry about spilling the books!

CAMPFIRE COOKERY

If you haven't tried making shish-kebabs (there are as many ways of spelling this work as there are cook-books!) over a campfire, it's high time you did. They are so good to eat and fun to make. First and foremost you'll need a long green (off a living tree) stick; remember to use a tree with a sweet sap. Maple is good or a fruit tree. Sharpen the stick to give it a real point at one end. It would be better if you bring the stick from home or from a neighbor's who has given you permission. A skewer from the kitchen drawer is very civilized but if it is long enough, it is excellent.

Your shish-kebab can be made of almost anything which will cook quickly plus some side bacon which should be quite fat. Suppose for your first "try" you use inch cubes of luncheon meat or bologna, pieces of sweet onion, tomatoes cut in wedges and some thick slices of cold cooked potato. Thread your bacon onto the stick, as close to one end as possible; now put on a piece of vegetable, bring the bacon over it and thread it again, pushing your food back along the stick to give you more room; next a piece of meat, bacon, more vegetable, and so on, until you've used up your bacon. Now cook it over hot coals, turning it frequently until your bacon is cooked.

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You could use pieces of weiner, green pepper, beef or mutton which has been soaked in French dressing for a couple of hours to make it more tender. If you use the last two you'll need to cook a little longer, holding it higher above the coals.

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Mini-Mites

The Bill Best Tire Team dumped a game Al Wright Sports Team 34-30 to retain their record of only one defeat this season. This was a close one throughout. Hitting stars for the Best team were Larry Paul, Mike Bednarski, Steven Angel, Peter Adams and Jimmy MacPherson. The Al Wright sluggers were Jimmy Sweatman, Owen Buckman, Bradley Bergman, Pat Bradley, Michael Stein, David Jones and Brian Moffat.

Taufik Ali Valiante led his ball club, Saunders Publishing, to a 35-23 win over the Evertone kids with four homers, in only four trips to the plate. Other Saunders' hitting stars were Stuart Eccles and Daniel Balachovek. Tops for Evertone were Ian Pattinson, Steve Pigeon, Mike Warburton and Jeff Smith. The Evertone team had only eight players on hand. Most of their key players were absent.

Mites

The Royal Bank boys broke for top place as they downed Baker's Sales and Service 20-14 and as Prebles won over Sandgate. Ed McLaren was the big man with the bat for the winners as he piled up three triples, a single and a homer. Peter Hauffe also enjoyed a perfect night at the plate. For Baker's Mitchell Winemaker was the big gun with the bat and his pitching was impressive. Defensively Mark Nicholson caught a pop fly at second for the losers.

Fourteen walks and a number of well-scattered extra base hits got the Prebble TV a 10-9 victory over Sandgate Construction. Billy Joe Creagh was the leading hitter for the winners. For Sandgate, who staged a late but insufficient rally in the last inning, Steve Isaac starred.

Tyros

League leading Thornhill BP boys were recipients of a default by the N. S. Smith Real Estate ball team.

It looks as if the H. H. Phinnemore crew has snapped its serious slump as last week they thumped the Gateway Mercury guys 25-16. The decorators received batting punch from Frank Decario, William Pryzdial and Allan Billies. Tops for the Meres were David Sutherland and Jeff Adams.

The Framus Guitar Team twanged the Shoppers' Drug Mart 22-8. Mario Ercoli, the Framus hurler threw a no hitter as he went the route. The eight runs were all unearned. He recorded 15 strikeouts. Offensively

Mario and Gino Ceolin pounded out a number of hits including a homer each. Michael Morse was tops in a losing cause as he drew three bases on balls.

Minor Squirts

The Golden Star Team, after struggling most of the season, has finally made it to the top. The Stars moved into a tie for first with the Thornhill Paints as they spattered the latter 18-6. Stars for the Stars were Chris Laughton, who excelled on the rubber, John Adams who made a key putout as he snagged a ball with the bases loaded, and Robert Langer who made two great catches at first. David Alberico and Scott Keyworth had the big bats for the losers, with Jamie McDonald and David Romano playing well defensively.

The Provincial Service Agency had only eight players and suffered a 29-13 rouncing at the hands of Dale's Discount Pharmacy. Jamie Griese and Ricky Reusse each went six for six at the plate, Reinhart Reusse and Harold Chopping batting well with a homer by the latter. Mike Gelman and Jan Gray excelled in a losing cause.

The Keffer Real Estate team "won" their first game of the season. The win was a "gift" from the Outlaws who defaulted.

Squirts

In a battle for the top spot York Printing won out over the New Frontier Restaurant 10-3. The Printers exploded for six big runs in the third inning to clinch the victory. Mike Besson homered for the winners. Larry Darby had a double and a triple for the Printers. For the losers David Farrant singled and scored as Sid Wittevene singled and Franco Reruzzi doubled. Their other two runs came in the sixth as Franco and Bob Maxwell scored when Rob Lorice doubled.

The Parkway Hotel and the Thornhill Music School struggled to a 16-all tie. Dave Harrell and Omar Baig were the big men with the bat for the Hotellers while Brad Lingeman and Richard Quirk were tops for the musicians. The Hotellers were down three runs going into the seventh and final frame.

The House of Chiu nosed out a game Dodd's Overhead Doors team 17-16. Pat Dickie and Gary Quenneville were the hitting heroes for the House. In winning this game the House had to overcome a three-run deficit in the final inning. Dodd's got a homer from Mark Dodds and Scott Greer

and Brian Dekker also had hot bats.

Peewees

The league leading Peck's Shell added to their margin as they wrestled to an 18-18 tie with the winless Grandview BP. Pecks collected a total of six homers. Jim Houghton and David Davies stood out at the plate. Peter Linton, Ron Wildish and Don Raymond were the Grandview sluggers.

Fisher Bros. Sports, the hottest team in this division the past few weeks, were cooled off by the Thornhill Building Supply 17-2. The Builders were led to this rout by Andre Van Vugt with two circuit cloths and Pete Van Velzen with one. Credit is also due Pitcher Rob Murdoch, who allowed Fishers only seven hits.

Junior Girls

You might say the Gateway Mercury girls homered Thornhill Pet Shop into the ground. Gateway's Angie Pearson clubbed out four homers along with a double and a single. One of her round-trippers came with the bases loaded. Judith Grant also homered for the winners. Kim Miller homered twice and she had three other hits in a losing cause. Christine Geoffry also sparkled at the plate for the Pets.

The Marshall Shell team did a job on the Dottie's Copies girls. The score was 24-6. This victory lifts Marshalls into top spot. Lynda Norbert, Leslie Case, Mia Poscente, Jennifer Lewis and Patty Murdoch each homered for the victors. Marshall Pitchers Leslie Case and Patty Murdoch allowed Dottie's a total of only three hits.

Intermediate Girls

The Baythorn Power Princesses continued to bulldoze their way in front of the pack as they plowed under the Pacific Finance gals 25-15. The Antoniou sisters, Penny and Francise, again led the way as they and Barb Cooper belted balls out of the park. Penny had one homer, Francise hit three and Barb two. Kelly Pearson and Kim Quigley starred at bat for the losers. The latter had a homer.

The Plaza Pontiac Princesses downed the Jay-C Broadloom gals 22-10. Cheryl Gius and Lisa McIntosh led the way to this win as they combined for eight big hits including two of the long-gone variety. Joanne was the big gun for the Rugs as she had a single, double and a homer.

There were no results available of the contest between Japan Cars and Seymour Texaco.



Local Couple Honeymooning In Nassau

Following their marriage June 29 in St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Mr. and Mrs. David Colangelo left for Nassau. They are pictured above at the Flagler Inn, Paradise Island. Mr. Colangelo is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

Joseph Colangelo, 11 Maryvale Crescent, Thornhill, and his bride is the former Debbie Waloski, 24 Sussex Avenue, Richmond Hill. They will be living in Willowdale.

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